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Newsletter of the Little Hay Golf Club

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A Word for the Club Captain.

Chris, our Captain, has got a lot on his plate at the moment. He has just come out of hospital, and his Dad is in hospital. A severe case of personal problems if ever I have heard.

I will catch up with him in a couple of weeks when things should have calmed down a bit. I'm sure he would like to congratulate the medal winners Ashley Wade and Trevor Sargent, the President's Day winner off the blue tee Oliver Runswick, and off the white tees, Craig Walker, and thank all of those who helped him make the President's Day such a success.

I am sure you will join me in wishing him, and his Dad, all the best, and hope they get well soon.

Editor Frank Whiting

APOLOGY

My sincere apologies to Nick Jefferson. In the issue last month I inadvertently missed Nick's amazing eagle on the 18th to become the Club Champion. With Chris and Phil's help it was put right on the Club website, but not to you the online reader.

Frank Whiting

Editor

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 about tee times, and personal integrity in golf.

In a recent competition, a member was late at the first tee to tee-off. As he was less than five minutes late at the tee, he had the option of taking two penalty shots added to his first hole score.

See **Rule 6.6**. Until the last change to the rules, the only penalty for lateness was disqualification, however, now we have a two stroke penalty option if less than five minutes late.

The member continued with his round, but failed to add the penalty points to his score! He also increased his sins by teeing off on the first from the white tee instead of the blue. Both reasons for disqualification, which he called upon himself. See **Rule 6.6d** and **Rule 11.4b and 11.5**.

What a mess! He did the right thing and disqualified himself as soon as he realised. In hindsight, as the competition was Stableford, he could have walked up the first, joined his fellow competitors on the second tee, recording no score for the first, and avoided all the hassle.

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Men's Section News

September Medal			
1.	Ashley Wade	net 66	new hcp 8
2.	Wayne Griffin	67	11
3.	Mick Whelan	70	10

Group 2 September Medal			
1.	Trevor V Sargent	net 69	new hcp 15
2.	Chris Miles	70	15
3.	Bo Ho	71	17

President's Day Stableford				
	Blue tee		White tee	
	Oliver Runswick	38 pts	Craig Walker	39 pts
	Jerry Clarke	37	Luke Wrathall	37
	Phil Chester	37	John Murphy	33

Message from your President.

A note of thanks and appreciation to the many members who did a superb job in making President's Day such a success.

Special thanks to Chris Miles for organising the day, Ray Moore for the starting and scoreboard assisted by Peter Balding and Derek Tarling for checking the cards. Not forgetting Chris Marsden and Tony Alford for inputting the scores on the computer, also of course, George Reid and his staff.

I thank also the players taking part on the day . After a damp start the weather improved, as did the scores. A good turn out.

Thank you all for making the day a success.

Ralph Lane

Senior Moments

A Word from the Seniors' Captain

Shall I mention SLOW PLAY..again?!! Well I won't BUT it remains an issue and we ALL need to keep FIRMLY in mind that we can all speed up our play. You ALL know what to do so PLEASE..... DO IT ! and constantly. Oh well....NO APOLOGIES that I did mention 'slow play' again after all !!!

So yet another busy month for Seniors through September including Seniors last two Inter-club Matches of the season against Hazlemere at Home , where we lost 4-2 ! and the very last Match against Stockwood Park away, where we drew 3-3. We expected to finish this Match in Canoes but the promised 'rains' did not materialise until the last Group were on the 18th so if not a super result the weather was at least kind and nobody got a soaking ! Another very enjoyable day, and may I say, that if you have never, or rarely, put your name down to play in these Inter-Club encounters then do so please as they really are so much fun.

I must say that I think of myself as likely the worst Seniors Captain Little Hay have had measured by these Inter-club Matches having Won only Seven with Three Draws and Ten losses!!! I'm sure Paul will have us doing much better next year... Hope so anyhow.

Also in September I had my "Captain's Away day" at Aldwickbury Park GC and the day proceeded well and seemed to be enjoyed by all who played...nearly 40 of us. APGC served us well and efficiently, and my Thanks go to them. Weather wise it was so splendid with warm bright sunshine all day, a super meal after the game and prizes galore. I really do hope that all attendees did enjoy the day and I must say as the organiser, I did enjoy it and a BIG THANK YOU from me to all who came along.

My Captaincy year ends quite soon, and I say that with a large measure of sadness, but there are still many Matches to play through October and November, so onward and upward.....
Pip, Pip !!!!

Trevor

<p>September Senior Medal group one</p> <p>1. Martin Evans net 68 new hcp 18</p> <p>2. John Redgewell 69 11</p> <p>3. Frederic Evans 70 19</p> <p>Lowest gross Mick Milne 81</p>	<p>September Senior Medal group two</p> <p>1. Bob Bussey net 71 new hcp 24</p> <p>2. Paul Thompson 73 24</p> <p>3. Trevor F Sergeant 73 27</p> <p>Lowest gross Bob Bussey 95</p>
<p>September Senior Stableford group one</p> <p>1. Martin Evans 43pts new hcp 16</p> <p>2. Tim Farrow 36 15</p> <p>3. Mick Milne 35 7.5</p>	<p>September Senior Stableford group two</p> <p>1. David Smith (2) 39pts new hcp 23</p> <p>2. Peter Abbiss 37 21</p> <p>3. John chief Murphy 37 23</p>

Senior Cup Winners

Youths

Tony Mayhew with a combined two round total of 142.

