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The Haymaker

(The Newsletter with a Punch!)

Newsletter of the Little Hay Golf Club

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A Word from your Club Captain.

The club match season has ended, and we know winter is around the corner because the clocks have gone back, and we have less daylight for golf.

I would like to thank everybody from all the club sections that represented Little Hay, during the season in various matches played against other clubs. I enjoyed playing in them, and look forward to next seasons' matches.

The winter weather has disrupted our golf a bit in November, with the course having to close a couple of times, due to the amount of rain we had. The Winter League is now under way with good scores in the first two rounds, and credit to George and his staff for the condition of the course.

Well that's it for now and I would like to take the opportunity to wish all club members, Sportspace staff and their families a **HAPPY CHRISTMAS**.

Don't forget to put your names down for December medal and turkey shoot, in the competitions book in reception.

Chris Miles

Rules of Golf

After last months' query, for which I have only one reply! (email me on frankwhiting@rocketmail.com if you think you know the answer) we are back to answering queries which come up in club competitions or in general play.

The first is the old chestnut of playing provisional balls from the tee.

In a recent event a player looked for his ball, then went back to the tee and played another ball while his companions continued to look for the original. He played up to the first ball's area and then played on. He then found his original ball.

Two points are important:- 1. You are allowed five minutes from first starting to look, to find your ball before it becomes "lost". 2. If you play your provisional ball from near where the original landed or beyond there, it becomes the ball in play, and your original ball is out of play.

The above is a simplification of the rule 27. If in doubt read the book, there are plenty of new rule books around at the moment!

The second incident happened during a Tuesday roll-up, when a player hit the wrong ball. In our roll-up we play Stableford, so when the player discovered he had the wrong ball, he scored no points on that hole because he had to add two penalty points to his score. If you are playing medal, it is slightly more complicated. See rule 15.

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Senior Moments

A Word from the Seniors' Captain

As at The Seniors Christmas Lunch at Chartridge Park last Friday, I handed over "The Gavel" (and 'trappings ??) of power to my successor.

As if that isn't sad enough, it is with equal sadness that I announce this article as my final "Haymaker" contribution. NO platform to bleat on about 'slow play' any more!!!

So as to both things and along the lines of 'the King is dead, long live The King' I have relinquished (NO!!...not forced from office!!!) power over The Seniors to Mr. Paul Whiter our splendid Vice Captain through 2015, and who will lead us through 2016. Needless to say, Paul has quietly, efficiently and without fuss carried out his VC duties this year. Paul

will be as superb a Captain, as he is excellent Golfer. Please do (I know all Seniors will in any case) give Paul as much support as I enjoyed through my year. YES I have to say that I did enjoy my year 'in charge'and how fast the year went by!!!!!!

So I am now back to 'the ranks' as proved by the fact that in the very next Stableford Mr. Ray Moore has decided that as a 'bring him back to earth' measure I am 'off' the 13th at the ungodly time of 8:04am !!! Ho Humand I bear no grudge Ray.....honestly !!!!

Actually The Senior's Christmas Lunch at Chartridge was a very much enjoyed indeed, by all in attendance, and that was particularly because of the super velvet smooth efficiency and organisation of this annual event mainly by Mr. Derek Tarling, with some assistance by Ralph Lane. THANK YOU so much Derek and do PLEASE keep up this sterling work in the future, as you have this year and in the past.

There were some ninety attendees at Chartridge including five SportSpace Staff (George, Pat, Jackie, Wendy, and David) as both guests of the Seniors, and as a THANK YOU from the whole of Little Hay GC, for the help and facility all the Complex Staff extend to the Club and its members through every year....without fail. Whilst thanking the Complex, I cannot leave without a mention of Chrissie Stocking (and indeed her staff) for the very fine way they have catered for Seniors (and our opponents) at ALL home Inter-Club Matches through 2015. Nothing was ever too much trouble THANK YOU Chrissie which do please pass on to ALL your staff. Appreciated.

Last year Captain Paul Thompson donated a Trophy to be awarded to a person who is recognised as making outstanding contributions to the running of the Club, and the Seniors section in particular. This Captain's Award Trophy was won last year by Ray Moore and this year it was unanimously decided that there was only one possible winner.....that being Mr. David Garbutt. David is the Club's Membership Sec., first and foremost, but also looks after Seniors Handicaps as well as operating the Club Computer to assess scores, and Handicaps after each Medal/Stableford and liaising with Phil Jefferson to ensure various things get onto the Club's Web-Site. THANK YOU David, so very much...there was no more deserving of The Captain's Award Trophy...what would we do without you.

As is always the case when appointed, I chose a Charity of The Year for my Captaincy Year, this being "Rennie Grove Hospice Care" and I am pleased and proud to say that Seniors through my year raised a mega sum of £2,598. We had a 'low key' cheque presentation ceremony at Little Hay just over a week ago. THANK YOU Seniors. Very generous indeed and THANK YOU John Ridgewell for running, most efficiently, the Charity Raffles, after the Seniors Monthly Stablefords, and also to all those who donated prizes for such Raffles. Can I add a further a big THANK YOU from me to John Poston and Ron Johnson for organising The Peter Betts Charity Shield this past two years which has been the source of magnificent Charity fund raising .

Paul Whiter has chosen his Charity of the year for next year and it will be for him to surprise and enlighten you all as to its name and function.

