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Newsletter of the Little Hay Golf Club

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A Word from the Club Captain

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who took part in my 'Captain's Day' competition. The continued good weather matched the quality of golf played.

I would again like to say a special thank you to Wayne Griffin for organising the day, and also to Ralph Lane and Ray Moore, for their help and support all of which contributed greatly to the smooth running of the competition.

Congratulations to all of the winners:

Blue Winner - Wayne Griffin 41 pts

2nd - Jerry Clarke

3rd - Nick Jefferson

Ladies Winner – Hee-Young Crowhurst 41pts

2nd - Bobbie Barnes

3rd - Dorcas Kindinger

The Ron Gingell Winner – Phil Chester 41pts

2nd - Patrick Ashton

The club competitions are now in the final stages with some good matches having taken place. Little Hay 'A' Team are playing well in The Herts Friendly League and are currently in top position.

The mid-summer evening league was won by Trish Joslin and Mick Milne in 2nd place. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Martin Evans for organising this competition.

The club championship is coming up shortly and those who wish to participate in this competition, which is over two days, please ensure you put your name down on the sheet in the competition book.

We have more new members and I hope everyone makes them feel welcome and part of our friendly club.

Enjoy your golf over the summer especially as we now have the course back to its best.

Chris Miles

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 an item that came up in our Seniors Medal.

My ball struck a fellow competitor's trolley whilst hacking out from under a tree. Luckily for me that under Rule 19 I was not penalised. The gist is as follows:-

Rule 19 Ball in motion deflected or stopped.

If your ball is deflected or stopped while in motion, either by you, your partner or your equipment, or indeed either of your caddies, then you are penalised one stroke in both strokeplay and matchplay, and are required to play the ball as it lies. If however, your ball hits your opponent, or your fellow competitor, or their equipment or caddies, there is no penalty incurred by anyone – providing it is an accident, of course. What then happens is that you choose either to play it as it lies, or cancel the stroke altogether and play the stroke again. If you take the latter option, you must replay the stroke before another shot is played by either party.

Immovable obstructions

To follow on from a previous rule comment in "Haymaker", it has come to my attention that we have a comprehensive set of **Local Rules** which are published on our **Club Website** which expand and enlarge the coverage of the Rules of Golf. They are included in the section under **Competition Rules**, and provide interesting reading (if like me you start getting involved in discussions about them)

Have a look at **Section 7-2, Immovable obstructions, vii, Fixed Sprinkler Heads**. You can get much more free relief than you would expect. **Have a look.**

Extra News

Our esteemed Press Officer keeps promising to give me and Phil Jefferson bits of extra news not involving his family. I regret he is having a struggle.

On Sunday, Phil and Trish Joslin, at their first attempt at an Open, in awful driving rain, won the Stocks Mixed Open with 38 points, with a three point winning margin.

Well done you two.

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Men's Section News

Mens July Medal Division One			
1.	Ian Elborough	79 – 12 = 67	new handicap 11.5
2.	Nigel Hopkinson	82 – 14 = 68	13.6
3.	Jamie Parsons	83 – 14 = 69	13.5
Mens July Medal Division Two			
1.	Trevor Sargent	84 – 17 = 67	new handicap 15.9
2.	Jerry Clarke	87 – 19 = 68	18.1
3.	Phil Joslin	84 – 16 = 69	15
Captain's Day - Whites			
1.	James Morris	42 pts	new handicap 17.2
2.	George Rocca	42pts	8.7
3.	Alan Christie	35pts	18.2

Senior Moments

A Word from the Seniors' Captain

I am very pleased to report that following on from last months' RANT about SLOW PLAY there has been a great improvement. This was very evident at the Seniors Stableford on 23rd July.....so WELL DONE to everyone for that, but we MUST NOT rest on one good result but MUST constantly keep focused on our speed of play PLEASE. Remember more than 4.5 hours is TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE. Thanks to ALL.

Other than the fact that it seems that we Golfers have to forever put up with very strong wind (the meteorological kind,silly!!!!) the weather has been super for golf. SOMETIMES we have even been able to play without Jackets or Jumpers on!!! Novel eh!!!!

So overall a great month for Seniors, taking the weather and the smashing condition of the Course (THANKS George and TEAM). We had an enjoyable Game with The Ladies on Monday 20th July, playing for The Jefferson/Lane Trophy (Mixed Pairs) and WON by Yvonne Miles and Tony Mayhew (with a fine Stableford points aggregate of 76) . A BIG thank you to DORCAS KINDINGER who (because I nipped off on a short break) did the Lion's Share (Nay ALL!!!) of the Admin for this event.

