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Newsletter of the Little Hay Golf Club



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A word from your Club Captain.

I would like to take the opportunity to give a warm welcome to all the new members to Little Hay Golf Club, I hope you find your time at Little Hay enjoyable, and make many new friends. I did manage to meet a few of you at the open day and hope to meet the others over the course of my Captaincy.

The season has started well with the lovely spring weather a real bonus. Club matches are in full swing and the draws being made for the knockout competitions. If you have entered any of these, please see the notice boards for further details or contact the Competitions and Handicap Secretary, Tony Alford. Can everyone please ensure you leave plenty of time to play each round, and that each round is played by the given date. Going past the date is not acceptable.

Good luck to everyone, and enjoy!

Please have a look at John Poston's report from the Liaison Committee, there are a couple of interesting items.

Chris Miles

MEDAL Results

Division 1	1.	Sam DEERING	82 - 9 = 73	new hcp	9.1
	2.	Phil CHESTER	81 - 8 = 73		8.2
	3.	Ashley WADE	82 - 8 = 74		8.2
Division 2	1.	Chris MILES	86 - 15 = 71		14.4
	2.	Patrick ASHTON	87 - 15 = 72		15.2
	3.	Des BARRY	99 - 24 = 75		23.2

Bryn Aldridge Stableford

1.	Nick BROWN	38 points	13.7
2.	Mick MILNE	38	7.4
3.	Anthony MONGER	37	9.7

Sportspace and LHGC Liaison Committee.

The regular meetings between the Club and Sportspace continue, with the Club represented by Keith Puddiphat, Suzanne Brady and John Poston (Jean Dove has just stepped down from the Committee after several years of considerable contribution – we could really do with another volunteer to attend the meetings every two months).

Since the demise of the big course development scheme, which raised so much local opposition, Sportspace have been considering if there are any sources of finance to allow proceeding with the top priorities – improvement to tees and of the driving range facilities and protective netting. So far there has been no success, and all we can foresee is improvement of one or two tees a year, this year's budget allows for one tee to be improved.

We have been exploring ideas of joint membership of Sportspace facilities and one idea is now offered – any annual season ticket holder at Little Hay can obtain a 25% discount on swimming membership – only paying £15 a month to swim whenever he or she wishes. Anyone interested should ask at Reception at Little Hay – we would like to know what you think and if you have any other proposals for us to consider and follow up.

Then, for a long time, we have wanted to introduce some form of discount for regular users of the bar and restaurant – this may see the light of day this year, most likely in some form of loyalty scheme, we hope to have more to report soon.

The Open Day idea originated several years ago from our committee – and was a success again this year. We wonder if some other major event in September might be a way of stimulating more use and more membership – for we want to see both.

John Poston

Rules of Golf

Once again I have not discussed any contentious rule interpretations in the last month so we will get on with revealing another change which came into force in January.

Rule 14 – 1b. Anchoring the club.

A new rule is introduced to prohibit anchoring the club, either “directly” or by use of an “anchor point”, during the making of a stroke.

Note 1: The club is anchored “directly” when the player intentionally holds the club or a gripping hand in contact with any part of his body, except that the player may hold the club or a gripping hand against a hand or forearm.

Note 2: An “anchor point” exists when the player intentionally holds a forearm in contact with any part of his body to establish a gripping hand as a stable point around which the other hand may swing the club.

Now that seems fairly straightforward !

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Senior Moments

A Word from the Seniors' Captain

Now we are up and running properly, the competitive season is really underway.

The April Stableford was won by Tim Farrow with 37 points, from Chris Jarman on count back with 35 and Bill Howells with 35. Division 2 was won by Pat McInerney on 38 points from John Murphy 35 and Mike Mason 33.

We had three matches in April. **Rickmansworth** away we lost 5-1. **Shendish** at home we won 4-2. **Batchwood** we won 4-2. Our next match is versus **Hazlemere**. Please don't forget the Peter Betts trophy at the end of May, there is still time to put your name down.

Paul Whiter

Senior Medal Results

Division 1	1.	Tony Hodson	89 – 21 = 68	new hcp	20.6
	2.	Trevor V Sargent	87 – 16 = 71		16.0
	3.	John Poston	90 – 19 = 71		18.7
Division 2	1.	John Murphy	87 – 22 = 65		21.8
	2.	Wael AlJawad	88 – 23 = 65		22.7
	3.	Vic Allen	90 – 22 = 68		21.5

LADIES NEWS

The Pearson Team are continuing their run of success, winning their away match on 30th March against Dyrham Park (6-1), followed by yet another win at home on 1st April against Bushey Golf and Country Club (4-3). Their final match against Verulam away on 15th April was won by Verulam but hats off to our ladies having won 6 out of their 8 matches and therefore through to the quarter finals at the beginning of June against Harpenden. So well done ladies, your dedication to the team has really paid dividends and we wish you all the very best in the next round.

The first medal of the season was played on Sat 2nd by the Business Ladies, won by Caroline Banks (97/74) and on Mon 4th won by Jackie Joslyn (88/72).

Sat 9th was Sportspace Open Day which attracted a lot of new members, albeit mainly for the men and seniors. However the ladies did sign up two new members, Andy Dean and Eileen Myatt and we are pleased to welcome them to our team. We are also delighted that Yvette Essen, a former Business Lady member, has rejoined after the birth of her daughter – welcome back Yvette.

