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# The Haymaker

*(The Newsletter with a Punch!)*

Newsletter of the Little Hay Golf Club



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## A Word from the Club Captain

Welcome to 2015, let's hope it's another great golfing year at Little Hay Golf Club.

January is normally a quiet month with regards to golf, but the weather has allowed us to play a little, notably the Winter League, where after 6 rounds played, Hee Young, and Steve Crowhurst lead the way with 216 points, but with four rounds to play it should reach an exciting finale.

**Mickey**

## Rules of Golf – Rule 10 – The order of play

The side, or player, entitled to tee off first is said to have the 'honour.' This is decided on the first tee either by the order of the starting sheet, perhaps by order of handicap (lowest first) or in matchplay by whichever name is highest on the draw sheet. In the absence of this information it can be decided on the toss of a coin.

Thereafter it could not be simpler. The golfer or side with lowest score on each hole takes the honour on the next tee. It is decided on the gross score in a strokeplay event and on the net score, in other words, with strokes taken into account – in a matchplay competition.

If a hole is halved, then the honour is simply retained by the golfer who teed-off first on the previous hole.

Once you're off the tee, the order of play is determined by distance from the flag and it is the golfer furthest from the hole who is entitled to play first. There is no penalty for playing out of turn in strokeplay, although it is considered poor etiquette, but in matchplay, an opponent can cancel the stroke and request that it be played again.

On the green, first putts are usually determined by furthest being first, but when the balls get closer to the hole, the order of play can change. In strokeplay you can carry on putting until the ball is in the hole, although you should not trample over someone else's line. In matchplay,

however, you do not have that right. You can of course, ask your opponent if you can hole out, but your request will almost certainly be declined.

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## Men's Section News

Men's Results for January as follows

Medal - Cancelled due to bad weather

Men's Fixtures in February as follows

Saturday 07<sup>th</sup> February monthly medal   organiser Wayne Griffin  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Alan Irwin shield           organiser Chris Miles

## Senior Moments

### A Word from the Senior's Captain

Well here I am barely eight weeks into the 'job' and not really much to report as the weather has dictated against us rather a lot !!

My administrative/organisational debut took place on Monday 12th January when the Seniors teamed up with the Lovely Ladies to play a Greensomes type Competition. The weather, which I hadn't 'booked' to be honest!! was clement indeed, and a super enjoyable day was had ( I think??) by all. I'm pleased to say that the Winners on count-back were the effective "Dream Team" of Elaine Meagher & John Redgwell, who scored 33 Stableford points off of a combined Handicap of only 8. Super well done to them, although Chris Marsden & John Murphy also scored 33 off of a combined 21 H'cap, losing only on the dreaded count-back.

The contest also had a Seniors Individual Competition within it, which was won by Mr. Vic Allen with a huge points tally of 37 with my namesake, Mr. Trevor F. Sargeant coming in 2nd with 33 points.

Seniors had a monthly Stableford planned for Thursday 15th January but it wasn't played as the Course was closed due to very heavy overnight rain and a waterlogged course. We actually witnessed the appearance, once more, of a sizeable lake on the 13th !!! So no other reportable Seniors activity during January ( ignoring for the moment that one Senior had a very unfortunate car fire that wiped out both car and Golf clubs....nobody hurt I'm pleased to say!!) but do watch this space as I'm sure things will change in the upcoming weeks.

Keep those thermals, brollies, and waterproofs to hand, although things weather-wise will get better, soonish, I promise!! Also the Complex extension works are proceeding apace, with the landscaping effectively finished and looking splendid. I cannot wait for the water-feature to reveal itself.

Continue to have a swinging time, see you soon.

TREVOR



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## Ladies News

I would like to thank everyone at the club for the support given me in my first months as captain. My strong committee, has made my role as captain, easier.

We have reorganised the competition signup sheets. They are now in one file in date order. The system seems to be working well, as there has generally been an increase in attendance especially on Saturdays. Monday friendlies have experienced a good turnout in spite of cold, wet, and sometimes misty weather. We've held fun competitions on Mondays. They have included 'A Skins' winner: April Lane and 'A Metoo': winner Trish Joslyn. We've also had a Greensomes with the senior men. Trevor Sargeant did a great job organising it. The starters were the usual stalwarts Ralph Lane and Ray Moore. Elaine Meagher and John Redgwell won this competition.

We have decided to promote the 2015 Golf Season with a dinner at the Cock Inn in Sarratt. This is to encourage as many ladies as possible to enter both our competitions as well as Opens at other clubs. Forms for some of the Opens can be found in the file in the ladies' locker room.

