



Quarter 4, 2009

### **Winter Work on the Course and Clubhouse**

It's been a busy couple of months for the Greenkeeping staff at Fairwood with half of the winter work on the golf course having already been completed ahead of schedule. New drainage ditches are again proving very successful in removing large amounts of surface water from fairways as they did last winter, and there have been no permanent temporary greens in play despite the horrendous amount of rainfall that fell during the month of November.



One of the more noticeable changes to the course has been the creation of a new 40 yard pathway to the 17<sup>th</sup> men's tee. This area had been problematic in winter for several years due to the flat ground preventing gravity from draining surface water away, so the best solution was to create a raised pathway that simply took golfers directly over the wet area. Just as importantly, no distance is now lost off the yellow tees in winter, and the drainage improvements made in front of the 17<sup>th</sup> green two years ago means the hole is now open for play throughout the whole year.

As well as the cleaning up and maintenance of the existing lakes on the course, plans are also afoot to add a new water feature following the great success of the lake by the 10<sup>th</sup> green which was built last year. Keep an eye out on [Twitter](#) for further developments...

The winter period will also see several improvements made in the Clubhouse, particularly the redecoration of the Function Room and Changing Rooms. We'll report on this work in our next newsletter.

### **Electric Trolleys to be allowed on the course in Winter**

In November 2009 the Club announced that it intends to permit the use of electric trolleys on the golf course throughout the whole year following the announcement that new 'hedgehog wheel' products have now been specifically designed for such trolleys. These wheels are now available for retail purchase. Please remember that although there are currently only

wheels available for Hillbilly, Powakaddy, and Motocaddy trolleys we anticipate that the manufacturer will be making more models available for other brands of electric trolley over the coming months.

### **John Salter wins £50 prize voucher**

Over the past few months the Club has been asking all golfers to sign up for its newsletters via the Fairwood Park website, offering them the chance to win a free £50 Pro Shop Gift Voucher. In early December, Mr John Salter of Killay was the lucky name drawn out of the hat and he is pictured below with Assistant Professional, Jon Hopkins, receiving his £50 voucher to spend in the Pro Shop. The next draw will take place at the start of next season.



### **FREE Winter League Party – Sunday December 20<sup>th</sup>, 3pm ‘til late!**

Following the superb attendance and support received at last year’s Winter League Christmas Party we are pleased to announce that the Club will once again be putting on free karaoke to coincide with the last Winter League Pairs event of the year. Please note that you do not have to play in the Winter League pairs to attend this party as it is open to all members of Fairwood Park. Even in the event of bad weather we sincerely hope that members will still come up to support the event as your host, John O’Leary, will promise to deliver the same quality craic as last year.

Between now and this date, anybody who buys a drink from the bar will automatically be entered into a prize draw for a luxury Christmas hamper, with the final draw being made at the Winter League Party. The more drinks you buy, the more raffle tickets you’ll receive!

### **And finally...**



All that remains is to wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas with best wishes for 2010. Nadolig Llawen.