We Seniors had mixed fortunes in the Inter-Club Matches through July, with VICTORY against Shendish Manor SOGGS [stands for Shendish Old Girls & Geezers, if you didn't know....I kid you NOT!!!] AWAY (they beat us 5-1 at LH !!) and (I have to say a Super !!) VICTORY also against Rickmansworth at HOME by 5-1. (They beat us 31/2-21/2 at 'Ricky') BUT balanced by VERY NARROW defeats against Bushey AWAY and Wycombe Heights at HOME.

I regret to report that at the moment Seniors are slightly down on Victories against Defeats but with five matches to go there is hope that this situation will reverse. Between now, the date that I pen this article, and 1st September, Seniors have Matches against WhiteWebbs Park (actually AWAY on 30th July...but too late for result to be published here), Batchwood Hall,Cheshunt Park,and Hazlemere..... with our last Match AWAY against Stockwood Park on 16th September. I'm certain we will prevail in ALL FIVE !!!

Incidentally I'd like to slip in a BIG THANK YOU also to CHRISSIE STOCKINGS, The Chefs and ALL Her Staff at The Complex for looking after ALL of us ALWAYS so royally (great food,drink and service) at ALL of the Seniors Inter-Club Match lunches. Truly MUCH APPRECIATED Chrissie .

At the last Stableford I announced a small change in the 1st and 2nd Division parameters to 0-20 for Div 1 (formerly 0-22). and 21-28 for Div 2 (formerly 23-28). Just to maintain fairness and balance.

The one little bit of disappointment to me, this last month, was the Attendance figures for Martin Evans's superbly organised Mid-Week Evening League, which ended on Wed 23rd. This is a Wednesday Evening Event, open to ALL Sections, (only 6 evenings and not on consecutive weeks) starting at 6pm and only 9 holes are played, there is a proper 9 hole card supplied, Stableford Scoring with best 4 scores out of 6 counting, and a rather fine "Claret Jug Trophy" is the Winners Prize.....this year Mrs Trish Joslin (Phil's Wife) prevailed after a couple of countbacks!!! This Event should be better supported as Martin ALWAYS 'books' such superb weather. Maybe we'll advertise this more fully next year. Great FUN Event in super weather and conditions.

Anyhow it's height of Summer now so enjoy your Golf in the best , we HOPE! of conditions.....and to remind you of what's coming up for Seniors:-

3rd August.....Inter-Club Match -v-Batchwood Hall (AWAY)
6th August.....Monthly Medal
18th August.....Inter-Club Match-v- Cheshunt Park (HOME)
20th August.....Monthly Stableford
1st September.....Inter-Club Match-v-Hazlemere.....

.....and remember to 'swing on' AVOIDING SLOW PLAY !!!!! BEST wishes.

Trevor

Seniors July Medal		Division One		
1.	Tony Hodson	88 - 20 = 68	new hcp	19.3
2.	Mick Milne	76 - 8 = 68		7.2
3.	Tony Mayhew	82 - 13 = 69		12.3
Seniors July Medal		Division Two		
1.	John Murphy	93 - 23 = 70	new hcp	23.2
2.	Geoff Selley	99 - 26 = 73		26.4
3.	Paul Thompson	98 - 25 = 73		24.8
Seniors July Stableford		Division One		
1.	Dennis Warren	44 pts	new hcp	19.2
2.	John Poston	43 pts		18.4
3.	Jim Littlechild	41pts		14.6
Seniors July Stableford		Division Two		
1.	Eddie Theobald	41pts	new hcp	20.9
2.	Paul Thompson	39pts		24.0
3.	John Parker	35pts		24.3

*"AS A NEW MEMBER, YOU OUGHT TO KNOW THAT YOU ALWAYS SAY 'YES'
WHEN THE PRESIDENT'S WIFE WANTS TO PLAY THROUGH..."*



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Yvonne Miles and Tony Mayhew with Dorcas and the Jefferson/Lane mixed pairs trophy

Midsummer Evening League

This competition was very much enjoyed by those who took part, from all sections of the club, but it would be good to have more competitors taking part. This is a fun, but competitive event, particularly targeted at those who would otherwise have difficulty playing during the weekend, with later tee times available for those coming after work.

The Evening League was brought to a thrilling finale on Wednesday 22nd July. Taking the best four scores from six 9 hole rounds, three competitors had the same number of points 74. Taking the best three scores, Steve Crowhurst was in third place. The winner was ultimately decided on the best single score, and Trish Joslin was declared the winner with 22 points to Mike Milne's 21 points in second place.



