



Old Tauntonian Golfing Society

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Taunton School Golf Status Update

On the 9 October Terry D and myself met with Hayley Mortimer to talk to us about golf at TS and her plans to help drive the sport forward.

Hayley (as Director of Sport) has an extremely busy schedule and to fit golf in as well, for potential TS golfers, is commendable and appreciated. It is good to see that the OTGS funds are being spent in the right direction on lessons and playing golf to benefit the masses rather than individuals.

To summarise the outcome of the meeting:

- Hayley has no dedicated teacher yet looking after the golf but in the short term she has taken on the reins,
- Hayley is looking to see if the TS Cricket master and Hockey master can dovetail re running the golf as it might work with their seasons,
- TS have sponsored to the tune of £1,000 Taunton & Pickering GC for junior golf and this is in fact a kind of corporate membership which allows the pupils to play at Taunton and Pickering Golf Club (T&PGC) using a voucher system,
- Simon, at T&PGC, is going to TS (both Senior and Junior Schools) to coach pupils Tuesdays and Wednesdays,
- Simon is going to be asked what other facilities could be provided or would be useful around the golf area between uppers and lowers (unfortunately Simon can only coach juniors next to the front rugby pitch),
- Hayley is actively trying to get the pupils to T&PGC whether it be herself, other staff members or one way by taxi, so access is not becoming an issue,
- Hayley is actively taking the golfers to competitions when possible, and she mentioned at the time a competition in Okehampton,
- We discussed whether a golf simulator would be a good idea and Hayley indicated there was a room which could accommodate this. We said we would look into this and Terry has contacted Minehead Golf Club who have one. They have passed on the inquiry to a company who supply them but have yet to get back to us.
- We discussed the possibility of an inter-house putting competition, as not everyone can play golf but can play crazy golf or putt! This could stimulate further interest and the OT's would be pleased to provide a cup,
- TS are back in the West of England Public Schools Tournament.



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So what we heard was very positive and encouraging and a big step forward for golf at the school.

Attached are two articles which Terry notice in the local Gazette which is maybe an indication golf at TS is looking up!

■ TAUNTON School have linked up with local golf club Taunton & Pickeridge to provide specialist coaching for juniors and privileged access to the golf course.

The club will take responsibility of coaching golf at Taunton School in the three-year partnership.

Simon Stevenson, director of golf at TPGC, said: "This will be of great benefit to our juniors - we look forward to a promising relationship."



TAUNTON Prep School golfers with Simon Stevenson, director of golf at Taunton & Pickeridge Golf Club, and Chris Coleman, deputy head of Taunton Prep School.

As Terry rightly pointed out the Halford Hewitt team of 030!!

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