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A Word from the Club Captain

I Hope you all had a wonderful Christmas, it's time to make those New Year resolutions! The new Clubhouse Extension and landscaping is now well underway, and should be completed early in the new year, I cannot wait to relax with a cold drink on that new patio after a great round of golf in the sun...all seems a long way away right now with a hard frost most mornings!

The winter league is now at its half way point, so all to play for.

Congratulations to the various Turkey shoot competition winners in December.

Well that's about it for 2014, and would like to wish all Littlehay golf club members, Sportspace staff, and all their families a happy new year, see you all in 2015.

Mickey

Rules of Golf

This happens all the time, well to me. and people I play with.

Rule 27 Lost ball; Out-of-bounds and provisional ball

Provisional ball:

This is what you hit when you suspect that you may have lost a ball with your previous stroke, or hit a ball out of bounds. By playing a provisional you're basically saying 'that first ball might be lost or out of bound, although we can't be certain, so if we can't find it then this second ball will become the ball in play.'

If you then don't find your original ball within the allotted five minutes search time, you continue to play on from the spot where your provisional ball came to rest and suffer the penalty.

Just to reiterate that point: say, for instance you hit your tee shot and it proves to be lost. Well, the provisional ball you played from the tee was then effectively your third shot. So your next shot is your fourth.

You can continue to play a provisional ball up to the point where you think the original ball might be, but if you play a shot with a provisional ball from beyond that point, in other words nearer the hole, that ball is the ball in play and your original ball is officially lost. Even if you subsequently find the original, you can't play it. You forfeit that right by playing a shot with your provisional ball from a point nearer the hole.

You are not allowed to play a provisional ball if your ball may be lost in a water hazard. But any other time you think your ball is a 'gonner' it is positively recommended that you play a provisional, as much for the time-saving benefits as anything else. Make sure you say as much before you actually play a provisional ball, otherwise that ball becomes the ball in play – and even if you find your original ball you won't be allowed to play it.

That is mostly it, look it up in the rule book if you want to be an expert

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Men's Section News

The December Medal results as follows

Div 1

1 st	Matt Armstrong	Nett 70 on C/B
2 nd	Ashley Wade	Nett 70
3 rd	Dave Kirkwood	Nett 72

Div 2

1 st	Stephen Crowhurst	Nett 72
2 nd	Dave Smith	Nett 75 on C/B
3 rd	Des Barry	Nett 75

Turkey Shoot

1 st	Mick Whelan	40 points
2 nd	T Sargent	39 points on C/B
3 rd	A Wade	39 points

Thank you all once again for your participation in the men's matches and competitions in 2014, and I wish you all, and your families, a happy New Year, and look forward to the 2015 fixture list.

Fixtures for January as follows

03 rd January monthly medal	organiser Wayne Griffin
16 th January Founders Day stableford	organiser Chris Miles

Senior Moments

A Word from the Seniors' Captain

Well here I am, the newly installed Seniors Captain and commence my Haymaker contributions for 2015 with the highest of hopes that Seniors and all sections of the Club enjoyed a very Happy and safe Christmas plus maybe 'enjoying' a well worth it (can you remember anything!!) Hangover from New Year celebrations !!

Anyhow, sincere wishes that Seniors and indeed everyone has a great 2015 for Golf and everything else embarked upon.

A very big thank you to Paul Thompson for carrying out his Captain's year duties to the usual high standard set by previous Captains. Well done Paul, I hope I can do half as well! I'd just like to mention here that Paul has donated a new Trophy to commemorate his Captaincy Year. This is effectively a non-Golfing Trophy to be awarded to the person who is adjudged to have contributed most to the smooth running of the Seniors section over the past year. This was very deservedly presented, in the Trophy's inaugural year of 2014, to Mr. Ray Moore. Well done Rayand many thanks from everyone, from me..... and may he carry on forever performing such sterling work for all of us at Little Hay. Ray truly is one of the unsung heroes of the Club.....but particularly for us Seniors.

Having only taken over as at 3rd December nothing much has occurred in the

intervening four weeks except the last of 2014's Seniors' Stablefords and importantly a super enjoyed 'Turkey Shoot' (Texas Scramble) between Seniors and Ladies. Dorcas Kindinger must be congratulated and thanked for her deft touch on the administrative tiller and general input into this event leading to it proceeding smoothly, efficiently and very enjoyably. Thank you Dorcas.

I had some weeks ago issued a Full Years Fixture List for Seniors and now Phil Jefferson has put all of the Clubs Fixtures, all sections, on the web-site.