Ladies News

Lady Captain Report - July 2015

I ended off last month's report wondering where time was going. Well, it certainly is going very quickly - we've had lots of golf and the Captain's Away Day at Aldenham.

On Monday, 6th July, twenty one ladies from Little Hay Golf Club found their way to Aldenham Golf Club for the Captain's Away Day. The course is situated in beautiful farmland and woodland near Watford. The staff members at the club were extremely hospitable and welcomed us with coffee and biscuits. We were fortunate to have good weather and good golf scores. We played an individual stableford and also a team competition. At the end of the competition, after a quick change, we ordered our drinks and sat down in the conservatory for the meal. Jenny Williams, our past president, joined us for the meal and said grace. We had a set menu. We had fish and then chicken or mushrooms for the main course. The food was tasty and well presented. The waiting staff were incredibly helpful and attentive. In between courses Linda Cusick organised the raffle draw and prize selection. Prizes for the golf were spread out amongst the ladies. Suzanne Brady won the best overall prize with an amazing 39 points. The team prize went to Carol Kent, Yvonne Miles and Suzanne Brady. Lesley O'Brien won the best front nine and the best back nine went to Yvonne Miles. Longest drive went to Gill Howells and nearest the pins

on 8th hole went to Jacky Pearson and 14th hole went to Pauline Manning. There were also fun prizes for the neatest card, best dressed African print top and a wooden spoon prize. It was a most enjoyable day and it was lovely for the ladies to be able to play golf at a different venue with their friends.

Our Successes.....

Old Mutual Golf Challenge

Well done to for Jackie Joslyn posting the best medal score from the competitions held on 29 June and 4 July with a nett 67. She has got into the regional final which will be held on Monday, 17 August, at the International Course of the London Golf Club. We wish her the very best of luck for this event and hope she gets through to the final in Ireland.

Whitewebbs

The Whitewebbs team comprising of four players per match were selected from Clare Stammeijer, Pauline Manning, Linda Reeve, Elaine Meagher, Chris Marsden and Linda Cusick. They did extremely well getting to area final. Unfortunately they lost in the final to East Hampstead C.

England Golf Ping Team Competition:-

Winners - Hee-Young Crowhurst / Trish Joslin 43 points

2nd - Jackie Joslyn / Linda Cusick 41 points

3rd - Linda Reeve / Elaine Meagher 41 points

UKPCC Final at St Andrews (Eden Course) 13th September 2015

So far two ladies have qualified: Pauline Manning and Dorcas Kindinger. Clare Stammeijer has an automatic entry to the final as she will be defending her 2014 title. Carol Kent still needs to play in order to qualify.

Ladies Championship of England National Final 9 August at Southern Valley, Kent.

Elaine Meagher, Jackie Joslyn, Pauline Manning, Chris Marsden, Dorcas Kindinger, Maureen Bidgway, Hee-Young Crowhurst, Trish Joslin have qualified for this competition.

JHB Shield (Club Team medal Championship) 25 & 26 July at Thornbury golf club in Bristol.

We are proudly represented by Elaine Meagher, Linda Reeve and Chris Marsden and we wish them best of luck for this competition.

July Medal

Sat 4th: Elaine Meagher 79 8c 71 7.5

Mon 29th Jun: Jackie Joslyn 85 18c 67 17.0

Friendly Competitions

Tues 21st We played away against Redbourn. The score – won 1; drew 1; lost 3.

Jefferson /Lane Trophy - a mixed pairs, ladies and seniors, competition.

On Monday 20th July we paired up with the senior men for this enjoyable competition. We always look forward to our games with the senior men. The entrance fee was £2 per person which was split between the two captains' charities. The winners, with a very impressive score of 76 stableford points, were Yvonne Miles and Tony Mayhew.

Happy golfing

Dorcas

Little Hay Ladies win the 2015 NAPGC Ladies National Club Team Scratch Championship – the JHB Cup.

On 26 July, Chris Marsden, Elaine Meagher and Linda Reeve battled day-long heavy rain and strong winds to win the 2015 NAPGC Ladies National Club Team Championship at Thornbury Golf Club, Gloucestershire.