OK then, that's enough from me and so it's a meanwhile goodbye (but in no way farewell !!!) from me and effectivelyhello from Paul.....AND it just leaves me to lastly say that I wish every Senior and Club Member and all your Families a super Happy, Healthy, Wealthy, and Enjoyable Christmas and New Year .

Enjoy your Golf through 2016 and.....Swing onPip,Pip.

Trevor



Senior Competition Results

November Medal	Division One	November 5th
1. Frederick Evans	91 – 19 = 72 net	new handicap 18.1
2. Frank Klimazewski	87 – 14 = 73	14.0
3. Mick Milne	82 – 8 = 74	7.5
Division Two		
1. Kim Walker	97 – 26 = 71	24.6
2. John Murphy	96 – 23 = 73	22.8
3. Patrick McInerney	99 – 24 = 75	23.6
November Stableford	Division One	November 19 th
1. John Redgwell	43 pts	new handicap 9.7
2. Frederick Evans	34	18.1
3. Tony Cooke	33	AWAY
4. Phil Joslin	33	14.8
Division Two		
1. Geoffrey Selley	40	24.7
2. David Smith	32	23.6
3. Eric Binns	32	21.4

Ladies News

Having taken over as captain from Dorcas at our recent AGM, it now falls to me to write my first report for the Haymaker. I should like to congratulate Dorcas on an excellent captaincy. She was an encouraging leader and steered us all efficiently on the right course, I shall do my best to follow suit.

I do not have a vice captain at the moment but do hope someone will come forward before too long. However, I have a very experienced and dedicated committee with a wealth of golfing knowledge who will help me to manage the Ladies section throughout the coming

year. Some of our committee members have stepped down this year and I thank them for all their hard work and commitment over the past year.

We will be continuing with the Mary Forster and Pearson competitions and have several new players in the Pearson team and I wish everyone the best of luck in these forthcoming competitions.

Unfortunately we were unable to play the Doughty Cup this year. Due to snow, wind and rain the course was closed and we were unable to re-arrange the fixture due to other scheduled commitments on the part of many of the players.

My chosen charity is Marie Curie who offer care to terminally ill patients in their own homes or hospice and support to their families during a very difficult period in their lives. I look forward to receiving support for this worthy charity during my captaincy.

We are looking forward to the ladies Christmas lunch which will be held at the Watermill Hotel, Bourne End on Monday 30th November. Then next week on 7th December we will be playing the Turkey Shoot Texas Scramble with the Seniors.

Dorcas has previously reported on the outstanding golfing achievements of Elaine Meagher and Linda Reeve over 2015 and I enclose their personal review of their recent success in the Algarve. I should like to add my own congratulations to them both.

Gill Howells

ELAINE MEAGHER & LINDA REEVE WIN THE 2015 NATIONAL ALGARVE LADIES MATCHPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP.

After battling through knockout rounds during the summer and a regional southern final at Hanbury Manor against 13 other teams on 2 October, Elaine Meagher and Linda Reeve qualified for the finals which took place in the Algarve – and all courtesy of YourGolfTravel.

The final four pairs stayed and played at the Oceanico Amendoeria golf resort playing on the O’Conner course.

Linda & Elaine won their semi-final 4&3 against the Lancashire pair and then went on to defeat the Welsh ladies 2up to claim the Championship title.

There was an additional prize waiting for the girls...to team up and partner the current Ryder Cup Captain Darren Clarke in the Portugal Masters Pro Am at the Oceanico Victoria Golf Club!

This included “Pros passes” allowing the ladies full access to the VIP lounges and other restricted areas and a chance to mix the with all the players throughout the day.

See picture below:



Question Corner

I have often wondered what the record scores are for Little Hay members playing the course under competition rules.

Some clubs put up in their clubhouse, a rather nice framed score card, to record the momentous event.

My challenge is, does anyone know what the best scores are from the blue, white and red tees? If so, who was the golfer, and when was this achieved?

My prize for this, is I am willing; subject to the agreement of the management, to make up framed cards. Clearly we need to have the normal verification of the marker so as to avoid the potential for future disputes.

Paul

and in conclusion.....

...the last word is... **Golf is a day spent in a round of strenuous idleness.**

William Wordsworth

...and a touch of humour... **I'm hitting the driver so good, I gotta dial the operator for long distance after I hit it.**

Lee Trevino

What's on This Month and Next

Men

December

Sunday 6th 0828 MEDAL

Saturday 19th 0900 Turkey Shoot

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

Seniors

December

Thursday 3rd 0828 STABLEFORD

Monday 7th 0900 Turkey Shoot with the Ladies:

Ladies:

December

Saturday 5th 0900 BL Friendly Stableford

Monday 7th 0900 Turkey Shoot with the Seniors

Saturday 12th 0900 BL Friendly Stableford

Monday 14th 0900 Friendly Stableford

Saturday 19th see below BL Friendly Stableford
(book times prior to 0900)

Monday 21st 0900 Friendly Stableford

December

ALL SECTIONS Club Competitions:

Sunday 13th 0900 Winter League Week 4

Sunday 27th 0900 Winter League Week 5

January

Sunday 10th 0900 Winter League Week 6

Sunday 24th 0900 Winter League Week 7

Sunday 31st 0900 Winter League Week 8

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

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