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# *The Haymaker*

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## **A Word from the Club Captain**

I would like to say a massive thank you, to everyone who took part in the 'Captain's Charity Day' competition.

I hope everyone who did participate, really enjoyed what was a great day's golf. The sun shone for us too, which certainly helped.

I would like to say huge thank you to our sponsors, especially Northridge Cars, who were the main sponsor on the day. A special thank you goes out to Wayne Griffin, for all his hard work both before and during the event. Also I'd like to thank all those who helped out on the day to make the event such a big success.

Through everyone's generosity we were able to raise over £2600 which will go towards the various sections Captain's charities.

Congratulations to all of the winners:

George Rocca – from the white tees  
Dorcas Kindinger - from the red tees  
Nick Hunt who had best 'Guest' score  
Chris Miles – from the blue tees

I now look forward to my Captain's day on Saturday July 18<sup>th</sup>. Again I hope as many as possible are able to take part; there will be various competitions and prizes on the day. Entry sheet is in the competitions book or you can contact Wayne directly for more details.

**Chris**

## Rules of Golf

The subjects I choose for the rules items come from my own, and my friends and fellow seniors, general play, in roll-ups and monthly competitions. This month it's about free relief from dustbins and direction posts etc., around our course.

### Rules 24-2 and 25-1 Immovable obstructions and Abnormal Ground Conditions

An immovable obstruction is an artificial object on the course that cannot be moved (e.g. a building) or cannot be readily be moved (e.g. a firmly embedded direction post). Objects defining out-of-bounds are not treated as obstructions.

An abnormal ground condition is casual water, ground under repair or a hole, cast or runway made by a burrowing animal, a reptile or a bird.

Except when the ball is in a water hazard, relief without penalty is available from immovable obstructions and abnormal ground conditions when the condition physically interferes with the lie of the ball, your stance or your swing.

You may lift the ball and drop it **within one club-length of the nearest point of relief**, but not nearer the hole than the nearest point of relief. If the ball is on the putting green, it is **placed** at the nearest point of relief, which may be off the putting green.

There is not relief for intervention on your line of play unless both your ball and the condition are on the putting green.

As an additional option when the ball is in a bunker, you may take relief from the condition by dropping the ball outside and behind the bunker under penalty of one stroke.

For further information have a look at the definition of 'nearest point of relief'

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## Men's Section News

<b>June Medal</b>		
1.	<b>Wayne Griffin</b>	<b>82 off 14 = 68</b>
2.	<b>John Leahy</b>	<b>82 off 13 = 69</b>
3.	<b>Mathew Armstrong</b>	<b>75 off 6 = 69</b>
<b>Charity Day Whites</b>		
1.	<b>George Rocca</b>	<b>42 pts</b>
2.	<b>Hayden Bunce</b>	<b>38 pts</b>
3.	<b>Luke Wrathall</b>	<b>36 pts</b>
<b>Charity Day Blues</b>		
1.	<b>Chris Miles</b>	<b>40 pts</b>
2.	<b>Karl Burn</b>	<b>38 pts</b>
3.	<b>Wayne Griffin</b>	<b>36 pts</b>

## Senior Moments

### A Word from the Seniors' Captain

I start this month's article with a Huge, Gigantic, Whopping great bit MOAN, about Slow play!! Yes, Slow Play. I know it has been mentioned variously in the past, but we must all keep this topic very firmly, in mind. At the last Stableford on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June, some Seniors were taking well over five hours for the round!! Over five hours!! Frankly that is totally unacceptable!! Some Seniors got so 'fed up' they walked off the course, without completing their rounds, in annoyance, irritation, frustration, and it must be said, disgust!! More than one or two actually.

We should all be ashamed that this has occurred. A four-ball should be able to get round the course in, say, 4 hours 30 minutes Maximum, especially when playing Stableford where you should pick up your ball if unable to score! Slow play also affects the Complex where George and co. receive claims for refunds from players caught behind our matches.

I know very well that slow play is an effect that 'knocks on', and back, from group to group, a cumulative effect, but we must all of us guard against such a thing. There are tips to counter slow play on the Club's website, and recently Arthur Smith put a concise and useful practical guide on the Seniors Notice board.

We shall see how things transpire, and to help us all, the weather has picked up superbly well, the course is now in superb condition, so no excuses for Slow Play. The weather, and George Reid, and his super staff, have done their bit, so now over to us to do everything more speedily Please!!

Overall June was a busy month, as all would have seen from the list of matches. We Seniors had mixed fortunes in June, though with a WIN against Stockwood Park at Home, and a DRAW with Wycombe Heights, balanced by defeats to Bushey and Cheshunt Away. Nine various matches in less than 30 days is hectic with a vengeance! Thanks to all who took part in every Match/Competition, and who have signed up for those upcoming.

Everybody's participation is really much appreciated by me. Thank You.

We have a pretty hectic programme for July, please see details at the end of Haymaker, and we need more names for the Jefferson/Lane on the 20<sup>th</sup>, the Ladies already have a large list to play.

Do sign up for the inter-club Matches, you will find them super enjoyable.

