



Stapleford Clubs Newsletter

May 2008

Dear Member,

Further to a number of recent enquires from members I would like to give you an update on the 2008/9 membership cards. We are currently going through the process of upgrading our software at the Clubs in order to improve administration and security throughout the estate. The software will allow us to produce our own cards as a part of this process and in the long-term control access.

The upgrade will be installed in two stages, the initial stage is due to be complete by mid June, at this point we should have the new cards available for pick up. The second stage, which will implement controlled access points, is pencilled for September/October. I am sorry for any inconvenience this may cause in the short term however we feel it is absolutely necessary and once these systems are in place will improve the Stapleford membership experience for all.

With regard to membership we have had a good renewal rate this year with over 90% of members renewing their subs to date. We have also had 31 new members since the 1st April! There are still some members whose subscriptions are outstanding and who have expressed a desire to be part of the membership this year. I regret to say that access to club facilities will unfortunately be stopped and that a joining fee will be charged as if they are new members unless these subs are settled immediately. Those persons who have not paid their renewal subscription, yet continue to use the facilities will sadly be asked to leave the estate and will have their names recorded until their subscription is settled.

With membership this year starting so positively, we would be delighted if you would please make a note in your diary for our Members Champagne Party on Friday 31st May 2008. This will be a great opportunity to meet members old and new.

Private House Parties

The House will be closed for Private Parties on the following dates, as always the swimming pool will still be open for members accessed through the archway.

<u>May:</u>	(14:00) 13th May 2008	-	End: (11:00) 14th May 2008
<u>June:</u>	(14:00) 5 th June 2008	-	End: (11:00) 6 th June 2008
	(14:00) 7 th June 2008	-	End: (11:00) 8 th June 2008

Calendar of Events

- 11th May 2008 **Sunday Lunch at the Pavilion (each Sunday throughout May)** – Three course Sunday Carvery only £16.50 per person. Booking is recommended at the Pavilion.
- 15th May 2008 **All you can eat Mediterranean Buffet** – Join us at the Pavilion Restaurant for our Mediterranean style buffet for only £15.00 per person. Booking for this event is essential at the Pavilion.
- 31st May 2008 **MEMBERS CHAMPAGNE PARTY** – Help us drink 36 bottles of champagne. Hosted by the Stapleford Clubs Team join us from 20:00 in the Rose Garden or Pavilion (dependent on the weather) to meet and talk with fellow members old and new!
- 1st June 2008 **Sunday Lunch at the Pavilion (each Sunday throughout June)** – Three course Sunday Carvery only £16.50 per person. Booking is recommended at the Pavilion.
- 14th June 2008 **Hog Roast** – From 19:30 in the Rose Garden. Enjoy a Hog Roast, Salads and an Ice Cold Beer or Glass of Wine and music for only £13.50 per person. Booking for this event is essential at the Pavilion.

If you have any queries, questions or suggestions regarding your membership at Stapleford Park please come and speak with us, we are always grateful for our members feedback.

Stapleford Challenge 2008 – ‘The Race to Brunei’

We are pleased to announce the opening of our season long competition ‘The Stapleford Challenge’. The amazing winning prize for the challenge is a trip to Brunei to take part in the Grand Final to be held at the Pro Am of the first European Seniors Tour event in Asia 2009!

It is free for our golf members to join and play in the league, all that is required is that you register at the website www.staplefordparkchallenge.com and log your scores as directed, you will be able to view your place in the league on the website! Your friends and guests are also welcome to join in the non-members or fun leagues, normal green fees apply. The only requirement for qualification in to the main two leagues of the competition is a valid handicap and that three valid scores are registered in the relevant league.

The main leagues for the Challenge are:

1. The Stapleford Challenge Golf Members League
2. The Stapleford Park Challenge Non Members League (valid handicap required)

The final league is the Fun League, there is no valid handicap required and you need only play one round to enter a score.

The top 10 players from the Golf Members League, 20 players from the Non Members League and 4 lucky draw winners from the fun league will make it through to the Stapleford Park Challenge Final day for breakfast, 18 holes of golf and a gala dinner to be held at Stapleford Park in October 2008.

The top two players from the Stapleford Park Challenge Final will qualify to play at the Grand Final in Brunei during the Aberdeen Brunei Senior Masters in February 2009 in one of Asia’s top resorts.

The league season has now officially started and will go on until 30th September 2008.

