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(The Newsletter with a Punch!)

Newsletter of the Little Hay Golf Club



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A Word from the Club Captain

The snowdrops are in bloom and the daffodils and narcissi are breaking through, spring is nearly here. Hopefully we can banish those jumpers and scarves back to wardrobes, and look forward to another great summer of golf.

The Winter League has only one round to complete, and it's looking very tight at the top, so an exciting finale is expected.

Congratulations must go to Emma Shepherd who shot a **hole in one** on the 14th hole in the monthly Junior competition.

Captain's drive-in is fast approaching, Saturday 14th March, and there are spaces still to fill, you can enter via the competitions book, or directly via the organiser, Wayne Griffin.

Come along and watch the new Captains make some wonderful drives down the 1st.

Followed by a Texas Scramble in which all club members are welcome to participate.

An important date for all members' diaries should be Monday 9th March, at 7.00pm, when we will hold the Club's Annual General Meeting at the Little Hay Complex.

The AGM sees the election of our new Club Captain, and elections for the Club's Management Committee. So I hope as many of our members as possible can attend, and have a say in how their club is run.

The evening will conclude with presentations of awards for 2014, so if you have won a medal, trophy, or cup, during the year, please do try to attend.

My year of office officially ends on the night, and I will hand over office to Chris Miles, who will be formally appointed as our new Club Captain.

It's been an honour and a pleasure being your Captain, and I have enjoyed the experience immensely, and thank everyone at the club for their help, support and advice during my time in office, and hope the members can give Chris that same help, support, and advice, and wish Chris a very successful 2015 at Littlehay Golf Club.

Mickey

Rules of Golf

This happened to one of my chums recently.

He ran out of tees, of the right height, and asked to borrow some from a fellow competitor. A discussion ensued, about whether it was a rules infringement, which wasn't resolved during the friendly round.

In fact there are some items you can borrow without penalty, balls, tees, gloves, or towels, etc. Do not borrow a club or you will be penalised.

(Decision 5-1/5)

Comments? or any subjects for rules queries to the editor on SMS or Email. Thanks

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Men's Section News

Men's Results for February as follows

Medal

Alan Irwin Shield

Division 1		Division 2		1 st Nigel Hopkinson	42 Points
1 st Tony Alford	nett 69 C/B	1 st Phil Joslin	nett 65	2 nd Patrick Ashton	40 Points
2 nd Patrick Ashton	nett 69	2 nd Steve Vass	nett 68	3 rd Mick Whelan	40 Points
3 rd Ashley Wade	nett 71	3 rd James Wallace	nett 71		

Fixtures in March as follows

Sunday 5th March monthly medal

Organiser John Leahy



How's your game at the moment?

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Senior Moments

A word from the Seniors' Captain

I am pleased to report that there was marginally more Golfing activity during February, than there was in January, although not a lot. The Medal supposed to be played on Thursday 5th, was called off because the course was CLOSED due to heavy snow that very morning!

Seniors, 25 of us, did have a super day out at Mentmore on Thursday 12th, superbly organised by Peter Balding, who further organised DRY weather (remember that!?). Incidentally the winner at Mentmore was Frank Klimaszewski, 40 points, a superb round, with Tony Alford 33 on count-back as runner-up, and Quinto Rafique 33 also, 3rd.

We had prizes also for Longest Drive, Mr. John Redgwell, and Nearest the Pin, Quinto again. A smashing day and a good lunch afterwards.

Peter effected such a great administrative feat at Mentmore that there was a small cash remnant, which has been donated to my Charity of the Year, The Rennie Grove Hospice Care. Many grateful thanks to PETER and ALL attendees.

Then on Thursday 19th we did manage to play a Stableford, the winner of which will remain nameless, but the Runner-Up was John Redgwell, 39 points, and Pat McInerney, 38 points on count-back. Well done to all.

The Complex extension work now proceeds apace, and we can't wait to see everything completed. Let's hope from now on in we can look forward to clement weather and start enjoying our golf even more.

LASTLY, DO REMEMBER, that there is The Captain's Drive-In and Texas Scramble on SATURDAY 14th MARCH. We badly need a few more SENIORS to sign up to play in this. There is a sheet in the "Mens" section of the Competition book. This is an ALL SECTIONS event and supports the Clubs new captain, Mr. Chris Miles, and is great for section integration purposes.

Before the Match we shall have a SWEEP on the Aggregate distance that the four section Captains drive the ball from the 1st. This is a Team Event, with Teams of four, comprising Adult Man, Senior, Lady, and Junior, as far as possible. I know this is a Saturday Game, but do sign up and support your club and new club Captain. Thanks.

Please do continue to have a swinging time.

AND MOST IMPORTANTLY on 31st MARCH The PETER BETTS MEMORIAL CHARITY SHIELD....sheet in the Competition Book. This is a super Fun Day just as Peter would like it.

Trevor

Ladies News

In spite of wet, cold, sometimes icy and mostly muddy conditions, the ladies have continued to play golf in impressive numbers!

Our first Wednesday “roll up” did not get off to a good start as the course was closed due to a light dusting of snow. However, the second and the subsequent Wednesdays saw five to seven ladies turning up for a game of friendly golf. I do hope that as the weather improves, more ladies will turn up on Wednesday mornings.

Twenty two ladies attended a successful and enjoyable dinner at The Cock Inn in Sarratt on Tuesday, 24th. The event was to launch the start of the golfing season.

