



Dear Member

Please find enclosed your subscription notice for the 2022/23 season which is due payable by 1st June 2022.

Enclosed is your membership renewal for you to continue enjoying the benefits of membership. If you currently pay your silver or gold membership by monthly Direct Debit, then no action is required as these will automatically roll over into the new season. The rates for the 2022 season are detailed in the enclosed (Annual) leaflet which continues to provide excellent value. Please be aware that if your age now requires you to be amended into another category i.e. Junior to Intermediate or Adult to Senior then these changes will have been made automatically with the appropriate rate being applied which will be reflected in updated monthly direct debit payments. (If paid using this method.)

A point of clarity for those members who pay by monthly direct debit. As an illustration and for simplicity, we publicise that the membership fee is paid by twelve equal (pro-rata) payments (or eight payments for our 8-month Lite) Members may notice that our Club Systems software calibrates the payments in a different way, using a percentage each month. For our twelve-monthly direct debits, in the first month it takes 8.337% followed by 11 equal payments of 8.333%. It only makes a few pence difference, but this process does allow us to reconcile accounts accurately at the end of the renewal. For 8-Month Lite Members payment is simpler made by eight equal payments of 12.5%

Membership fees for our Seasonal (8 Month) Lite Membership are also enclosed and if you are considering this option then now is the time to make the change. Full details are included in the leaflet headed 'Seasonal – 8 Month'. Please be aware that we are bringing forward the renewal month by two months for 8-members next year so the renewal month will now be in March, not May. Membership fees this year will be adjusted accordingly to reflect this. Further information is provided in the attached leaflet.

We hope that we have provided you with sufficient information to help you be certain that you have the most appropriate and cost-effective category to match your lifestyle. However, if you wish to make a change or discuss your options then please get in touch enquiries@bromsgrovegolfcentre.com or even pop into the Golf Centre.

Membership Payments:

For members who pay by a single premium please note that payments can be made Online (see details below) at reception or by telephone by calling **01527 575886**. Please have your Membership number to hand which we will use as the payment reference. Members can also pay securely using the Club V1 app and HowDidiPay.

We would be grateful that if you decide to not continue your membership, then please let us know.

Online Payments:

All memberships can be renewed online using our bank details below. Please use your name and membership number as the payment reference:

Bank:	Lloyds TSB	Account Name:	Bromsgrove Golf Centre Ltd
Account Number:	00638477	Sort Code:	30-91-36

Members Handbook

Members may find the answers to many queries in the updated Members Handbook, a link can be found in the Members Area of our website. Members can also find the applicable links here to register and sign into the various Club Apps.

Members Constitution: (Resignations & Suspensions)

Not the most exciting of reads we agree but again a link is provided in the Members Area. Please be aware that there have been several updates which were ratified at the AGM including the sections 'Request for Suspensions of Membership' (sect 22) and 'Resignations of a Member' (sect 23) which if relevant are worth familiarising yourself with. In brief the Suspension section provides more detailed information on the parameters and costs associated with suspending memberships, and the Resignation information incorporates greater clarity on the notice required.

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One Membership – Over 30 venues .

We are pleased to confirm that our annual members will once again be able to obtain or renew a NETWORK.golf card at no cost for the coming season (on the basis that membership is renewed by the due payable date) Whereas other participating clubs charge their members an additional fee for this facility, here at BGC we want our members to enjoy this at no extra cost. With many members continuing to take advantage of this initiative, we are thrilled to that it continues to be a big draw for our annual silver and gold members.

Network Golf comprises of a mixture of proprietary and member's clubs, it is one of the UK's largest reciprocal play networks, currently covering an area from Kent to Bristol and the Midlands with the mutual aim of providing members with a number of superb courses to choose from as a direct benefit of being a fully paid-up member.

We are delighted to inform you that The Vale Golf Club at Evesham is now one of the golf courses where you can enjoy a game of golf and we have heard that Naunton Downs at Cheltenham has also signed up to the group.

Just to confirm, this arrangement allows our **Annual (Full Paying) Silver and Gold Adult (and Senior) category members** to play at partner 'NETWORK.golf' clubs '**free of charge**' on weekdays up to a maximum of **five** visits at each club per year (Jan – Dec). Weekends and bank holidays will be available but at a special guest rate

Please note that the rules governed by Network Golf scheme currently exclude Juniors, Intermediate, 8 Month and Bronze members.

For further information and to check-out the partner courses please go to www.network.golf

To Renew your NETWORK.golf card: Please return your Network Golf card with your photograph within and we will provide you with a new 2022/23 card ready for collection at Golf Course reception. Incidentally, if you add a photograph to the ClubV1 app we can export it from there and use it for your Network Golf Card

To apply for a New or Replacement Card: Please complete the slip at the bottom of the page and return together with a passport style photograph. If you wish to send your passport image online, please email it to enquiries@bromsgrovegolfcentre.com together with your name and membership number.