Paul Whiter (our new Seniors Vice-Captain for 2015.....if you didn't know!) Many Congrat's to Paul and thanks to him for undertaking this important role . Paul has started his duties in expected efficient fashion by inserting in the Competition Book in Reception, the entry sheet for the next Seniors Monthly Stableford to be played on 15th January.

Before that, Seniors have another fun match with the Ladies on Monday 12th January, this being a Mixed Pairs Team Event (1xSenior +1xLady). We all pray the weather stays kind for that.

So, Hey Ho, here we go, for another New Year of Golfing enjoyment. Never forget that Golf is FUN and let's always play, as Seniors always have, in that spirit. Don't forget any ideas, thoughts, etc on improving anything either in/for Seniors or the Club generally I am really interested in hearing. See you all soon and keep your eyes on the Comp's Book and sign up to play in everything you can. Don't forget ALL Sections Matches, including Inter-Club Matches, which start on 26th March AWAY against Redbourn, always a difficult fixture as we are probably still off mats then and Redbourn always insist on 16 man Teams!

TREVOR

December Stableford

1 st	John Ridgewell	43pts	
2 nd	Paul Thompson	41pts	
3 rd	Andy Sergides	40pts	on count-back with two others



Ladies News

It has been almost two months since I had the honour of becoming Ladies' Captain and it has been an eventful time.

On the 24th November we held the New Captain's Cup which was won by Chris Marsden. Our Christmas Cracker lunch was held on 1st December. Six dedicated lady golfers played twelve holes before the meal in a fun competition called 'The Dodgy Caddy'. Our Christmas Lunch, this year, was held at Martin's Pond in Potten End which was attended by thirty six ladies, making it a very festive occasion. A week later on 8th December twenty ladies played in the Turkey Shoot competition with the senior men, an annual event which we always look forward to. We all brought a gift to the value of £5 and generally had a good time. Our business ladies continue to play on Saturday and the number of golfers is improving. Additionally, some of the ladies have entered the Winter League Competitions which are usually played on a Sunday.

As we have drawn closer to midwinter our starting time on Mondays is now 9am. We will have friendly roll ups until the 12th January when we will play a Greensomes competition with the senior men.

In the meantime, the Pearsons Team has played and won both matches against Aldenham and Redbourn. Both our Mary Forster A and B teams came second out of three teams in their matches held at Trent Park and Blue Mountain.

Jenny Williams, our past president who has generously given much of her time to the smooth running of golf, has retired from all committees. To thank her for all she has done, Ralph Lane, the president of Little Hay, and Ray Moore made a presentation on Monday 15th December after golf.

I will end off by wishing you all the best for 2015. May you continue to enjoy your golf at Little Hay.

Dorcas Kindinger

Junior Section News

Not much to report this month, the next competitions are in February, see below. Have a great year in 2015.

Martin Evan and Eileen Jarvie

and in Conclusion...

...the last word is... "Real golfers go to work to relax"

George Dillon

...and a touch of humour...Golf is a lot of walking, broken up by disappointment and bad arithmetic

Editor

What's on This Month and Next?

Competitions for ALL Club members

Sunday 11 January – Winter League
Sunday 25 January – Winter League
Sunday 1 February – Winter League
Sunday 15 February – Winter League

Men

Saturday 3 January – Medal
Saturday 17 January – Founder's Day
Saturday 7 February – Medal
Saturday 21 February – Alan Irwin Shield

All Seniors are eligible to play in any of the competitions listed above.

Seniors:

Monday 12 January – Greensomes with Ladies
Thursday 15 January – Stableford
Thursday 5 February – Medal
Thursday 12 February – Away Day Mentmore
Thursday 19 February - Stableford

All Ladies are eligible to play in any of the competitions listed in the top group.

Ladies:

Saturday 3 January – BL Friendly
Monday 5 January – Friendly Roll Up
Saturday 10 January – BL Friendly Texas Scramble
Saturday 17 January – BL Friendly
Monday 19 January – Friendly Roll Up
Friday 23 January – Pearson v BG
Saturday 24 January – Aussie Spoon
Monday 26 January – Aussie Spoon
Saturday 31 January – BL Friendly Stableford

Monday 2 February – Friendly Stableford
Saturday 7 February – Friendly Pink Ball
Monday 9 February – Friendly Pink Ball
Saturday 14 February – BL Dacorum Trophy
Monday 16 February – BL Dacorum Trophy
Saturday 21 February – BL Friendly Stableford
Monday 23 February – Friendly Stableford
Saturday 28 February – BL March Medal

Juniors:

Monday 16 February – Stableford NQ
Friday 20 February – Stableford NQ

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