Swing On, avoiding SLOW PLAY please!!!!

**TREVOR**

<p><b>Senior Medal Division 1</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Jim Littlechild</b> 86 off 16 = 70</li> <li>2. <b>Michael Knight</b> 88 off 16 = 72</li> <li>3. <b>John Redgewell</b> 84 off 12 = 72</li> </ol>	<p><b>Senior Medal Division 2</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Vic Allen</b> 91 off 23 = 68</li> <li>2. <b>John Murphy</b> 95 off 25 = 70</li> <li>3. <b>Trevor F Sargeant</b> 97 off 27 = 70</li> </ol>
<p><b>Senior Stableford Division 1</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>John Ridgewell</b> 38 pts</li> <li>2. <b>Vic Allen</b> 37 pts</li> <li>3. <b>Martin Evans</b> 37 pts</li> </ol> <p>The second and third were on countback. In fact there were five on 37 points</p>	<p><b>Senior Stableford Division 2</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>John Murphy</b> 41 pts</li> <li>2. <b>Sylvester Nolan</b> 40 pts</li> <li>3. <b>Geoffrey Selley</b> 38 pts</li> </ol>



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### Ladies News

After all the months it has taken to realise the project, it is a real pleasure to be able to enjoy the extension to the clubhouse. It looks good from outside and is spacious and comfortable inside. The pathway up to the clubhouse is welcoming and is lined with plants which are now established and growing well. With the warmer days and long evenings we are now able to sit outside on the patio and enjoy the lovely views of the 18th hole.

The extended clubhouse was the perfect setting for the start of the Captain's Charity Day on Saturday, 27th June which was brilliantly organised by Wayne Griffin. The first people to welcome the golfers, in the new extension, were Ralf Lane and Ray Moore. Then later (in the new sunny extension) all the golfers gathered for the presentation. Impressive prizes, such as golf bags, were given to the best junior, lady and gentleman. Wayne had also worked hard on securing a fine

selection of raffle prizes. Someone was lucky enough to win an electric golf trolley and another a set of clubs. It was a super day's golf and my congratulations goes to Wayne for organizing such a successful event.

It's been a busy month in the Ladies Section during June. July is looking much the same. However, there is always room for more entries in our competitions. It would be great if our competitions were fully subscribed.

Competition Results:

We started with our Granny Cup and the June Medal running concurrently. The winner of the Granny Cup was Chris Marsden and the Saturday Medal was won by Clare Stammeijer with Pauline Manning winning the Monday Medal.

Over the weekend of the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> June we held the Ladies Club Championships. On Saturday we played in grim, wet conditions but on Sunday the weather was kind to us and so lifted the golfing spirit and enthusiasm. It is the first time that we have played this competition over two days and it proved to be very successful and enjoyable. Congratulations must go to Elaine Meagher who is our 2015 Club Champion! Linda Reeve came second and Pauline Manning came third. The Thipthorpe Trophy (the nett competition) was won by Linda Reeve with Linda Cusick second and Elaine Meagher third. My thanks go to all the ladies who made this weekend's event special. The extra effort with the scoreboard and food (thanks Carol) made all the difference.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> June we played the Solheim Cup. The teams comprised of the USA ladies in red and Team Europe were the ladies in blue. Team USA won 4-1.

A most enjoyable friendly golf match was played against Bushey at home on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June. No matter how hard we tried Bushey were the better team and won 3-1.

Where is the time going? I can't believe that our Captain's Away Day at Aldenham is nearly upon us where I look forward to good golf, good food and good fun.

Happy golfing

Dorcas

## Junior News

### General

This month has been a slow month for junior news with only one Lexus league match and no competition played. We would like to thank all the parents who have returned their supplementary information sheets.

Of special note this month. Several Juniors played in the Captains' Charity Day on June 27th and helped raise a record sum for our Captains' charities. Juniors took the first three places playing off the white tees: First George Rocca 42pts, Second Hayden Bunce 37pts, Third Luke Wrathall 36pts. Also Emma Shepherd shot a level par (73 gross) at Little Hay on 20th June. (this was not in a competition - Emma was playing for a reduction of her handicap, now 6.6).

### Lexus League Match Result v Redbourn Away: Lost 13pt to 3pt

Little Hay Juniors played away to Redbourn in the Lexus Junior League on 21st June. Redbourn, runners up in the League last year, fielded their strongest team - all having handicaps 10 or less. They won three of the matches but our captain, Robbie McIvor, partnered by Will Howe fought hard for a well deserved win in their match. Overall Redbourn earned 13 League points to Little Hay's 3.

### Next Junior Competitions and League fixtures

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

### Captains Day Club Competition 18<sup>th</sup> July

We would like to encourage as many juniors as possible to sign up for the club Captains Day club competition. This is a fun day where you play with members from other sections of the club ie Seniors, Mens and Ladies.

