

FIVE NATIONS GOLF CLUB

Meeting - Sports Committee on May 8th, 2006

Present: Guy HALLET, Pieter AARTS, Jacques CUSTINE, Henri BEUGNIER, Joseph ROPELATO, Antoine DUMONT.

Being excused: Jacques DANTHINE

1. News about the Interclubs

In the **Mens 3** division, we have been beaten 4-1 by Royal Ardenne (Solely Maxime could win his match). It has been a difficult task, having to cope with the disadvantage of the lack of one player, due to the no-show of Peter BERGMAN for this interclub match.

In the **Mens 4** division, we have lost against Wellington (3-2); we had chances to win as well, as all the matches were pretty close and the differences were minimal.

We have learned something out of this: next year we will concentrate on building one winning team instead of dispersing the players over two lesser teams.

As to the **seniors**: lost against Witbos 2-1

lost against Beveren: 2-1

won against Mont Garni: 2-1

The seniors will hold their position in the current division, we could have expected a little more.

Anyway, it has been a valuable experience for those players who played the interclubs for the first time. We have met each other in very positive circumstances as a team. We also would like to point out the effective and motivating work of Pieter AARTS.

As to the matches being played on our own course, we will print the 'local rules' on a leaflet, including special adapted rules to be handed out to the visiting players. We also will take better care of these matches by engaging more members of the Sports Committee.

2. Juniors

Two of our juniors (Johan and Maxime) have participated in the competition at Louvan-la-Neuve. Johan has held himself well in his first match on unknown grounds and Maxime would have ended second, when his category would have played stableford.

Juniors of the first category should better prepare themselves by playing more strokeplays. Contacts have been made for more outings during this summer and we will be able to welcome visiting teams at moderate cost of 22,50 for greenfee..

3. Free initiations

We have had a good start: 7 participants in the first, 9 participants in the second. The short competition that followed has turned out 4 tickets for free lessons.

The next initiation will take place on 28th May.

4. Instruction

We have offer free courses for beginners:; Guy BLASCO will handle the golf rules and Henri BEUGNIER etiquette en behaviour on the course. Course will start next saturday. They will be announced on the board in the clubhouse.

For participations call 04.2346122.

In this context, Guy HALLET will contact Fernand WISLET to get the small illustrated brochures, edited by FFG and for re-sale to the participants.

5. Course

The training area for approaches has been created between the training green and the tee-off area of the first training hole.

Our Pro is improving the training holes (better design, plantations, higher rough...) and, because of his initiations for students of the Horticultural Institute in Gembloux on 31st May, he will make arrangements with the institute management to get material support..

6. Information

The office of FN Golf (Bervi Leisure) is responsible for the membership control of players being on the course. We may inform them of abuse.

Calenders showing the competition schedule are available in the Pro shop (Pieter AARTS has printed sufficient copies).

For next year, Joseph ROPELATO will produce a small handy plastified calendar in leaflet format. (Joseph will take care of this)

All club members will receive an informative letter containing all main decisions of the Sports Committee. The letter will also inform about on-going initiatives. The letter is primarily addressed to those members not disposing of an internet connection.

7. Sundries

- a. The first 18 holes of the Club Championship will be 'qualifying', the second 18 holes will not be qualifying.
 - b. Joseph ROPELATO will replace the Captain on May 14th.
 - c. Joseph also will improve the board at the entrance of the club house.
 - d. It has been decided to reserve 150 Euros for competitions like Tacchini, Rotary, Alpina and the President's Competition. Antoine DUMONT will talk to WILSON as to purchase of golf equipment from the ASBL for these competitions).
 - e. A proposal has been raised to organize a super competition for seniors in 2007: the Zenith Cup.
 - f. One of our members (Louis COP) has made a proposal: a golf initiation for players of STANDARD, with publication in the press.
 - g. Announcement by our Pro as to the organisation of the LLORENS (VW/Audi) competition on July 3rd at 12.30 h, 'shotgun', scramble. The competition is open to the first 32 subscribing members via our website, by phoning the Captain (085-231599). The day will be ended with a dinner.
8. Next meeting is scheduled for Monday 26th June at 16.30 h.

The secretary of the Sports Committee

Henri BEUGNIER