Ancients

Vic Allen with the same combined two round total of 142.

My congratulations to two players, who overcame the damp soggy conditions, to post good scores.



Winter League 2015/16

The Winter League is a pairs non-qualifying competition open to **all club members** with active handicaps.

It consists of 10 rounds, each being a “better ball” Stableford pairs competition. All players play off Men’s index (Yellow) and ladies are allowed 4 strokes in addition to their Club handicaps. Handicaps are adjusted after each round.

The winners are the pair with the highest total Stableford score from their best 6 rounds.

The full rules of the Winter League are set out in the Competition Rules section of the Club website and in the Competition Rules folder in the Complex Reception

The first tee time of each round is at 9.00 where possible and dates of the 10 rounds are:

Sunday 1st November
Sunday 15th November **
Sunday 29th November
Sunday 13th December
Sunday 27th December
Sunday January 2016 #6 date tbc *
Sunday January 2016 #7 date tbc *
Sunday February 2016 #8 date tbc *
Sunday February 2016 #9 date tbc *
Sunday March 2016 #10 date tbc *

** Tee time will be confirmed near the time.

* January, February and March fixture will be confirmed near the time.

Entries to the Winter League can be made on the entry sheet in the Winter League section of the competition book. Members wishing to find a partner for the competition should also sign up on this sheet.

Please address any queries to the organiser: Hee-Young Crowhurst

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Ladies News

Lady Captain Report – 28 September 2015

Once again welcome again to my Captain’s report.

Earlier this month Little Hay had its time at St Andrew’s! What an experience it was despite the weather and fierce competition. We were steeped in golfing history. Some golfers (e.g. the Stammeijers) were queueing up at 3.30am on the Friday morning to get a chance to play on the famous ‘Old Course’. Before I wander too far down the fairway let me return to reality and congratulate Carol Kent for achieving runner-up in Division 2 and Pauline Manning for coming 4th in Division 1. Suffice it to say St Andrews is an experience not to be missed. I encourage everyone to enter the relevant competitions in order to eventually qualify to play at this wonderful golfing arena. It is a weekend Little Hay competitors will never forget.

Another important competition, which was played this month, was the annual President's Day Competition. It was held on 12th September in honour of our wonderful president Ralph Lane, who is always a great supporter of the ladies' section. The competition was played as an individual stableford. Bobbie Barnes won with a stonking score of 39 and Chris Woodcock won nearest the pin on the 14th

Our Successes.....

The All England Ladies Senior Championship

This took place at Middlesex Golf Club on 9th September. Ten ladies, fired up with enthusiasm, represented Little Hay. I am really proud to say that the Senior Champion of England (N.A.P.G.C.) is Chris Marsden. Huge congratulations to her. Chris and Linda Reeve came second in the pair's event.

The Breakthrough Medal

Sat 24th: Winner – Chris Marsden

Mon 26th: Winner – Caroline Banks

Autumn Fruitbowl

Mon 7th: Winner - Dorcas Kindinger

David Johnson Trophy

Mon 28th: Bobbie Barnes with 40 stableford points

Friendly Competitions

Thurs 10th: We played at home against Verulam. The score: Won 2; lost 1; drew 1

Fri 25th: We played at home against Essenden. They are newcomers to our friendly fixtures and I hope we have many more years of good, competitive but friendly golf.

The score: won 1; lost 2; drew 1

Autumn Meeting held at Berkhamsted Golf Club – Monday, 21st Sept .

This is an annual competition organised by Herts County. Each year it is played at a different golf club. Last year's competition was won by Jackie Joslyn, Linda Cusick and Chris Marsden. They returned this year to defend their title and came 3rd. In 2nd place were Linda Reeve, Elaine Meagher and Caroine Banks. Both teams did Little Hay proud. Congratulations!

Herts County Ladies' Golf Association De Paula Cup was held at Stocks Golf Club 2nd - 4th October. It is an annual event played at different clubs and is a scratch matchplay knockout competition, open to ladies with playing handicaps 10 – 20. Thirty two players are eligible to play. Chris Marsden was one of the players. She played well but was knocked out in the second round on the 17th hole. It would be great to see more of our ladies enter this competition next year!

Let's hope the good weather continues for a few more weeks!

Until next month.....

Dorcas

Junior News

Junior Report Hay Maker October 2015

General

Just one competition this month – on 2nd September we played the Stableford abandoned due to flooding in late August.

1st Tom Parr 40 points

2nd Luke Wrathall 40points

3rd George Rocca 38points

There was a disappointing turnout for the Presidents Day cup with only four juniors participating. The White Tees competition was won by Craig Walker with 39points.