19 teams from 11 clubs qualified but Little Hay Ladies won the JHB Scratch Cup by a clear 9 shots (the result being determined on the team aggregate gross score over 18 holes of stroke play)

Junior News

General

This month saw the start of the summer holidays. The juniors played in 2 Lexus League matches and 1 stableford holiday competition and the Captains Day club competition and the men's July medal. There was a good turnout for competitions with a number of junior's handicaps dropping. George Rocca hcp went from 10.8 to 7.9 and Will Butler's HCP from 15 to 12.9

Competition and Match results

Lexus League Match Result v Enfield Away: Lost 17 1/2pt to 14 1/2pt

On 12th July Little Hay travelled to Enfield for a Lexus League match. Due to a late withdrawal, our team was short one player and we struggled against a tight and quirky course. Although we lost 4 matches to nil, each of our pairs avoided a whitewash of League points with George Rocca, playing on his own without a partner, winning the back 9 in his match

The overall result (home and away) was Little Hay 141/2 points, Enfield 171/2.

Lexus League Match Result v Ashridge Home: Abandoned for flooding

On 24th July, our Juniors entertained Ashridge. Unfortunately after a strong start by Little Hay, the match had to be abandoned as the course was closed due to flooding of greens. This match will be rearranged.

Junior Stableford competition 22 July

On a very nice day for playing golf nine juniors played in the first competition of the summer holidays. Congratulations to Will Butler who says he doesn't play golf for winning with a very good 44pts, to Tom Parr for coming second on 40pt and Hayden Bunce coming 3rd on countback 38pt.

Captains Day Club Competition 18th July

George Rocca again excelled by coming second off the white Tees congratulations George. Martin Evans was very pleased to have beaten Hamish Jarvie off the Blue Tees.

Mens 5th July Medal

As the Juniors improve we encourage those with lower Hcps to play in the Men's competitions. All though they are unable to win Prizes they gain valuable experience. This month 3 Junior played in the July medal with Hamish Jarvie coming a creditable 7th.

Next Junior Competitions and League fixtures

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. The Mens Championship is open to Juniors Boys with lower HCP but the juniors will not be able to win prizes. If you wish to play but are not certain if your HCP is low enough please talk to Martin Evans.

The junior club Championship is a two day competition and is open to all juniors. You may play one day only but will not be eligible to win the gross or net competitions.

	Day	Date	1st tee time			
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		
Junior 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

Junior Order of Merit table after 22 July stableford

Luke Wrathall is still head of the order of merit table. However Will Bulter and Craig Walker are close behind. With Will Butler winning his second junior competitions he leap frogged Craig Walker to take second place. There are still plenty of points to be won so come out and sign up for

the junior medal and stableford competitions and earn some points. Remember if you can't get to the club house you can contact either Martin Evans or Eileen Jarvie to enter.

Comment [ef1]:

PLACE	Name		Cum Points
1st	Wrathall	Luke	943
2nd	Butler	William	917
3rd	Walker	Craig	866

Late Result.

Junior Medal

1. Hayden Bunce $99 - 37 = 62$ new hcp 30
2. Craig Walker $85 - 13 = 72$ 12.8
3. Emma Shepherd $81 - 7 = 74$ 6.7

We have a new member Harry Miller who, after putting in three cards is off 30.

Later Result.

and in Conclusion...

...the last word is...

“If you drink, don't drive. Don't even putt.”

Dean Martin

...and a touch of humour...

“You know those two foot downhill putts with a break? I'd rather see a rattlesnake.”

Sam Snead

What's on This Month and Next?

Men

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
SEPTEMBER
Saturday 5 – 0930 B team v Ruislip – Home
Sunday 6 – 0800 Medal – Home
Saturday 19 – 0930 A team v Batchwood – Away

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

Seniors:

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
SEPTEMBER
Tuesday 1 – 0828 Match v Hazlemere – Home
Thursday 3 – 0828 Medal – Home
Thursday 10 – TBC Senior Captain's Awayday – Away
Wednesday 16 – Match v Stockwood Park – Away
Thursday 17 – 0828 Stableford – Home
Tuesday 22 – 0828 Seniors Cup Round One – Home
Thursday 24 – 0828 Seniors Cup Round Two - Home

Ladies:

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
SEPTEMBER
Saturday 5 – 0820 BL Autumn Fruit Bowl (Q) – Home
Monday 7 – 0836 Autumn Fruit Bowl (Q) – Home
Thursday 10 – 1000 Match v Verulam – Home
Monday 14 – 0836 Lady Captain's Day – Home
Saturday 19 – 0930 BL Friendly Stableford – Home
Monday 21 – 1000 Captains v Past Captains – Home
Friday 25 – TBC Match v Essendon – Home
Saturday 26 – 0804 BL David Johnson Trophy (Q) – Home
Monday 28 – 0836 David Johnson Trophy (Q) - Home

Juniors:

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
SEPTEMBER
Saturday 26 – TBC *Lexus League* Semi finals – Away

ALL SECTIONS Club Competitions:

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 12 – 0800 Presidents Day Stableford - Home

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

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