Tickets will be available for sale for the gala dinner for those who do not make the cut to the Stapleford Park Challenge Final in October. More information on this day will follow.

For more information on the Stapleford Challenge please speak with either Paul Watson or Richard Alderson at the Pavilion or call 01572 787 044.

Golf News

So far the golf competitions are being well attended, well done to the winners. The spring invitational is taking place on the 17th May 2008; any last minute teams are welcome by reservation.

Golf members are reminded that their membership is restricted to the use of the Golf Course and does not include use of the Gym and the Pool at the house. Golf members who want to use the gym and the pool are encouraged to upgrade to Full Membership.

SPA

Please remember that as a member of Stapleford Park that you are entitled to 10% off all treatments and products. Why not take advantage of our spa days such as the 'Yummy Mummy's Afternoon' or 'Luxury Pamper'. Don't forget we have a hairdresser who is here on a trial basis. He is very good and I urge you to make an appointment and try him out. For more information pop in to the spa or call 01572 787 057

LIFESTYLE CLUB

Pool

Members are unfortunately still not signing in properly. Please remember to Print your membership number and register your guests at Reception to pay the facility fee and note the ratio of adults to children.

Members are still reporting the misuse of the swimming pool and unfortunately we once again have to highlight the rules with regards to children's use. Please note that these rules are also prominently around the poolside itself. Anyone entering the poolside will be considered to have signed in and accepted the 'Rules and Regulations' and any breach could result in the member being asked to leave immediately.

Please note that children are only permitted in the pool area between the hours of 10:00 – 18:00. There are still some members bringing children in outside this period and it is unfair to other members who have come to the pool to enjoy it outside the hours that children are allowed.

Classes

The class timetable continues to evolve with the addition of a second Pilate's class on a Wednesday morning. Thank you to the Pilates class for taking the time and having the patience to speak with Gemma Spencer and myself in order to rectify the overcrowding of the Monday class.

Again, may I take this opportunity to stress that we welcome all members' feedback and where possible, if justified will do all that we can to ensure the best experience for our members.

Tennis

With the weather changing the tennis season is due to take off! We have already seen a sharp rise in the popularity of the courts so please, where possible book your courts in advance at the Lifestyle Club reception.

Join us from 09:00 –12:00 each Saturday morning for a mix in where all standards are welcome.

Any members wishing to join a ladder system please speak with Gemma Spencer as we are looking at the possibility of implementing this.

DAY CARE NURSERY

The results of the name the day care nursery competition are back in and the long awaited name for the nursery is 'The Tree Cottage Nursery'. Unfortunately the name of the nursery was submitted by a staff member and therefore the champagne will not be given however make sure that you attend the champagne party as this bottle has been added to the bar!

As most nursery users are aware we have experienced a large increase in the usage of the nursery in the morning during the members free period. This has led to a number of children having to be turned away as we are limited to the number of children we can house at any one time due to Ofsted Regulations.

Outside the free period especially in the afternoons there are places that are available but it seems these are not so popular as they are chargeable.

We have thought long and hard about how to make the nursery more accessible so that as many members as possible are able to come to Stapleford Park with their children to enjoy the facilities.

Please bear in mind that the nursery facilities are provided as a benefit of your membership and terms of its usage may change from time to time as we try to find the right way forward.

We have come up with the following scheme which will run for the next 3 months on a trial basis from 12 May. Some aspects of it may be tweaked as we monitor the scheme and we look forward to getting feedback from you.

We propose:

- **A maximum of 6 hours per week free childcare per lifestyle membership. Subject to availability.**

The free hours may be used for any children registered to the member. Members should only register their own children. A child can only be registered to a maximum of 2 Members.

- **These hours may be used at any time the nursery is open**
- **Once these 6 hours have been used, the rate of £5.00 per hour used per child will be charged**
- **Members may book their children in to the nursery up to one month in advance**
- **The six hours is available per week and may not be carried over or built up for following weeks**
- **A 24 hour cancellation charge will apply.**
- **If a member books a place and does not turn up they will be charged a no show fee of £5.**

We hope all members will recognise this as a positive step towards making this popular facility available to all.

As always if you would like to discuss this further or have any questions regarding the changes please just pop in to meet with me or call on 01572 787 070.

As a note the nurseries contact details are creche@stapleford.co.uk as opposed to crèche@stapleford.co.uk. I'm sorry for any confusion this may have caused. The telephone number remains 01572 787 022.

Kind Regards

Paul Watson