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Newsletter of the Little Hay Golf Club

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A Word from the Club Captain

Firstly I would like to welcome Wayne Griffin who has taken up the role of Vice Captain for the current Year. I am sure he will find the role a fulfilling one.

I would also like to take the opportunity to give a warm welcome to all the new members to Little Hay Golf Club, I hope you find your time at Little Hay enjoyable, and make many new friends. I did manage to meet a few at the open day and hope to meet the others over the course of my captaincy.

The season has started well with the lovely spring weather a real bonus. Club matches are in full swing and the draws being made for the knockout competitions. If you have entered any of these, please see the notice boards for further details or contact the Competitions and Handicap secretary Tony Alford. Can everyone please ensure you leave plenty of time to play each round and that each round is played by the given date. Going past the date is not acceptable. Good luck to everyone, and enjoy!

Congratulations to the Women's section who have now secured both Herts County Ladies Spring Meeting Trophy to go with the Autumn Cup, won back in September 2014.

CAPTAINS CHARITY DAY – JUNE 27TH 2015

I am expecting this to be a great day of golf alongside raising money for the Captains chosen charities. There will be a variety of ways to win prizes and get fully involved. Please contact Wayne Griffin for further details.

Chris Miles

2015 Midsummer Evening League

This competition is designed to provide competitive golf, without giving up the greater part of a day, primarily for those members in fulltime employment or study, or with weekend family commitments.

The format is a series of 6 individual Stableford 9 hole competitions to be held on Wednesday evenings during mid May to mid July. Each player's best 4 scores will be aggregated to determine a league winner

The competition is open to all members with active handicaps, **including Juniors, Seniors and Ladies** – Ladies playing off red tees and others off white tees.

Starting tee times are up to 6.30pm, with preference for later tee times given to those with work or study commitments.

The six competition dates are:

13th & 27th May, 10th & 24th June, 8th & 22nd July.

The entry sheet for the first three rounds on May 13th and 27th and June 10th are now in the yellow tabbed section near the front of the Competition book at Reception.

If you do have work or study commitments, please indicate next to your name the earliest time that you could manage to play.

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Rules of Golf

As usual with this item, it is suggested by friends or happens when I am playing. This happened recently when playing the Tuesday Roll-up Stableford (strokeplay), When a good friend teed up outside the markers on the 8th. The markers were set up diagonally facing the green, and he teed up parallel just behind the right hand marker, good job we were waiting for the green to clear, and somebody noticed.

Rule 11 The Teeing Ground

If you accidentally or mistakenly play from outside the teeing ground, there are a couple of things you should try to remember.

1. In matchplay there is no penalty, but your opponent(s) may ask you to take the shot again, it doesn't bear thinking about, can you imagine them not asking?
2. In strokeplay there is a penalty of two shots and you must then retake the shot from within the teeing ground, making it three off the tee.

If you play off a back tee in error, even though the hole is longer, you are still in breach of the rules, and the conditions are the same as above.

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Men's Section News

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Senior Moments

A Word from the Seniors' Captain

Again over the last month the weather has been spectacular and not at all 'Aprily' in real terms. Even the greens are starting to improve, albeit more slowly than we, or even George, may wish!

This last month has seen the Seniors play the Peter Betts Memorial Charity Shield and Texas Scramble. This is an important event in the Senior's calendar, in that it gives all of us a chance to fondly remember Peter in a practical way linked with a super way to raise Charitable funds.

Happily also, Peter's daughter Janet and son Phil were able to attend the Event and present The Shield to the deserved Winners who were a four man team of Mick Whelan, Ray Moore, Ralph Lane, and Peter Abbiss. There couldn't be more fitting Victors, who conquered the field with a score of 64 nett (on count-back) off a combined Handicap of 10.

Mick Whelan also achieved the longest drive (on the 9th) with John Poston getting the nearest the pin prize (on the 14th).

The Golf was followed by a super Charity lunch, Raffle and Auction. At the lunch I invited Doreen Beattie, an Ambassador of The Rennie Grove Hospice Care Charity (my "Charity of The Year"), to join us and who gave us an inspiring talk and insight into the good works effected by 'Rennie', an organisation who gave care and support to Peter Betts, and his family in his final weeks, last year. A truly SUPER day, well enjoyed by all, with tasty fare, and slick efficient catering by Chrissie Stocking and her Staff at the Complex.

Overall the day raised a magnificent £560 for the Charity, including £113 raised by Geoff Selley through sponsorship, for his 'sporting' shorts through ALL the Seniors Winter Competitions!!!!

Those legs will never ever be the same again, I'm not sure they were ever the same!!! Also I'd like to mention Phil Joslin, the Club's Press/Publicity Officer who got the local press to run a large write up about this Little Hay Charity Event, with the Winners and Phil and Janet Betts photo figuring large. A copy is on the Seniors Notice Board. A BIG THANK YOU also, from me particularly, to John Poston and Ron Johnson, great friends of Peter, who were the main movers and organisers of the event.

March 26th marked the Seniors very 1st Inter-Club Match away at Redbourn Friars. It is with regret that I have to report that Seniors ended in "silver medal position". Never mind!