Reciprocal Golf

Arrangements are still in place for our members to enjoy a low-cost round of golf at two other clubs. Please refer to the new Members Handbook in the Members Area of our website for further information.

Golf Course

The program to improve our bunkers and pathways continued at the tail end of 2021 and saw another eight bunkers undergo a full refurbishment including improved drainage, and after being re-turfed, they are now looking better than ever and crucially, easier, and safer for us to maintain. The past few years has seen us make really good progress on bunker improvements and we are delighted to confirm that this will continue later in 2022.



The results of pre-season soil test samples highlight how well the greens are responding to the program specifically tailored for us by our agronomists, and the splendid work undertaken by our green-keeping team.

The latest results are outstanding and are now showing significant improvements year on year. The high content of organic matter in the greens that caused us such an issue has been greatly reduced which is evident by the firmer, truer surfaces and faster percolation rates noticed after substantial rainfall.

In preparation for the 2022 season, we have installed a brand-new irrigation pump and as a back-up we have reconditioned and installed our old one as a back-up. The Otterbine lake aerators on the 16th hole have also had a pre-season overhaul before being returned to our signature hole.

Spring soil temperatures are always slow on the uptake here at BGC, which always affects our early season greens maintenance. A difficult decision was taken to move our intense maintenance program of hollow tining and top-dressing back to the Autumn where recovery is so much more responsive. The added benefit of this is that the greens are then also better prepared for the winter months as was evident last year.

We will continue with our machinery replacement program in 2022 with new machinery purchased to replace those past their best. We take great care in the choice of each new implement with numerous demos' undertaken before selecting the most appropriate one for the job in hand. One machine we looked at because of its eight wheels its light footprint and its versatility was the Ventrac tractor unit. We have recently purchased this together with an out-front mower, with its low centre of gravity and outstanding versatility it will be ideal for steep bunker banks and areas too wet to get other machines on.



We have recently purchased a Rapid Bed Knife Facing Tool which will help us keep a better cutting edge on our cylinder mower blades which in turn will provide a cleaner cut. The added benefit of this purchase is that it grinds a perfect cutting edge in no time at all which will allow our mowers to spend less time in the workshop and more time on the course.

Upgrades & Improvements

As reported at the 2022 AGM, an upturn in trade has provided us with the opportunity to invest back into the business and catch up on the essential replacements that had been put on hold. As well as the upgrades being undertaken behind the scenes' there are still a number that will be of particular interest to our members.

One such project that is creating a lot of attention is the new outside covered seating area that will be ready for use in May, this is after the base, which is being undertaken by an external paving company undertakes the work in April. This will be a fantastic new addition to the Centre and with the inclusion of energy saving heat lamps will extend the potential for outdoor use when the weather is not so favourable.



Visual Impression of outside seating area

At the start of the year, we also undertook a refurbishment of our kitchen, which included a new layout to make it more appropriate for today's trade. New furniture has also been provided for the main clubhouse reception area as it provides an ideal overflow when the bar is busy or even a place to enjoy a coffee in comfortable surroundings. These improvements have also been extended down to the golf range reception where new stools and surface provides the ideal meeting place to grab a coffee and watch the excitement unfold.

Golf Range & Trackman

As well as looking to upgrade the ball range dispensers to include a new contactless payment system, we are also planning to give the range a full refurbishment including the introduction of new state of the art technology that will provide all our customers with the best possible experience, be it for serious practice or just social entertainment. By introducing an advanced system such as Trackman Range, it will allow players of all levels to track their shots, store their own shot data and engage in a variety of different game modes from the comfort of their range bay. Although this is huge investment, introducing innovative technology will strengthen our position as the one of the Midlands leading, all-weather facilities.

New Server

A massive investment behind the scenes in IT sees us replacing the main server in the offices at BGC, helping us future proof the operation and keep us more secure.

Closing Remarks

We hope that we have given you some insight into the progress both being made and, in the future, and hope that you continue to enjoy the lovely friendly welcoming atmosphere that the Golf Centre provides

For Information: Members for the 2022 / 2023 season may collect their bag tag labels from Reception from 1st May

'NETWORK.golf' Card

If you would like to receive a 'NETWORK.golf' card, please complete and return the slip below.

Available only to Annual Adult and Senior members in either the Silver or Gold category.

Please remember to include a passport size photograph of yourself.

Name: Membership No.:

Payment Rec'd by: (staff initials) Date: