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Newsletter of the Little Hay Golf Club

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A Word from your Club Captain.

With the wet weather disrupting the January Medal & winter league, it was nice to play golf on a very cold frosty Saturday morning.

The Founders Day had some good scores despite the lack of entries.

1st Patrick Ashton 38 points

2nd Karl Burn 37 points

3rd Steve Crowhurst 37 points

Anybody wishing to be considered to play for the A Team (max 18 hcp) & B Team (max 28) please enter your name on the sheets in the competition book on the front desk. Also please put your names down to play in the February Monthly Medal & The Alan Irwin Shield.

Hope we get some drier weather soon.

That's all for now.

Chris Miles

Rules of Golf

The new Rules came into force on January 1st, not many notable changes as far as I can see. What happened to the change to handicaps? Will we put this into effect? Are we going to implement the rule which allows men's and ladies' handicaps to go higher than 28 and 36 respectively?? There is nothing in the new rule book, so I guess it is the responsibility of our national organisation, or am I barking up the completely wrong tree?

Rules Question

You might be amused by this question provided by Chris Dove. I will provide the wine for the first correct answer out of the hat !

“My ball lies on the fairway very close to the remains of a SNOWMAN which someone has built (probably waiting for the group in front to get a move on). The ball lies on the grass but the SNOWMAN interferes with my swing. It is not possible to move the SNOWMAN because that would take too long. What relief can I get, if any??”

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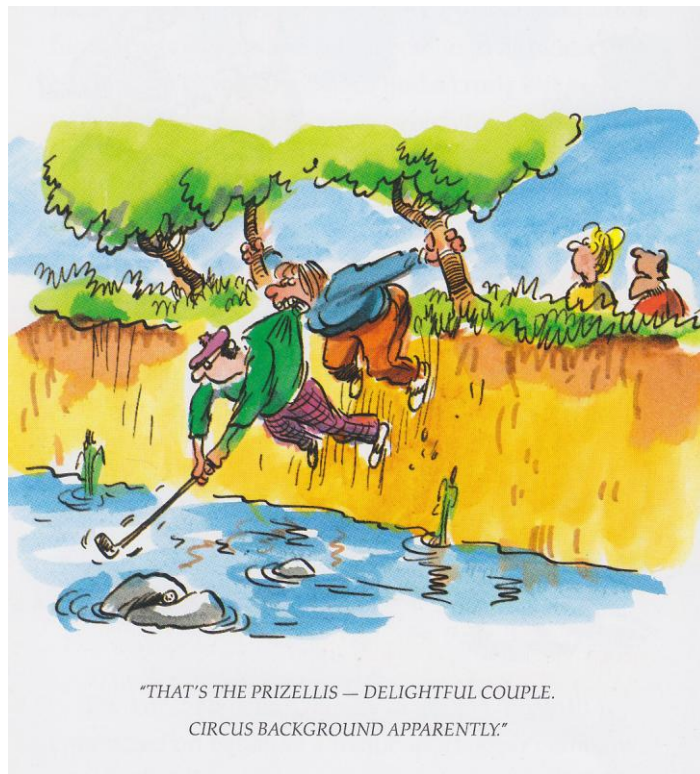
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Mens January Results

Founders Day 2016 Men

1.	Patrick Ashton	38 pts	new hcp	15.2
2.	Karl Burn	37		10.1
3.	Steven Crowhurst	37		22.5



Senior Moments

A Word from the Seniors' Captain

Not much to say in February, except don't forget, those who are playing, the Fun Day at Aldenham is nearly upon us. As for the January Stableford, it was a bit of a wash-out, being played over nine holes, and was won by your former Captain Trevor with 20 points.

We have two Stablefords in February, one on the fourth and the other on the 18th, so don't forget.

Roll on spring and some drier weather. Speak to you next month, and by the way, don't forget the AGM on the 7th March, 7 for 7.30.

Paul Whiter

Ladies News

There has been very little activity this past month in the Ladies Section due to extremely bad weather. The course has been closed on three consecutive Mondays due to rain and snow and our scheduled Friendly Greensomes on the 11th January with the Seniors had to be cancelled.

Luckily Monday this week was dry enough for us to play but we still had to contend with plenty of mud, however it was good to be out in the fresh air.

We are now looking forward to the first round of Pearson matches which start the second week in February and run through to April and we wish all participants the very best of luck. Fingers crossed we will have some drier weather.



We were all very saddened to learn of the death of Jenny Williams just before Christmas. Jenny had been a member of Little Hay for many years. She had been Captain twice and also the first Lady President of the Club. Up until six months ago when her health started to deteriorate, she had been a very active member of the Club. She was a kind and caring lady with a cheerful disposition and was a good friend to us all. She was good company and a very popular and well respected member of the Ladies Section. She will be greatly missed.

If like me you are getting tired of this winter, let's look on the bright side, keep smiling and remind ourselves that Spring is just around the corner, which corner we don't know, but keep looking. That's all for now, see you next month!