Then on the 7th April, Seniors played another away Match at/against Rickmansworth and again contrived to trail in to the Home side!

Exhausted from these away games Seniors then met Shendish Manor at Little Hay and again came up short ! It pains me as Captain to report theseerrrh.....shortcomings, but I'm certain a turn-around will happen soon.

The 3-club Competition, The John McDonough Cup, will appear in the June Haymaker.....

WATCH this space, in the next edition!

Please do continue to have a Ball.....as you can't play without!

AND REMEMBER Seniors that upcoming in May is:-

8th May.....AWAY Inter-Club Match at/against Hazlemere

12th May.....HOME Inter-Club Match against Whitewebbs Park

20th May.....HOME Inter-Club Match against Redbourn Friars (chance for revenge???)

April Medal Division 1 1 st Martin Evans net 67 off 19 handicap 2 nd John Redgwell 71 12 3 rd Phil Joslin 71 16	Division 2 1 st Syl Nolan net 73 off 25 2 nd Vic Allen 74 23 3 rd Trevor Sergeant 75 27
April Stableford Division 1 1 st Tony Hodson 39 pts off 21 handicap 2 nd Brian Howard 38 15 3 rd Martin Evans 37 18	Division 2 1 st Mike Mason 38 pts off 28 2 nd Pat McInerney 35 24 3 rd Kim Walker 34 28

Division 2 Stableford was actually won by David Dalton, 41 pts off 24, but he couldn't win because he isn't a Senior. So our esteemed Club Hon Secretary, Mike Mason, took the prize.

Late Extra

Little Hay Seniors beat Batchwood Seniors 5 – 1 !!! Our first team win this year. Well done the boys.

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Esleycartoons Bill Stott

Ladies News

Whilst I was away for six weeks I played golf on the beautiful Hermanus Golf course in South Africa. I saw this poem 'I really am a golfer' on a notice board so I thought I'd share it with you.....

I really am a golfer and let me tell you why

It's only when I swing a club I really feel alive

I really am a golfer when I take my driver out

I swing my club and hit the ball as hard as I have might.

I really am a golfer when my ball is in the rough

I swing my metal five real hard to find the grass is tuff

I really am a golfer my ball goes fifty feet.

It's out the rough and in the sand and buried very deep.

I really am a golfer when I take my sand wedge out

I open up the face of it and swing it with a clout

I really am a golfer my ball is on the green

I swing the putter in an arc with boggy to be seen.

I really am a Golfer when my putt goes ten foot past

I'm looking at a double but the green is just too fast

I really am a golfer the ball's beside the cup

I make it in the centre and my friends they call it luck.

I believe good weather from the beginning of April saw in the start of the Ladies' Qualifying Competitions. The results, as usual, were of a high standard and all participants are to be congratulated, not only the winners.

Results are as follows:

March

Mon 23rd – Bland Shield won by Linda Reeve

Mon 30th – April Medal won by Linda Reeve

Sat 28th – Business Ladies Medal won by Clare Stammeijer

April

Mon 13th – Charity Cup won by Caroline Banks

Daily Mail 2nd round match – Pauline Manning and Chris Marsden beat ladies from Chartridge Park 3-2

White Webbs 1st round – Little Hay ladies beat Huntswood

Mary Forster B team – Final group match held at Hoe Bridge could not field a team

Friendly Matches

March 12th v Chesham & Ley Hill away - Lost 1.5 – 2.5

April 1st v Ivinghoe at home – Won 4-0

We are extremely proud of the Little Hay ladies who have now secured the Herts County Ladies Spring Meeting Trophy to go with the Autumn Cup won in September 2014. Eighty four ladies, from twenty three Hertfordshire clubs, competed in the 2015 H.C.L.G.A. Spring Meeting at Batchworth Park, on Monday 13 April in excellent golfing weather and playing in teams of three. The winners (shown left to right on the photo, between County Captain Lorna Hall, and County President Lesley Hewitt, were Elaine Meagher, Christine Marsden and Linda Reeve beat twenty seven other teams and scored a splendid 87 points. Manor of Groves were runners up with 84 points and in 3rd place were Hadley Wood with 80 points.



A great achievement and well done!!
Happy golfing!!

Dorcas

Junior News

General

The Easter Bunny brought beautiful spring weather to Little Hay over the Easter Holidays. It was disappointing that we had to cancel our first Lexus League match and the first two competitions scheduled for the 30th of March and the 1st of April. We did however manage to play one stableford and one medal competition in the holidays. Congratulation to Craig Walker for winning the

Stableford competition and George Rocca for winning the April Medal and having the lowest gross score.

We would like to congratulate Jake Conroy who won the award for the young volunteer of the year at the Inspirational England Golf Awards on the 16th of April. Jake Conroy was a junior at Little Hay for many years and has just moved into the Men's section of the club this year. A number of you will have played with Jake. Jake continues to show an interest in the juniors and is assisting Martin Evans with the juniors this year. A full report can be accessed on the club website.

