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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 say a huge thank you to everyone who took part in my 'Captain's Day' competition. The continued good weather matched the quality of golf played. I would again like to say a special thank you to Ralph Lane, Ray Moore, and David Garbutt, for their help and support all of which contributed greatly to the smooth running of the competition.

Congratulations to all of the winners who are listed below.

Blue winner – Ashley Wade 39 points – 2nd Chris Miles – 37 points – 3rd Karl Burn 36 points.
White winner – Harry Miller 36 points – 2nd John Murphy 32 points – 3rd Mike Mason 26 points.
Junior winner – George Rocca 38 points – 2nd Harry Miller 36 points off the whites - 3rd Craig Walker 33 points off the blues.
Ladies winner – Pauline Manning 41 points – 2nd Hee-Young Crowhurst - 36 points – 3rd Chris Woodcock – 36 points.
Guest winner – Daniel Miles 30 points off the blues.

Chris Miles

MEDAL

Division one

1.	Paul Mudd	75 – 7 = 68	New Handicap	6.8
2.	Chris Dorsett	81 – 13 = 70		11.9
3.	George Rocca	80 – 10 = 70		9.5

Division two

1.	Steven Crowhurst	92 – 20 = 72	19.9
2.	Jerry Clarke	88 – 15 = 73	15.0
3.	Aidan Walsh	90 – 15 = 74	15.7
4.	Phil Joslin	89 – 15 = 74	15.1

Ron Gingell

1.	Sam Deering	39 pts	New Handicap	8.4
2.	Stephen Wilkinson	39		7.1
3.	Ashley Wade	39		7.8

Nice to see Club Captain in the results again.

Rules of Golf

Readers might well have noticed from my remarks, about not talking about Rules of Golf with other golfers. Well, I am back playing and getting earache from those who have noticed.

One comment was from a seasoned golfer, who has been asked, on more than one occasion, about quite simple things. My only answer is to tell people to get out their free copy of the RULES. The other important reply to a query, is to refer players to the Local Rules, copy in reception, or online on the clubs website.

The other common question, is how many club-lengths of relief can you get in certain circumstances? Free relief from obstructions is generally one club length. Two club lengths of relief costs a penalty shot. See Rule 28 below:-

Rule 28 Ball Unplayable

The player may deem his ball unplayable at any place on the course, except when the ball is in a water hazard. The player is the sole judge as to whether his ball is unplayable.

If the player deems his ball to be unplayable, he must, under penalty of one stroke:

- (a) Proceed under the stroke and distance provision of Rule 27-1 by playing a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played (see Rule 20-5); or
- (b) Drop a ball behind the point where the ball lay, keeping that point directly between the hole and the spot on which the ball is dropped, with no limit to how far behind that point the ball may be dropped; or
- (c) Drop a ball within two club-lengths of the spot where the ball lay, but not nearer the hole.

If the unplayable ball is in a bunker, the player may proceed under Clause a, b, or c. If he elects to proceed under Clause b, or c, a ball must be dropped in the bunker.

When proceeding under this Rule, the player may lift and clean his ball or substitute a ball.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF RULE:

Match play – loss of hole; Stroke play – two strokes

Another question posed by a friend was: What if, on a putting green, player A's ball hits player B's, after player B has declared he cannot score and will lift his ball. See Rule 19-5 below.

Rule 19-5. By another ball

a. At Rest

If a player's ball in motion after a stroke is deflected or stopped by a ball **in play** and at rest, the player must play his ball as it lies. In match play, there is no penalty. In stroke play, there is no penalty, unless both balls lay on the putting green prior to the stroke, in which case the player incurs a penalty of two strokes.

Player B's ball remains **in play** until holed or lifted.

It did strike me that many of the queries are probably coming from players who have not played in club competitions before. I have a copy of "A Quick Guide to the RULES OF GOLF" which I was given several years ago. On enquiring I am informed it is still available from the R&A on www.randa.org, have a look, I found it really useful.

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A Word from the Seniors' Captain

July has been an eventful month in the Seniors Section, and in particular for our Captain, Paul Whiter. Paul was taken ill about 2 weeks ago, but following surgery and the fitting of a Pacemaker I am please to say has returned home, and is recovering well. Inevitably he needs a period of convalescence, and it will be around 6 weeks before his doctors will allow him to play again.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the member of the Seniors who helped and supported me, as I had to step up and cover for Paul. Whilst the experience I have gained will set me in good stead for my captaincy next year, it has also opened my eyes to the importance of team work. I am therefore taking this opportunity to ask for volunteers to put themselves forward for the Vice Captaincy next year. If you want to speak to me about the role I can be reached on 01923 445091, or 07504460738.