Unfortunately, 3 of our members, Lesley Quinn, Maureen Bidgway and Jane Whigham have decided to join other clubs nearer to home which we quite understand but we were sorry to see them go and would like to wish them the best of luck in their new clubs. Hopefully we will see them from time to time at Little Hay.

Two more Friendly matches have been played, one at Ivinghoe on 30th March with an overall win for Little Hay and another at home v Rickmansworth (13th April) resulting in a draw.

The Spring Bouquet played on Mon 11th was won by Lesley O'Brien with a score of 41 points.

The Charity Cup on Mon 18th was won by Caroline Banks with 34 points and the Bland Shield on Mon 25th was won by Jackie Joslyn with 37 points.

On 18th April two teams of ladies played in the Herts Spring Meeting at Sandy Lodge Golf Club: Elaine Meagher, Chris Marsden and Linda Reeve were runners up and Pauline Manning, Jackie Joslyn and Alison Sexton came 3rd.

Suzanne Brady and Lesley O'Brien entered the Daily Mail competition and had a good win against Chesham and Ley Hill in the first round but lost in the second round to Moor Park. Well done ladies on a valiant effort.

Various NAPGC competitions are being played: In the Whitewebbs, the Little Hay team (Elaine Meagher, Linda Reeve, Chris Marsden and Pauline Manning) beat Farnham Park A (2-0). The Ladies Team Matchplay comp Little Hay C (Trish Joslin and Jacky Pearson) beat Huntswood A in Round 1. The Hawtree comp is in the process of being arranged. The JHB Cup and Shield competition will be defended by the present holders, Chris Marsden, Elaine Meagher and Linda Reeve next month.

We've made an excellent start to the season. Congratulations to all the ladies who have made such a great contribution to the Ladies' success so far and we wish everyone continued success in their forthcoming competitions.

Gill Howells

Junior News

Four junior competitions were arranged over Easter but only one attracted more than two junior members with handicaps and counted as qualifying.

1st April Junior Stableford

1.	Harry Miller	39 points	new hcp	27.6
2.	Craig Walker	37		11.9
3.	Junior Dong	26		54

The Lexus Junior League match on ninth April was postponed at our request as we were unable to raise a team of 6.

The lack of co-ordination between school holiday dates over Easter was our major problem which will recur at Whitsun when there is no overlap between Herts and Bucks school holidays except the Whit weekend itself.

We have two activities planned for that weekend: on Sunday 29th May we will have a Junior Medal competition, and on Monday 30th May we have a Lexus Junior League home match against Hartsbourne.

We are pleased to welcome a new Junior member – Adam Larkin – who has played informally at Little Hay for some time and we hope he will quickly obtain a handicap and participate fully in Junior activities.

Martin Evans and Eileen Jarvie

2016 Midsummer Evening League

This competition is designed to provide fun but competitive golf without giving up the greater part of a day, primarily for those members in fulltime employment or study, or with weekend family commitments.

The format is a series of six individual Stableford 9-hole competitions to be held on Wednesday evenings.

May 11th and 25th
June 8th and 22nd
July 6th and 20th

Each player's best four scores will be aggregated to determine a league winner. The competition is open to all members with active handicaps, including Juniors, Seniors, and Ladies – Ladies play off the red tees and others off the white tees.

Starting teetimes are up to 6.30 pm, with preference for later teetimes given to those with work or study commitments.

The entry sheet for the first and second rounds on May 11th and 25th are now in the "Winter League" section at the front of the Competition Book at Reception.

If you do have work or study commitments, please indicate next to your name the earliest time that you can start.

and in conclusion.....

..the last word is...

The only time I talk on a golf course is to my caddy, and then only to complain if he gives me the wrong club.

Seve Ballesteros

...and a touch of humour...

Colin Montgomery has a face like a warthog that has been stung by a wasp.

David Feherty referring to the Scottish golfer in 1992

What's on This Month and Next

Men

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

June

- 4 Saturday 0732 Medal Steve Seaford Memorial Q Home
- 10 Friday 1530 Challenge Cup w/Seniors Home

Seniors

May

- 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

June

- 3 Friday 0900 Wycombe Heights Away
- 9 Thursday 0828 Medal Home
- 14 Tuesday 0828 John Bidgway Salver Home
- 16 Thursday 0830 Cheshunt Away
- 22 Wednesday 0828 Stockwood Park Home
- 23 Thursday 0828 Stableford Home
- 29 Wednesday 0900 Shendish Away

Ladies:

May

- 4 Wednesday 0900 Solheim Cup Home
- 7 Saturday 0836 BL 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

June

- 4 Saturday 0836 BL Medal and Granny Cup Home
- 6 Monday 0836 Medal and Granny Cup Home
- 7 Tuesday 1000 Chartridge Park Away
- 11 Saturday 0836 Club Championship (gross) Thipthorpe Trophy (nett) Home
- 12 Sunday 0836 Club Championship (gross) Thipthorpe Trophy (nett) Home
- 13 Monday 0836 Summer Cup Home
- 18 Saturday 0836 BL Summer Cup Stableford Home
- 19 Sunday 1300 Batchwood Friendly TBC Home
- 20 Monday TBC Lady Captain's Awayday TBC
- 21 Tuesday 1000 Bushey Away
- 25 Saturday 0836 BL Ovaltine Cup Home
- 27 Monday 0836 Ovaltine Cup Home

ALL SECTIONS Club Competitions:

May

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

June

- 8 Wednesday 1800 Midsummer Evening League Home
- 22 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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