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(The Newsletter with a Punch!)

Newsletter of the Little Hay Golf Club



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Annual General Meeting 2016

Chris Miles [Club Captain] and Ralph Lane [President] were very disappointed by the small number of members who attended the Annual General Meeting 2016 on Monday 7th March at Little Hay Golf Club. Also only five apologies were received prior to the meeting and these have been recorded in the minutes. This was a very unsatisfactory situation as members unable to attend for whatever reason are requested to notify the secretary of their absence.

The committee look at this in two ways, members are not interested or they are happy with the committee and the way the club is run. It is at the AGM that members can show their thanks and appreciation for the hard work done for the club and complex by the committee, manager and all ground staff for its continued success.

Chris Miles

Ralph Lane

A word from your Club Captain.

Welcome everyone, another year descends upon us all at Little Hay Golf Club. Thank you to those who did attend the AGM (please see letter from myself and Ralph Lane).

I have been elected to be Club Captain for the second year 2016/2017.

I really enjoyed the Captain's Drive-in on 12th March in slightly warmer conditions than last year. I would like to thank everyone who took part and a big thanks to Mick Whelan for organising the day. On the 19th March it was my Captains team versus Past Captains which was closely fought again, and the first time there has been a draw, three and a half matches each. So the Captains team record of never losing is still intact. It was nice to see the older Club Captains, and a very enjoyable day, and a big thanks to Mick Whelan who has done it for the last three years.

I'm carrying on with the same two charities: Alzheimer's Society and Parkinsons UK, which mean a lot to me, after I lost my Father in February this year.

I would like as many members as possible to get involved in all the various competitions organised by the club this year. Details of all competitions can be found on our website: www.littlehaygolfclub.co.uk, or via the competitions book in reception, or by contacting the various section Captains. Don't forget to get your Knockout competition entry form in by the closing date of 18th April. You can download this form via the club website, or in the competitions book in reception. If you have any questions on this please contact Tony Alford. I have enjoyed taking part in previous years, and hope you do this year.

I hope you have a great year golfing at Littlehay.

Chris Miles

MEDAL 6/3/16

Division 1	1	Paul Rolfe	74 – 8c = 66	new hcp	away
	2	Mick Whelan	78 – 10c = 68		10
	3	Phil Chester	78 – 8c = 70		8.2
Division 2	1	Thomas Butler	77 – 14 = 63		14.2
	2	Steven Crowhurst	84 – 20c = 64		19.5
	3	Andy Deaves	89 – 23c = 66		23.3

Rules of Golf

Rules Question

There were two winners of the Snowman rules query. Barry Ramsay and Paul Thompson, who will both get a bottle of Malbec from me. There are three possible solutions, none of which have a penalty shot attached. 1. Treat as casual water and free drop within on club length. 2. Treat as a man made obstruction, like a seat, and free drop within one club length. 3. Treat as casual water and kick it the hell away.

Handicap Changes

The increase in-club for members to have a handicap longer than 28 or 36 was passed by CONGU to each club to decide for itself. Our committee has decided we will not be taking up the option. Probably because it would cause a lot of problems with our handicap computer, too much extra hassle.

Due to health problems during this last winter, I have not had the opportunity to discuss rule problems with my fellow club members, which means I have had few ideas for this part of the news sheet. Taking the easy way out I will highlight some rule changes put into place in January this year,

Exception to Rule 6-6d. Wrong score for Hole.

This new exception provides that a competitor is not disqualified for returning a score for any hole lower than actually taken when this is due to failure to include one or more penalty strokes that, before returning his score card, the competitor did not know he had incurred. Instead, the competitor incurs the penalty prescribed by the applicable Rule and an additional penalty of two strokes for each hole at which the competitor has committed a breach of Rule 6-6d.

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Senior Moments

A Word from the Seniors' Captain

Gentlemen, we are now approaching our busy period, but first of all, last months' news.

We had two Stablefords, and I must say there were some very good scores. March 3rd was won by Quinto with 40 points, second was Dennis Warren with 39 points on count-back from John Poston with 39.

The 17th March was won by Bob Bennett with 41 points, second was Bill Howells with 38, from Ian Wilford with 37. Congratulations to all of you.

We also had our first interclub match of the year against Redbourn away and I am sorry to say that we lost six and a half to one and a half.

As I said, the busy period is upon us, so please check the book in reception to get your name down for competitions and matches.

Paul Whiter Senior results

Stableford 3/3/16

1	Quinto Rafique	40 points	new hcp	10.6
2	Dennis Warren	39		19.9
3	John Poston (on count-back)	39		18.7

17/3/16

1	Bob Bennett	41	20.5
2	Bill Howells	38	20.7
3	Ian Wilford	37	21.1

Ladies News

Ladies golf has been punctuated by good and bad weather. Saturday March 5th the Business Ladies Dacorum Trophy round was cancelled due to snow and sleet. However, on Monday 7th the Monday Ladies managed to play their round and the result was as follows: 1st Alison Sexton with 33 points, 2nd Linda Reeve with 32 points and 3rd Elaine Meagher with 30 points.

Business Ladies and Wednesday roll ups have been played whenever the conditions permitted and there are always a few valiant ladies prepared to play whatever the weather, but the course was closed on Weds 9th March due to flooding.

Saturday 12th saw the Club Captains Drive In which was well attended with 12 x 4 balls playing and it proved to be a very enjoyable day. As always, very capably overseen by Ralph Lane and Ray Moore. The competition to predict the distance of the combined Captains' drives was won by Phil Joslin and Ant Monger. The winners of the competition were Chris Dorsett, Karl Burn, Brian Ridgeway and Mike Mason with over 100 stableford points (a combination of the best two and the worst scores). The best individual score went to Junior Captain, Craig Walker with 43 points who also managed to eagle the first hole!

Monday 14th the Ladies played the Seniors for the Cruickshank Salver and the Seniors managed to win comprehensively 6 – 0. Come on ladies let's beat them next year!

The Friendly Match season is now upon us with our first match being played in warm sunshine on the 17th against Chesham & Ley Hill at home and won by Little Hay. Our next friendly is next Wednesday 30th away at Ivinghoe.

The Pearson Team are going from strength to strength. They have played five matches in total and won 4 out of the 5. Two more matches are being played next week on 30th March away to Dyrham Park and 1st April away to Bushey and the last match in this round being played away on 15th April against Verulam. We wish them continued success.

It's good to see the course drying out at long last and hopefully we will soon start to enjoy some sunnier days. With the competitive season about to commence I would like to wish everyone success and most of all enjoyable golf.

Gill Howells

Junior News

Our Junior Programme of competitions is just getting underway with our Stableford competition on Wednesday and another today.

Next Monday we have an 18 hole Stableford competition in which we will be joined by some younger players from the Little Hay Academy who will play nine holes with us to get a taste of competition conditions.

Next Wednesday 6th April we play our first Medal format competition. If you haven't been able to get up to Little Hay to enter your name for these competitions just let Martin or Elaine know that you intend to play.

On Saturday 9th April we play our first Lexus League match at 12.30 pm away against Hartsbourne. Craig Walker will be contacting juniors to select a team.

The results from the 31st will be published next month.

Martin Evans and Eileen Jarvie

and in conclusion.....

..the last word is...

You're only here for a short visit, so don't hurry, don't worry, and be sure to stop and smell the flowers along the way.

Walter Hagan

...and a touch of humour...

His nerves. His memory. And I can't remember the third thing.

Lee Trevino *Listing the three things a golfer loses as he gets older.*

What's on This Month and Next

Men

April

9 Saturday 0732 Medal & Gold Cup Home
10 Sunday 0828 Bryn Aldridge Charity Shield Home
17 Sunday 0930 B team v Ruislip tbc Home
23 Saturday 0900 A team v Rickmansworth Home
30 Saturday 0900 A team v Bushey Country Club Home

May

1 Sunday 0828 Medal & Championship of England Qualifier Home
8 Sunday 0828 Secretary's Cup & UKPCC Qualifier Home
14 Saturday 0900 A Team v Stevenage Away
21 Saturday 1000 B Team v Downshire TBC Home
28 Saturday 0900 A Team v Panshanger TBC Home

Seniors

April

5 Tuesday 0900 Rickmansworth Away
14 Thursday 0828 Stableford Home
21 Thursday 0828 Shendish Home
26 Tuesday 0828 Batchwood Home
28 Thursday 0828 3 Club Competition John McDonough Cup Home

May

5 Thursday 0828 Medal Home
6 Friday 0828 Hazlemere Away
10 Tuesday 0828 Whitewebbs Home
18 Wednesday 0828 Redbourn Home
19 Thursday 0828 Stableford Home
31 Tuesday 0828 Bushey G&CC Home

Ladies:

April

2 Saturday 0852 BL Medal Home
4 Monday 0836 Medal Home
9 Saturday 0836 BL Spring Bouquet Home
11 Monday 0836 Spring Bouquet Home
13 Wednesday 1000 Rickmansworth Away
15 Friday 1004 Pearson v Verulam Away
16 Saturday 0836 BL Charity Cup Home
18 Monday 0836 Charity Cup Home
23 Saturday 0836 BL Bland Shield Home
25 Monday 0836 Bland Shield Home
28 Thursday 1000 Harpenden Common Home
30 Saturday 0836 BL Friendly Home

May

4 Wednesday 0900 Solheim Cup Home
7 Saturday 0836 BL Medal & NAPGC Qualifier Home
9 Monday 0836 Medal & NAPGC Qualifier Home
14 Saturday 0836 BL Burhill & NAPGC/UKPCC Qualifier Home
16 Monday 0836 Burhill & NAPGC/UKPCC Qualifier Home
21 Saturday 0836 BL Peugeot Coronation Foursomes Home
23 Monday 0836 Peugeot Coronation Foursomes Home
28 Saturday 0836 BL Friendly Stableford Home

Juniors:

29 Sunday 1100 Junior Medal Home
30 Monday (Bank Holiday) 1300 Lexus League v Hartsbourne Home

ALL SECTIONS Club Competitions:

April

9 Saturday All Day Sports Space Open Day tbc Home

May

11 Wednesday 1800 Midsummer Evening League Home
25 Wednesday 1800 Midsummer Evening League Home

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

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