Lexus Junior League

With all matches completed, we came 4th in Pool C of the League having won 3 matches, drawn 2 and lost 3. Pool C was by far the toughest pool – our average score of 6.94 points per match would have given us 2nd place in pools B or D and qualified us for the finals!

The Puddiphatt All-Sections Cup

This competition on Sunday Oct 11th gives all Juniors a chance to meet and play with other members of the club. Juniors play as a team and compete against teams from the other sections of the Club – Ladies, Weekend Men and Senior Men. The competition uses a Stableford system, with full handicaps. All Men (including male juniors) play from white tees, Ladies (including female juniors) from red tees. All Stableford scores for each section’s players are totalled, then divided by the number of players in that section. The winning section is the one with the highest average points score.

The entry form for this competition is at the front of the Competition Book. If you are unable to get up to Little Hay and want to play, contact the organiser – the Club Vice Captain Wayne Griffin on 07786 548703 wayne1073@sky.com

Junior Half Term Competitions

There are two more junior only competitions

Junior Stableford 28th October first T time 11 am

Junior Medal 30th October first T time 11am

Prize giving to follow the last competition on the 30 Oct approx. 3.30/4pm.

Junior Order of Merit table after 2 September

PLACE	Name		Cum Points
1st	Walker	Craig	1324
2nd	Wrathall	Luke	1167
3rd	Butler	William	994

Winter Golf

Adult weekend competitions continue through the winter in which Juniors are welcome to play (though not win any prizes on offer) generally, weather permitting, there will be at least one qualifying competition each month.

The Winter League is also open to Juniors. It is a Better Ball Pairs Stableford competition played off the winter mats and thus non-qualifying. There are 10 rounds played on Sundays from November to March, the score from your best 6 rounds counting so you don’t have to play every round.

Details are in this issue of the Haymaker and in the Competition Book at Little Hay. The first round is on 1st November so choose your partner and sign up.

Martin Evans and Eileen Jarvie

and in conclusion.....

...the last word is... **A game in which you claim the privileges of age, and retain the playthings of childhood.**

Samuel Johnson

...and a touch of humour... **Golf is a day spent in a round of strenuous idleness.**

William Wordsworth

What's on This Month and Next

Men

OCTOBER
Saturday 3 -0930 A-team V Panshanger – Away
Sunday 4 – 0828 Medal – Home
Saturday 17 – 0930 Needle Shield – Away
Saturday 24 – 0828 John Catchpole – Home
NOVEMBER
Saturday 7 – 0804 Medal - Home

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

Seniors:

OCTOBER
Thursday 1 – 0828 Medal – Home
Thursday 8 – 0828 Charity Shield (Vic Allen Trophy) – Home
Tuesday 20 – 0828 Senior Cap V former Senior Caps – Home
Thursday 22 – Stableford – Home
NOVEMBER
Thursday 5 – 0828 Medal – Home
Thursday 19 – 0828 Stableford - Home

Ladies:

OCTOBER
Saturday 3 – 0804 BL Medal Q – Home
Monday 5 – 0836 Medal Q & 9hole friendly Stableford – Home
Saturday 10 – 0804 BL Founders Cup bogey/par Q – Home
Monday 12 – 0836 Founders Cup bogey/par NQ – Home
Saturday 17 – 0804 BL O'connor foursomes & Daily Mail Competition – Home
Monday 19 – 0836 O'connor foursomes and Daily Mail Competition – Home
Saturday 24 – 0804 BL Goddens Trophy Greensomes – Home
Monday 26 – 0836 Goddens Trophy Greensomes – Home
Saturday 31 – 0828 November BL Medal – Home
NOVEMBER
Monday 2 – 0836 Medal (Q) – Home
Saturday 7 – 0900 BL Aussie Spoons/Stableford foursomes – Home
Monday 9 – 0836 Aussie Spoons/Stableford foursomes – Home
Monday 16 – 0836 Ladies Friendly Greensomes – Home
MONDAY 16 – 1930 Ladies AGM
Monday 23 – 0836 New Captain's Cup Stableford(NQ) – Home
Saturday 28 – 0828 BL New Captain's Cup Stableford – Home
Monday 30 – 0836 Christmas Cracker Lunch and 12 holes - Home

Juniors:

OCTOBER
Monday 21 – 1100 Stableford – Home
Wednesday 23 – 1100 Medal and end of season prizegiving
Friday 30 – 0900 *Lexus League Finals* at Hartsbourne
NOVEMBER
PLEASE CHECK OUT THE JUNIOR REPORT FOR AVAILABLE MATCHES

ALL SECTIONS Club Competitions:

OCTOBER
Sunday 11 – 0804 All Sections Cup – Home
NOVEMBER
Sunday 1 – 0900 Winter League Week one - Home
Sunday 15 – 0820 Winter League Week two - Home
Saturday 21 – 0900 DOUGHTY CUP - Home
Sunday 29 – 0900 Winter League Week three - Home

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

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