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A Word from your Club Captain.

I hope everybody had a great Christmas, and wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Congratulations to the winners in our December competitions, Ivan Lawrence and Phil Joslin in the Medal, and Fraser Welling in the Turkey shoot.

After the warm and wet autumn we have had, I can only wish that it would dry up a bit. Squishing around in the mud is not our favourite way of playing the game. I hope that we will continue to score as well as we have lately, and that the handicaps improve at the same rate.

Good Wishes, Good Golf, and Good Scores for 2016 and the future.

Chris Miles

Rules of Golf

As I had no further answers to the November rules query, the bottle of wine, donated by Paul Thompson, goes to Chris Dove. I checked the rule book, and he was absolutely correct.

Paul will arrange to give Chris his wine.

Last month I gave a simplified version of using a provisional ball. A little too simple I'm afraid. I forgot to mention that if you do not play a provisional, your first ball is the one in play, and if you go back to play another having not found it, you have to accept that you have to add stroke and distance to your accrued score. If you do not tell your fellow players that you are going to play a provisional, the second ball becomes the ball in play, and you cannot play the original even if you find it.

You are not allowed to play a provisional ball if your ball may be lost in a water hazard. But any other time you think your ball is a 'gonner' it is positively recommended that you play a provisional, as much for the time-saving benefits as anything else.

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Mens December Results

Medal Division One

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|----|---------------|---------------|--------------|------|
| 1. | Ivan Lawrence | 83 – 13c = 70 | new handicap | 13.4 |
| 2. | Paul Mudd | 79 – 8c = 71 | | 7.5 |
| 3. | Mick Whelan | 84 – 10c = 74 | | 10 |

Medal Division Two

- | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|------|
| 1. Phil Joslin | $83 - 15c = 68$ | 14.8 |
| 2. Steven Crowhurst | $92 - 23c = 69$ | 22.5 |
| 3. Aiden Walsh | $89 - 18c = 71$ | 18.3 |

Turkey Shoot 2015

- | | | | |
|----------------------|--------|--------------|-----|
| 1. Fraser Welling | 42 pts | new handicap | 8.3 |
| 2. Stephen Wilkinson | 41 | | 7.5 |
| 3. Paul Mudd | 40 | | 7.5 |



Senior Moments

A Word from the Seniors' Captain

Well Seniors ! it's all over, Hope you all had a great Xmas, and here's wishing you all a Healthy New Year.

Not much to say at the moment, just well done to Peter Balding for winning the December Stableford with an outstanding 4 point win over Mick Milne and John Ridgewell 43 – 39 – 38.

While I am mentioning Peter Balding, don't forget, we have the Fun Away Day at Aldenham Golf Club on eleventh of February, arranged by Peter.

We also have the Greensomes with the Ladies on Monday 11th January, and our Stableford on Thursday 14th January. All in the Competition Book.

p.s. Just to say, for those of you who don't know, I shall now be ably assisted by Mike Mason who has agreed to become my Vice Captain for 2016, well done Mike.

Goodbye for now, and Good Golfing in the New Year.

Paul Whiter

Senior Competition Results

Seniors December Stableford

1. Peter Balding	43 pts	new handicap 19.6
2. Mick Milne	39	7.6
3. John Ridgewell	38	19.6

Ladies News

The weather during December has been rather dull, and extremely wet but very mild. and believe it or not, none of the Ladies Monday games have had to be cancelled in spite of very muddy conditions.

The Business Ladies have continued to play on Saturdays and likewise the Wednesday roll-ups have continued, weather permitting.

The first competition on the seventh was the Turkey Shoot with the Seniors which was very well attended and played as a Texas Scramble. The weather was kind to us and it was a very enjoyable and fun competition. The winners were Bobbie Barnes, Chris Marsden, Martin Evans, and Quinto Rafique with a very commendable score of 42 points.

This was followed on the 14th and 21st of December with friendly Stableford competitions played in very cold and windy conditions respectively.

We have since had the Christmas break which I hope was enjoyed by all, and we now look forward to the New Year. Let's hope that there are brighter days on the horizon, and not too many interruptions to our golf. I should like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy and Healthy New Year and also success in all the competitions during 2016.

Gill Howells

Junior News

Good Wishes for the New Year

Martin & Elaine

and in conclusion.....

...the last word is... When it blows here at St Andrews, even the seagulls walk.

Nick Faldo

...and a touch of humour... 'After all, golf is only a game,' said Millicent. Women say these things without thinking. It does not mean there is a kink in their character. They simply don't realize what they are saying.

P.G.Wodehouse *Order by Golf (1922)*

What's on This Month and Next

Men

January

2 Saturday 0908 MEDAL Home

16 Saturday 0908 Founders Day Home

February

6 Saturday 0908 MEDAL Home

20 Saturday 0908 Alan Irwin Shield Home

Seniors

January

11 Monday 0900 Greensomes with Ladies Home

14 Thursday 0828 Stableford Home

February

4 Thursday 0828 Medal Home

11 Thursday 0900 Fun Away Day Aldenham Away !

18 Thursday 0828 Stableford Home

Ladies:

January

2 Saturday 0844 BL Friendly Home

4 Monday 0900 Friendly Home

9 Saturday 0900 BL Friendly Home

11 Monday 0900 Greensomes with Seniors Home

16 Saturday 0844 BL Friendly Home

18 Monday 0900 Friendly Home

23 Saturday 0900 Aussie Spoons & Friendly Stableford Home

25 Monday 0900 Aussie Spoons & Friendly Stableford Home

30 Saturday 0900 BL Friendly Home

February

1 Monday 0900 Friendly Home

6 Saturday 0844 Friendly Pink Ball Home

8 Monday 0900 Friendly Pink Ball Home

8 Monday TBC Pearson v Bushey G & CC Home

13 Saturday 0900 BL Friendly Home

15 Monday 0900 Friendly Home

15 Monday TBC Pearson v Dyrham Park Away

20 Saturday 0844 BL Friendly Home

22 Monday 0900 Friendly Home

22 Monday TBC Pearson v West Herts Away

27 Saturday 0900 BL Friendly Home

29 Monday 0900 Friendly Home

29 Monday TBC Pearson v Verulam Home

ALL SECTIONS Club Competitions:

January

Sunday 10th 0900 Winter League Week 6

Sunday 24th 0900 Winter League Week 7

Sunday 31st 0900 Winter League Week 8

February

Sunday 14th 0900 Winter League Week 9

Sunday 28th 0900 Winter League Week 10

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