	Day	Date	1st tee time			
Lexus league	Sun	12th Jul	1pm	Match	Enfield	Away
Captains Day	Sat	18th Jul	7am	Club Comp		
Stableford	Wed	22nd Jul	11am	Junior Only		
Lexus league	Fri	24th Jul	11am	Match	Ashridge	Home
Medal	Wed	29th Jul	11am	Junior Only		
Lexus league	Fri	31st Jul	1.30pm	Match	Ashridge	Away
Stableford	Wed	5th Aug	11am	Junior Only		
Mens Championship	Sat	8th Aug	9am	Club Comp		
Mens Championship	Sun	9th Aug	9am	Club Comp		
Medal	Wed	12th Aug	11am	Junior Only		
Junior club Championship	Tue	18th Aug	11am	Junior Only		
Junior club Championship	Wed	19th Aug	11am	Junior Only		
Lexus league	Fri	21st Aug	11am	Match	Redbourn	Home
Lexus league	Sat	22nd Aug		Match	Letchworth	Away
Lexus league	Fri	28th Aug	11am	Match	Letchworth	Home

Martin Evans and Eileen Jarvie

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

**...the last word is...**

**Addressing a golf ball would seem to be a simple matter; that is, to the uninitiated who cannot appreciate that a golf ball can hold more terrors than a spacious auditorium packed with people.**

Bobby Jones

**...and a touch of humour...**

**Golf is a game where guts, stick-to-it-ness, and blind devotion will get you nothing but an ulcer.**

Tommy Bolt

## What's on This Month and Next?

### Men

#### JULY

Sunday 5 – 0804 Medal – Home  
Saturday 11 – 0828 Ron Gingell – Home  
Saturday 25 – 0930 “A” team v Batchwood - Home

#### AUGUST

Saturday 1 – 0732 Medal – Home  
Saturday 8 – 0900 Club Championship Medal & Tony Hodson Trophy Nett – Home  
Sunday 9 – 0900 Club Championship Medal & Tony Hodson Trophy Nett – Home  
Saturday 15 – 0930 A team v Rickmansworth – Away  
Saturday 22 – 0930 A team v Stevenage – Home  
Saturday 29 – 1000 B team v Downshire Away

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

### Seniors:

#### JULY

Wednesday 1 – 0900 Shendish – Away  
Monday 6 v Bushey G&CC - Away  
Thursday 9 – 0828 Medal – Home  
Thursday 16 – 0828 Rickmansworth – Home  
Monday 20 Jefferson/Lane Mixed pairs match  
Wednesday 22 – 0828 Wycombe Heights – Home  
Thursday 23 – 0828 Stableford – Home  
Thursday 30 – 0830 Whitewebbs – Away

#### AUGUST

Monday 3 – 0830 v Batchwood – Away  
Thursday 6 – 0828 Medal – Home  
Tuesday 18 – 0828 v Cheshunt – Home  
Thursday 20 – 0828 Stableford – Home  
Thursday 27 – 0900 Summertime Stableford w/Ladies - Home

### Ladies:

#### JULY

Saturday 4 – 0804 BL Medal Q – Home  
Monday 6 – TBC Captain's Away-day – Away  
Saturday 11 – 0804 BL Ping Tournament Pairs – Home  
Monday 13 – 0836 Ping Tournament Pairs – Home  
Tuesday 21 – 1000 Redbourn - Away  
Saturday 25 – 0804 BL Basildon Bond Rosebowl Q  
Monday 27 – 0836 Basildon Bond Rosebowl Q – Home

#### AUGUST

Saturday 1 - 0900 BL Medal (Q) & Putting Competition – Home  
Monday 3 – 0836 Medal (Q) & Putting competition – Home  
Thursday 6 – 1000 v Redbourn Doves – Away  
Saturday 8 – 0804 BL Fressingwood Cup (Q) – Home  
Monday 10 – 0836 Fressingwood Cup (Q) – Home  
Saturday 15 – 0804 BL Friendly Stableford – Home  
Monday 17 – 0836 Invitation Day – Home  
Tuesday 18 – 1000 v Aldenham – Home  
Saturday 22 – 0836 BL Breakthrough Medal – Home  
Monday 24 – 0836 Breakthrough Medal – Home  
Thursday 27 – 0900 Summertime Stableford w/Seniors – Home  
Saturday 29 – 0804 BL Friendly Stableford – Home

### Juniors:

#### JULY

Sunday 12 – 1300 Enfield *Lexus League* – Away  
Wednesday 22 – 1100 Stableford – Home  
Friday 24 – 1100 Ashridge *Lexus League* – Home  
Wednesday 29 – 1100 Medal – Home  
Friday 31 – 1330 Ashridge *Lexus League* – Away

#### AUGUST

Wednesday 5 – 1100 Stableford – Home  
Wednesday 12 – 1100 Medal – Home  
Tuesday 18 – Junior Club Championship – Home  
Wednesday 19 – 1100 Junior Club Championship – Home  
Friday 21 – 1100 v Redbourn *Lexus League* – Home  
Saturday 22 – v Letchworth *Lexus League* - Away  
Friday 28 – 1100 v Letchworth *Lexus League* - Home

### ALL SECTIONS Club Competitions:

#### JULY

Wednesday 8 – 1800 Evening league – Home  
Saturday 18 – 0700 Captain's Day – Home  
Wednesday 22 – 1800 Evening league - Home

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

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