We have had one serious competition this month and a few fun competitions: “The Three Ball Alliance” on the 2nd was won by Bobbie Barnes, Jane Whigham, and Yvonne Miles, and “The Pink Ball Competition” where each player with the Pink Ball doubled her stableford points was won by Jackie Joslyn. On the 16th “The Dacorum Trophy” was also won by Jacky Joslyn, who is clearly playing super golf. On the 23rd the “Disaster - (a.k.a.TROUBLE) Competition” was sadly not played due to closure of the course.

The Mary Forster ‘A’ team Clare Stammeijer; Chris Marsden; Dorcas Kindinger, played their second match at Belfairs on Saturday 21st in extremely muddy conditions. The team played against Belfairs and Trent Bridge with Little Hay coming second by one Stableford point. The ‘A’ team are currently lying second in their division. Little Hay ‘B’ are playing their second match in early March.

I shall be away from the middle of March until the end of April. I am sorry I won’t be here when the golfing season kicks off, but I know I have nothing to worry about as the ladies section will be in the capable hands of Gill Howells and the committee. In today’s modern world one is easily contactable via email. I wish you all the very best as you play your first medal competition in March and other qualifying matches.

Happy golfing!

Dorcas Kindinger

Junior Section News

It may seem like winter but the Junior Program has kicked off with a bang. Congratulations to both Robbie McIvor who has been appointed this year’s Junior Club Captain and Craig Walker as the Junior Vice-Captain. I’m sure both will lead the junior section to another successful season. We had our first competitions of the year and had a good turnout with 10 juniors playing on Monday and 13 on Friday. These were non qualifying competitions played off the winter mats. Of particular note was Emma Shepherds hole in one on the 14th and Will Butler’s 10 under HCP both in the Friday competition when the weather was fine. (See below for full report)

Please note that the Little hay golf sub and SportSpace Green fees need to be paid by the 1st of April. I will email a membership form to be completed and returned to David Garbutt, and a copy of this year’s SportsSpace green fees for your information. We would like to thank SportSpace for agreeing to continue supporting our junior section.

On the 14th March Robbie McIvor needs your support to cheer him on as he drives off with all the Club Captains in the Captains drive in competition. This is a Texas Scramble where one member from each section of the club plays as a Team. It is open to all sections of the club and all juniors are encouraged to play in this competition. If you haven't signed up, the sign-up sheet is in the book at reception.

Competition results

1) Monday 16th Stableford NQ

Monday's competition was reduced to nine holes due to torrential rain and strong windy conditions. Hayden Bunce won 18pts, Craig Walker 18pts c/b 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th places went to Ben Copper, Hamish Jarvie, and Luke Wrathall, all on 17pts. As the competition was reduced to 9 holes it was decided that this competition would count for half order of merit points.

2) Friday 20th Stableford NQ

What a change from Monday no rain, very little wind and but cloudy conditions perfect for playing golf. This was reflected in the scores with 7 players scoring par or better and Emma getting a hole in one. Congratulations to Will Butler who scored an unbelievable 46pts to win the competition, Craig Walker 2nd with 42pts, and Luke Wrathall 3rd 41pts, and the final order of merit points going to Robbie McIvor 40pts, and Hamish Jarvie 37pts.

Coming Competitions and League fixtures

Our next junior competitions will be held in The Easter Holidays. The sign-up sheets will be in the book shortly. Robbie will be contacting players about availability to play in the Lexus League match.

Order Of Merit Table as at 20th Feb

1st	Butler	William	451
2nd	Walker	Craig	403
3rd	Wrathall	Luke	203

Martin Evans and Eileen Jarvie

Topical Tip: Spread Vaseline on your golf shoe studs when replacing them, or like me, take them out after a day slopping around in the mud.

Fixture lists: Do you use the lists in *The Haymaker*? If not, can I discontinue duplicating them, as they appear in detail on the club website? Text me or email if you have an opinion.

and in Conclusion...

...the last word is... "Golf is ninety percent inspiration and ten percent perspiration."

...and a touch of humour... What do you do when your opponent claims to have found his ball in the rough, and you know he's a liar, because his ball is in your pocket?

Editor

What's on This Month and Next?

Competitions for ALL Club members

Sunday 1 March – Winter League wk 10

Monday 9 March – A.G.M.

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

Men

Sunday 8 March – Medal

Monday 9 March – A.G.M.

Saturday 21 March – Captain's team v past Captains

Saturday 4 April – Medal and Gold Cup

Sunday 12 April – Bryn Aldridge Charity Shield

Sunday 19 April – B team away to Ruislip TBC

Saturday 25 April – A team at home to Rickmansworth

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

Seniors:

Thursday 5 March – Medal

Monday 9 March – A.G.M.

Thursday 19 March – Stableford

Thursday 26 March – Peter Betts Shield scramble

Thursday 2 April – Medal

Tuesday 7 April – Away to Rickmansworth

Thursday 16 April – Stableford

Thursday 23 April – Home to Shendish

Tuesday 28 April – Home to Batchwood

Thursday 30 April – 3 club John McDonough Cup

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

Ladies:

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

Wednesday 1 April – Home to Ivinghoe

Saturday 4 April – Medal (Q) & 9 hole friendly Stableford

Monday 13 April – Charity Cup £3 entry

Wednesday 15 April – Away to Rickmansworth

Saturday 18 April – BL Charity Cup £3 entry

Monday 20 April – Irons Rosebowl no hybrids Stableford

Monday 25 April – BL Irons Rosebowl no hybrids Stableford

Monday 27 April – May Medal and NAPGC (Q) £2

Thursday 30 April – Away to Harpenden Common

Juniors:

Monday 9 March – A.G.M.

Monday 30 March – Stableford NQ

Wednesday 1 April – Medal

Monday 6 April – Stableford

Wednesday 8 April – Medal

Saturday 11 April – Letchworth away Lexus league

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

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