During September both courses were hollow tined and top dressed in accordance with our greens maintenance program. The weather conditions have been perfect for a fast recovery on both courses and the work done will contribute towards healthier greens going into the autumn/winter season. The healthier the greens are going into the cooler months the better the golfing conditions will be. As a team we are always appreciative of your patience with the disruptive work that we need to do to further improve the putting surfaces.

In addition to this work we have also reconstructed the chipping green bunker, placed new sand in it and installed new drainage. Out of courtesy to other golfers please remember to rake the practice bunker once you have finished your practice session. Along with the driving range this area offers members a quality area to practice their short game.

As the grass growth and competition list start to slow down the greenkeeping team change their focus on the jobs in hand and over the coming months you will see a notable change in the look of both courses with the flailing of the long grass on Karsten Lakes and some considerable tree work on Thonock Park taking place. This, along with leaf collection, ditch clearing, bunker edging and general tidying up will lead us through the winter period and in a far better position going into the Spring of 2015.

Greg Skinner
Course Manager

**Course News**

Would all members please note that “wood chippings” in basins or the wells of trees are an integral part of the course and the ball must be played as it lies. (Rule 13-1). The player may deem the ball unplayable and under penalty of one stroke proceed in accordance with Rule 28. Note: The player is the sole judge as to whether his/her ball is unplayable.

**Members Survey Results 2010—2014**
**Operations Update with Simon Keane**

We continue to be proud of the continual improvement in the quality and the consistency of the food product being delivered by the kitchen brigade. A statement that can be supported by the table below showing and increase in numbers attending for Sunday Lunches, Restaurant Nights and Social Events.

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We welcome Georgia Langfield as a new Chef de Partie, who joined us on Wednesday 1st October 2014. We would like to thank all of our members who completed the members survey, your feedback is important to us. Please see summary of results below.

**Online Bookings**

As some of you may have already noticed within the recent committee meeting minutes, we have been discussing the possibility of an online tee booking system in the future. We understand the importance of such an introduction to our members and will be carefully considering all requirements in our research. It is important to note that this system will not alter or change your current tee time structure nor will it affect your regular fiddle and competition tee times in any way. If introduced it will only add benefits to your membership, including online tee sheet viewing, social event booking and the option to book tee times outside of regular member times.

We will be keeping you updated and asking for your valued feedback over the coming months.
Captain’s Column with Ron Varney

This will be my last newsletter as Captain. I have enjoyed my year immensely and would like to thank you members for the kind words and support you have given me throughout my year of office. I have been lucky to have had a decent summer and 2 great courses to enjoy as Captain. Thanks to the members and proprietors, thanks again. It isn’t quite over yet, I have to provide teams to beat both the Vice-Captain and Ladies Captain Margaret’s teams. Your support would be gratefully accepted.

Surprising as it seems, we are now thinking of Trophy Night and the Captain’s Christmas Party. Presentation night is on Saturday 18th of October following the annual match between the A and B teams. It is an important evening for prize-winners and their families and friends, so I would ask those present to be suitably dressed for photographs of the occasion.

May I take this opportunity to invite members and their friends to the Captain’s Christmas Party on Saturday 6th December? As last year dancing is to the Steve Love Band, and we have a funny comedian for you, Mike Farrell. It will be good to build on last year’s success and make this an annual event to look forward to.

Look forward to seeing you all at Gainsborough Golf Club.

Captain Ron.

Margaret Wilson’s Lady Captain’s Column

It has been a busy few months for myself and the Ladies Section.

The Past Captains event took place on Thursday 14th August and was a very enjoyable afternoon, it was lovely to see so many Past Captains. Carol Martin was the winner of the trophy, with Pat Terry runner up.

The Williamson Final, between Julie Todd and Lily Farr took place on Saturday 16th August on Thonock Park. The contest was won by Lily Farr, pictured below receiving the Williamson Salver from Lynn Williamson.

The Ladies Open AM AM took place on Thonock Park on Thursday 28th August. A lovely day was had by all, with 125 ladies taking part in the event. Many thanks to all the volunteers on the day.

Also a big thank you to all those that assisted with marking cards, ball spotting and starting during the Ping Ladies Finals days on Monday 8th September and Tuesday 9th September.

One of my highlights as Lady Captain took place on Friday 19th September in playing in the Ping v Red Arrows match.

This was a most enjoyable day, playing with Martin Robinson, General Manager, against Red 10 Mike and Red 5 Steve. (pictured right). We had a great match as we fairway, there was lots of talking and it was great to hear about their careers and their travels.

The evening was presided over by John Clark, (Ping MD) and we all had a most enjoyable meal, prepared by Chef Mark and his team.

Lady Captain
Margaret Wilson
**Fine Dining Evenings**

At £20 per person for a 3 course table d'hôte menu we are certain you will not be disappointed if you book into one of our Fine Dining Evenings. Tables are available from 7pm onwards and bookings should be made via the Sales Office.