The Midsummer League

This competition is open to all sectional of the club. Juniors with Handicaps are encouraged to enter. The Mid-Summer Evening League format consists of a series of six individual, Stableford 9-hole competitions, to be played on Wednesday evenings. The dates are 13th & 27th May, 10th & 24th June and 8th & 22rd July. Each player's best four scores will be aggregated to determine a league winner. The entry sheet for the first and second rounds on May 13th and 27th are now in the "Winter League" section at the front of the Competition book at Reception

Junior Competition results

Monday 6th April Stableford

1 st	Craig Walker	39 Pt	off 13 HCP
2 nd	Hamish Jarvie	32 Pt	off 12 HCP
3 rd	Luke Wrathall	32 pt	off 10 HCP

Wednesday 8th April Medal

1 st	George Rocca	66 Net	Gross 78
2 nd	Will Howe	69 Net	Gross 84
3 rd	Craig Walker	71 Net	Gross 84

Next Junior Competitions and League fixtures

Our next junior competitions will be held in The May Holidays. The sign-up sheets are now in the book at reception. Robbie McIvor will be contacting players about availability to play in the Lexus League matches

17 th May	Sun	11.30am	Lexus League Away v Redbourn
25 th May	Mon	11am	Stableford Junior competition
27 th May	Wed	11am	Medal Junior competition
30 th May	Sat	1 pm	Lexus League Home v Enfield

Order Of Merit Table as at 8th April

Craig Walker our current order of merit table leader has been consistent finishing either first, second or third in every competitions we have run this year. If you would like to know where you are on the order of merit tale, the full order of Merit table is on the notice board

1st	Walker	Craig	818
2nd	Butler	William	493
3rd	Rocca	George	405

Martin Evans and Eileen Jarvie

and in Conclusion.....

...the last word is... In light of the recent Masters “Augusta is the closest thing to heaven for a golfer – and it’s just about as hard to get into”

...and a touch of humour... “Golf is a fascinating game. It has taken me nearly forty years to discover that I can’t play it”.

Ted Ray

What's on This Month and Next?

Men

MAY

Saturday 2 – Medal & Champion of England Q

0732 – 0812 & 0840 onward

Saturday 9 – Panshanger A team – Home

Sunday 10 – Secretary's Cup & UK PCC Qualifier

Saturday 16 – Stevenage A team – Away

JUNE

Sunday 7 - Medal Steve Seaford Memorial Q

Friday 12 – Challenge Cup – Men v Seniors

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

Seniors:

MAY

Thursday 7 – Medal

Friday 8 – Hazlemere – Away

Tuesday 12 – Whitewebbs – Home

Wednesday 20 – Redbourn – Home

Thursday 21 - Stableford

JUNE

Wednesday 3 – 0900 Wycombe Heights – Away

Monday 8 – 0828 Cruikshank Salver – v Ladies

Tuesday 9 – 0828 Bushey G&CC – Home

Thursday 11 – 0828 Medal - Home

Friday 12 – Challenge Cup – Seniors v Men – Home

Tuesday 16 – 0830 Cheshunt – Away

Thursday 18 – 0828 John Bidgeway Cup – Home

Wednesday 24 – 0828 Stockwood Park – Home

Thursday 25 – 0828 Stableford – Home

Ladies:

MAY

Friday 1 – Pearson v Redbourn – Home

Saturday 2 – BL Medal & NAPGC Q £2 – Home

Saturday 9 – BL Burhill UK Stableford £2 – Home

Monday 11 – Burhill UK Stableford £2 – Home

Saturday 16 – BL Coronation Fours/Aussie spoons £3 pair

Saturday 23 – BL Friendly Stableford

Saturday 30 – BL June Medal & Granny Cup

JUNE

Monday 1 – 0836 Medal & Granny Cup – Home

Saturday 6 – 0836 BL Friendly v Monday Ladies – Home

Monday 8 – 0828 Cruikshank Salver v Seniors - Home

Tuesday 9 – 1000 Chartridge Park – Home

Saturday 13 – 0804 BL Club Championship (Gross)

& ThipThorpe Trophy (Net) Q – Home

Sunday 14 – 0804 BL Club Championship (Gross) – Home

Monday 15 - 0836 Summer Cup – Home

Sunday 21 – 1300 Batchwood (Friendly) Mixed – Home

Monday 22 – 0836 Solheim Cup – Home

Tuesday 23 – 1000 Bushey – Home

Monday 29 – 0836 July Medal & 9 hole

Friendly Stableford - Home

Juniors:

MAY

Monday 4 May – Bank Holiday

Sunday 17 May – Redbourn *Lexus League* Away

Monday 25 May – Stableford

Wednesday 27 May – Medal

Friday 29 May – Enfield *Lexus League* Home

ALL SECTIONS Club Competitions:

MAY

Wednesday 13 – 1800 Club Evening League

Wednesday 27 – 1800 Club Evening League

JUNE

Wednesday 10 – 1800 Club Evening League

Wednesday 24 – 1800 Club Evening League

Saturday 27 – 0700 Captain's Charity Day

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

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