



Dear Member,

We hope this finds you and your family in good health and spirits.

As we approach the end of the year, we thought it a good time to reflect on 2022 at your golf club and to look forward to what we will be offering you in 2023.



Taking an overview of the club in 2022, I can report that Pavenham Park remains robust and strong financially and operationally. Membership numbers continue to be near full capacity with membership retention remaining high.



2022 did provide its challenges in presenting the golf course, with the hot summer drying out most playing areas. Your greens and tees benefit from an automated irrigation system. Thus, we could keep the grass on these areas alive and presented well. Some of the greens did suffer from dry spots and the greens at the far end of the course also encountered some damage from the abundant wildlife present at Pavenham Park. Foxes, Rabbits, Badgers and Crows were captured on night cameras digging for grubs to eat. Your Greenkeeping Team did their utmost to repair these areas and assist in the recovery of the greens.

I am happy to report that the greens are nearly back to the excellent surfaces that you have grown accustomed to. The recent heavy rainfall combined with a designated increase in fertiliser has resulted in an abundance of grass which has presented healthy but slow putting surfaces. In November we purchased a new aerator, which will greatly help with reducing surface water on the greens. We now have the capacity to tine the greens to a depth of 14 inches. This will help direct heavy rainfall to the excellent drainage system below the surface of the greens.

We have continued to develop other areas on the course when possible. These include new winter teeing areas together with developing some of the existing teeing areas. A 'top up' of sand in bunkers is also planned for the beginning of next year and we look forward to presenting you with some new course features.



Within the clubhouse we also experienced considerable challenges at the beginning of the year in providing a consistent service within the Bar and Catering area. As within most hospitality sectors, available and experienced staff were in short supply and cooks / chefs even more so. However, this has now changed and our new Hospitality Manager, Chloe Goodship, has already made significant improvements in service and structure.





We are also delighted to welcome back Pavenham Park's very first Golf Professional, Kevin Nicholas, who has taken on the role of Head Professional. Kevin is PGA qualified and offers a complete service from golf lessons, club repairs, custom fitting etc.

We are also now in the process of revamping areas of the clubhouse with new furniture and fittings planned for the bar and lounge areas. An improvement to the gents washroom area is also planned.

On the competitive side, the club has had another successful year with a considerable increase in entries that has resulted in a better payout to the winners. Under the direction of the Club Captains, Elva Lewis and Affy Beneng, the club continues to perform well in club matches and the recent Ladies Christmas Open was another success with 100 competitors enjoying the course, food and entertainment. Many favourable comments were received from visitors regarding the condition of the course and quality of the food. Elva and Affy have also raised a considerable amount for their designated charity, St John's School in Kempston, who offer a specialised experience for pupils with severe and complex learning difficulties.

Other notable contributions towards charitable causes include Ray De Branco's amazing efforts raising nearly £25,000 on his charity day. Ray has now raised £89,883 for Prostate Cancer since 2017 - an incredible achievement.

Some of the club's ladies completed an overnight walk through London and raised £4,452 for Cancer Research. Well done Heather, Anne, Jackie, Morag and Alison.

Closer to home, the President and ex-President used some of their funds to add some extras to your facilities. John Monaghan was instrumental in purchasing the new gazebo and along with Tim Martin, constructed it next the first tee. Thanks also goes to Andy Moffat, who built the base for the structure.



John also used his President's funds to purchase a stereo and speaker system for the downstairs bar area.

All of the above listed could not have been achieved without the generosity and kindness of the members of Pavenham Park Golf Club and for this, we thank you.

The Senior Section, under the command of Captain Nigel Rogers, have also had a successful and enjoyable season. Every Monday and Thursday an average of 40 - 60 seniors meet to compete and socialise. The banter and camaraderie within this section is apparent on the course and within the bar! Nigel hands over a very healthy and vibrant section to new Captain, Ian Rogers.

I hope you have enjoyed the past year at Pavenham Park Golf Club. We look forward to presenting you with an ever improving and evolving golf club and course in 2023.

We extend the warmest of festive greetings to you and your family.

Best wishes,

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