The remaining dates
Saturday 1st November
Saturday 29th November

Dates are available for 2015, please ask in the Sales Office for more details.

**GOLF SHOP SPECIAL OFFERS**

NEW AUTUMN WINTER STOCK NOW AVAILABLE!!

40% off Ladies Clothing
Mens Trousers £30
Gloves—£5 synthetic or £8 leather

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**Christmas Gift Vouchers**

For Golf Tuition with our PGA Professional Steve Cooper are now available

We have a comprehensive range of vouchers available:

1. A 30 minute lesson on the range £20
2. A 1 hour appraisal lesson including use of the video system £40
3. A course of 6 x 30 minute golf lessons £105
4. A 9 holes playing lesson £50
5. A 45 minute short game lesson £30

Please contact Steve or Golf Shop to purchase your voucher

Steve Mobile: 07799690874 Golf Shop: 01427 612278
With the nights starting to draw in, things start getting busier on the social front.

As play starts finishing earlier in the evening, don’t forget the value, Wednesday curry meals - now available from 12noon – 6 p.m. every Wednesday and the value deal for over 55’s on Thursdays from 12 noon – 4 p.m.

Also, don’t forget our excellent value for money “Restaurant Nights” - 11th October, 1st November and 29th November.

Members have the benefit of a Social Calendar that is published a year in advance and, so, have first opportunity to book for any of the social events. Functions are only advertised externally (local paper, Gainsborough Life) when the pre-bookings are low and it looks as if the event may run at a loss and, even then, some functions have to be cancelled.

A successful social side, to any golf club, helps keep the annual fees down.

Saturday 18th October is the Annual Trophy Night - always a good social evening.

November has A.G.M. and the new Captains’ Drive-Ins and finishes with that excellent band The Kommitments on Saturday 22nd November.

Then it’s headlong into the two busiest months of the year, socially - December and January.

It starts on 6th December with the Captain’s Christmas Party - 3 course meal + a comedian + a live band.

December 10th sees the first of the big winter quizzes with a value meal available beforehand.

December 12th is a carvery, dessert + coffee + Meatloaf Tribute act + disco.

December 17th is a carvery, dessert + coffee + Queen Tribute act + disco.

December 18th is carvery, dessert + coffee + Dirty Dancing Tribute act + disco.

December 19th is carvery, dessert + coffee + 70’s night with ‘The Glamned’ + disco.

December 20th is carvery, dessert + coffee + 80’s Party Night with Live Band + disco.

Then there’s New Year’s Eve with Gala Buffet, dessert, cheeseboard + coffee + The Regency Band.

January’s almost as hectic and has another big quiz on 14th January - again, a value meal will be available beforehand.

Then on 17th, 23rd, 24th, 30th and 31st January there are the ‘themed’ Millenium Meals - 2 x Italian, 2 x Curry and 1 x Mexican - a meal + a disco for £2.15! Is there a better value for money evening in the country?

I look forward to seeing you at some of these events but you are strongly advised to book well in advance as they are filling up fast and when we meet, don’t be shy - tell me what you think of them.

Danny Shields (Social Secretary)

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**Golf Club AGM**

A reminder to all members that the Golf Club AGM will take place on Thursday 6th November 2014 at 8pm in the main lounge/bar area. All members are urged to attend.

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**Gainsborough In Bloom**

In conjunction with Gainsborough In Bloom we are pleased to announce that Gainsborough Golf Club has achieved the Silver Award.

During the Winter ahead we will be striving to improve further to gain the Gold Award. We would like to thank you for all of your help and support in this matter.

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WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER
Quiz Night—Turkey and Ham Pie—£6.50pp
(+£1 per person for team entry)

FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER
Meatloaf Tribute & Disco
Carvery, Dessert & Coffee
£25 per person

WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER
Queen Tribute ‘Majesty’ & Disco
Carvery, dessert & Coffee
£25 per person

THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER
Dirty Dancing Tribute & Disco
Carvery, dessert & Coffee
£25 per person
SOLD OUT

FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER
70’s Night, “The Glammed” & Disco
Carvery, Dessert & Coffee
£25 per person
SOLD OUT

SATURDAY 20TH DECEMBER
80’s Party Night, Band & Disco
Carvery, Dessert & Coffee
£25 per person
SOLD OUT

FRIDAY 26TH DECEMBER
Boxing Day
3 Course Meal
£25 per person
From 12 noon—2pm

NEW YEARS EVE
Regency Band & Disco
Buffet, Dessert, Cheese & Coffee
£35 per person

FESTIVE LUNCHES ALSO AVAILABLE FROM 1st—24th December 12 noon—2.30pm
ALL ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE MADE VIA THE SALES OFFICE ON 01427 613088 or EMAIL info@gainsboroughgc.co.uk