Gill Howells

Junior News

A Happy New Year to all Juniors and parents. Yes, we are already thinking about our 2016 season and our plans are set out below:

Little Hay Junior Competitions 2016

Date	Day	Time	Competition	Location
Mar12	Sat	9.00	Captains' Drive-in and Texas Scramble	Home
Mar30	Weds	11.00	Junior Stableford	Home
Apr 1	Fri	11.00	Junior Stableford	Home
Apr 4	Mon	11.00	Junior Stableford	Home
Apr 6	Weds	11.00	Junior Medal	Home
Apr 9	Sat	12.30	Lexus League v Hartsbourne	Away
May11	Weds	18.00	Evening League Round 1	Home
May25	Weds	18.00	Evening League Round 2	Home
May29	Sun	11.00	Junior Medal	Home
May30	Mon	13.00	Lexus League v Hartsbourne	Home
Jun 8	Weds	18.00	Evening League Round 3	Home
Jun 22	Weds	18.00	Evening League Round 4	Home
Jul 3	Sun	13.00	Lexus League v Harpenden	Home
Jul 6	Weds	18.00	Evening League Round 5	Home
Jul 16	Sat	7.00	Captain's Day (Stableford)	Home
Jul 20	Weds	18.00	Evening League Round 6	Home
Jul 27	Weds	11.00	Junior Stableford	Home
Jul 29	Fri	11.00	Junior Medal	Home
Jul 31	Sun	13.00	Lexus League v Whipsnade	Home
Aug 3	Weds	11.00	Junior Stableford	Home
Aug 5	Fri	11.00	Junior Medal	Home
Aug 10	Weds	11.00	Junior Stableford	Home
Aug13	Sat	8.12	Men's Club Championship Round 1	Home
Aug14	Sun	8.12	Men's Club Championship Round 2	Home

Aug-17	Weds	11.00	Junior Stableford	Home
Aug-19	Fri	11.00	Junior Medal	Home
Aug-22	Mon	12.00	Lexus League v Ashridge	Away
Aug-26	Fri	11am	Junior Medal	Home
Aug-31	Weds	11.00	Junior Championship Round 1	Home
Sep-02	Fri	11.00	Junior Championship Round 2	Home
Sep-10	Sat	7.32	President's Day (Stableford)	Home
Oct-16	Sun	8.28	All Sections Cup (Team Stableford)	Home
Oct-24	Mon	11.00	Junior Stableford	Home
Oct-26	Weds	11.00	Junior Medal & End of Season Prizegiving	Home
Oct-28	Fri	tba	Lexus League Finals Day	tba
Nov-26	Sat	9.00	Doughty Cup (Texas Scramble)	Home

3 more Lexus League matches to be arranged - awaiting responses from other Clubs

As you can see, the first junior competitions are in the Easter holidays but before that is a very special event – The Captain’s Drive-in at 9am on Saturday March 12th. This is a custom common to most Golf Clubs in which the new seasons’ Captains (Men’s, Ladies’, Senior’s, and Juniors’) drive off the first tee: the drives are measured and totalled and we run a ‘sweep’ on guessing the result, with most proceeds going to charity. This is followed by a Texas Scramble with the four captains forming the first team. We hope as many juniors as possible will turn out to support our new Junior Captain – Craig Walker.

Best Wishes

Martin & Elaine

and in conclusion.....

...the last word is... Real golfers, no matter what the provocation, never strike a caddie with a driver. The sand wedge is far more effective.

Huxtable Pippet

...and a touch of humour... A triple bogey is three strokes more than par, four strokes more than par is a quadruple bogey, five more than par is a quintuple, six is a sextuple, seven is a throwuple, eight is a blowuple, and nine is a ohshutuple.

Henry Beard, US humorist, *Golfing* (1985)

What's on This Month and Next

Men

February

6 Saturday 0908 MEDAL Home

20 Saturday 0908 Alan Irwin Shield Home

March

6 Sunday 0900 Medal Home

19 Saturday 0908 Captain's team v Past Captains

Seniors

February

4 Thursday 0828 Medal Home

11 Thursday 0900 Fun Away Day Aldenham Away !

18 Thursday 0828 Stableford Home

March

3 Thursday 0828 Medal Home

14 Monday 0900 Cruickshank Salver w/Ladies – Home

17 Thursday 0828 Stableford Home

24 Thursday 0830 v Redbourn Away

29 Tuesday 0828 Texas Scramble Peter Betts Shield Home

31 Thursday 0828 April Medal Home

Ladies:

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

March

5 Saturday 0900 BL Dacorum Trophy + Coffee Morning Home

7 Monday 0900 Dacorum Trophy + Coffee Morning Home

7 Monday 1004 Pearson v BG & CC Away

10 Thursday 1004 Pearson v Dyrham Park Away

10 Thursday 1004 Chesham & Ley Hill Home

14 Monday 0900 Cruickshank Salver w/Seniors Home

19 Saturday 0844 BL Friendly Home

21 Monday 0900 Solheim Cup Home

21 Monday 1004 Pearson v West Herts Home

26 Easter Saturday 0900 BL Friendly Home

30 Wednesday 1000 Ivinghoe Away

ALL SECTIONS Club Competitions:

February

Sunday 14th 0900 Winter League Week 9

Sunday 28th 0900 Winter League Week 10

March

Monday 7th 1900 for 1930 **AGM**

Saturday 12th 0900 Captain's Drive-in and Scramble

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

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