The Australian Spoons Competition Launch Day is 26th January. It is a competition which can be played over several months, and is a great opportunity to pair up with different people. You can enter as many times you like and play with different partners. The pair who returns the best score is eligible for one of six regional finals. The winning pair from each regional final shall qualify for the national final, where they will be overnight guests of England Golf. The final will be played at

Frilford Heath Golf Club on Friday 18th September 2015. I hope that we will have a winning couple from amongst our ladies.

I will end with a quote from the great Arnold Palmer - "Golf is deceptively simple and endlessly complicated; it satisfies the soul and frustrates the intellect, it is at the same time rewarding and maddening – and it is without doubt the greatest game mankind has ever invented."

**Dorcas Kindinger**

## **Junior Section News**

We hope everyone had a fabulous Christmas and New Year, celebrating with friends and family and you are now looking forward to starting the new junior golf season.

We will be running a full Junior Program this year. All competitions and match fixtures are on the Little Hay Golf web site. We have sent out an email with a summary of this year's competitions and fixture for your assistance. This summary while correct at the time may be subject to change so please check the web site, as any changes will be shown on the web site before we send out and email informing you of any change.

Eileen Jarvie will continue to be your first point of contact if you have any queries, and will continue to act as admin assistant to the junior management team. Martin Evans will continue to be the Junior Manager and he will continue to be assisted by other experienced golfers in running the Junior Competitions.

### **Lee's coaching**

Lee will commence coaching this year on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January at the normal time of 5pm. His cost will remain the same at £5.00 per session. This group coaching session is available to all club juniors and is a good opportunity to obtain quality coaching from an experienced coach who has coached junior ladies who are now in England squads and teams.

### **First Competitions of the year Feb half term**

The first two competitions will be Non Qualifying competitions. They will be played off the winter Tees and as such will not, and cannot, affect or change handicaps. They will however qualify for order of merit points and are a good opportunity to ease back into the swing (pardon the pun) before the new golf season starts in earnest.

The first NQ stableford competitions are on Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Feb and Friday 20<sup>st</sup> Feb, first Tee times 11am. They are open to all junior club members. Please sign up for these competitions. The competition entry forms will be in the junior section of the book held at reception. The Little Hay club competition entry fee will remain the same at £1. If you don't have an annual ticket, please remember to pay the special discounted £6.00 Sportspace junior green fee for each round at reception.

*Martin Evans and Eileen Jarvie*

## **and in Conclusion...**

**...the last word is...** "If you watch a game, it's fun. If you play it, it's recreation. If you work at it, it's golf"

Bob Hope

**...and a touch of humour...** When lightning struck: "There was a thunderous crack like cannon-fire and suddenly I was lifted a foot and a half off the ground.....Damn, I thought to myself, this is a helluva penalty for slow play."

LEE TREVINO

## *What's on This Month and Next?*

### Competitions for ALL Club members

Sunday 1 February – Winter League wk 8

Sunday 15 February – Winter League wk 9

Sunday 1 March – Winter League wk 10

**Monday 9 March – A.G.M.**

Saturday 14 March – Captain's drive-in & scramble

### Men

Saturday 7 February – Medal

Saturday 21 February – Alan Irwin Shield

Sunday 8 March – Medal

**Monday 9 March – A.G.M.**

Saturday 21 March – Captain's team v past Captains

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

### Seniors:

Thursday 5 February – Medal

Thursday 12 February – Away Day Mentmore

Thursday 19 February – Stableford

Thursday 5 March – Medal

**Monday 9 March – A.G.M.**

Thursday 19 March – Stableford

Thursday 26 March – Peter Betts Shield scramble

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

### Ladies:

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

Monday 2 March – Medal Q

Wednesday 4 March – Aussie Spoon

Saturday 7 March – BL Ovaltine Cup Q

Monday 9 March – Ovaltine Cup Q and 9 hole Stableford Q

**A.G.M.**

Thursday 12 March – Chesham&Ley Hill Away

Monday 16 March – Spring bouquets 9 hole stableford Q

Tuesday 17 March – Pearson v Aldenham

Saturday 21 March – BL Spring bouquet Q

Monday 23 March – Bland Shield

Saturday 28 March – BL Bland Shield

**Sunday 29 March – clocks forward 1 hour**

Monday 30 March – April Medal

### Juniors:

Monday 16 February – Stableford NQ

Friday 20 February – Stableford NQ

**Monday 9 March – A.G.M.**

Monday 30 March – Stableford NQ

**All match details and social events can be found, in detail, on the club website.**

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