Now back to the regular content:

July Match Results.

4th July Little Hay Win 4 to 2 Away to Bushey G & CC
14th July Little Hay Win 4 to 2 Home to Rickmansworth
20th July Little Hay Win 3.5 to 2.5 Home to Wycombe Heights

The Jefferson/Lane was won by Trevor Sargent and Elaine Meagher.

Mike Mason
Senior Vice Captain

Senior Captain's Away day

Paul Whiter has been released from Hospital as at last Friday. He has had a "pacemaker ICD" fitted and is very well within himself but will not be able to play golf for approximately six weeks. Paul is however intent on organising the traditional Senior Captain's Away day and has made initial arrangements for such to be held at Aylesbury Vale GC on **Wednesday 7th September 2016**.

The Entry Sheet is right now in the Competition Book in the Complex Reception, and it gives all the relevant details required, and it is hoped that many of you will sign up and attend what will be a super day. Paul may be back playing by the **7th September** but will attend the day anyhow.

Senior results

Medal

Division 1

1.	Peter Balding	86 – 20 = 66	New handicap	17.9
2.	Tony Hodson	88 – 21 = 67		19.2
3.	Mick Milne	79 – 8 = 71		7.5

Division 2

1.	John Murphy	95 – 22 = 73		21.9
2.	Terry Silverton	97 – 23 = 74		22.6
3.	Paul Thompson	101 – 24 = 77		23.4

Stableford

Division 1

1.	David A. Smith	37 points		17.2
2.	Robert Bennett	37		19.2
3.	Tony Hodson	36		19.3

Division 2

1.	John Murphy	37		21.6
2.	Trevor F. Sergeant	36		26.3
3.	Mike Lutt	32		23.7

LADIES NEWS

The month started with a 9 hole Texas Scramble match played with the Seniors to commemorate Jenny Williams. Jenny's family very kindly donated a trophy in her memory and her 4 children and some of her grandchildren attended after the match. Light refreshments were served and it was an informal and sociable occasion of which I am sure Jenny would have approved. We shall now repeat it annually in Jenny's memory. The winners on this occasion were Dorcas Kindinger, Chris Marsden, Martin Evans and John Murphy with a nett score of 26 points.

Sun 3rd Little Hay team lost against Huntswood in the 3rd Round of the Whitwebbs.

The July Medal was won by Dawn Rose 87/68, 2nd Linda Reeve 81/70, 3rd Dorothy Norman 108/73.

Sat 9th & Mon 11th England Golf Ping Qualifier – pairs play 4BBB (90% handicap allowance) was won by Pauline Manning / Linda Cusick (44 pts), 2nd Dorcas Kindinger / Chris Marsden (41 pts). 3rd Jacky Pearson / Chris Woodcock (40 pts).

Sat 16th Club Captains Day was won by Pauline Manning with 41 points.

Sun 17th JHB Cup & Shield competition played at Maidenhead. Two teams entered and the winners of the Cup for the second year running were Elaine Meagher, Linda Reeve and Chris Marsden with a gross combined score of 256. Very well done ladies. (See photo below).



Mon 18th We played the Jefferson Lane Trophy competition with the Seniors. A very enjoyable day with warm sunshine (the official start of summer we hope!). The winners were Trish Joslin / Trevor Sargent with a score of 66 pts, 2nd Dorothy Norman / Tony Mayhew with 65 pts and 3rd Chris Woodcock / Chris Jarman with 64 pts.

Tues 19th Friendly match at home against Redbourn won by Little Hay (4.5 / .5). An incredibly hot day but we didn't dare grumble!

Sat 23rd & Mon 25th Basildon Bond Rosebowl stableford competition won by Carol Kent with 41pts, 2nd Pauline Manning with 37 pts, 3rd Lesley O'Brien with 36 pts.

Mon 25th Trish Joslin was the only lady representing Little Hay in the Burhill UKPCC Regional Qualifying competition at Sudbury – well played Trish, you gave it your best shot.

Sat 30th The Hawtree team will be playing their next round of the competition against Huntswood away. Good luck to them.

Sat 30th & Mon 1st August we play the Irons Rosebowl (an irons only stableford competition). Not a favourite with a lot of our ladies but nevertheless it's very good practice for playing with irons and it is a non-qualifier.

That's it for another month. It's been so nice to play in sunshine the last couple of weeks so fingers crossed it remains good for the rest of the summer. Happy golfing and good luck in all the competitions !

Gill Howells

Junior News

Dear Juniors and Parents,

We are now in the busy season for Junior golf and results for July were:

Junior Stableford 27th July

1. Harry Miller 45 points
2. George Rocca 37
3. Michael Burton 34

Harry's great score earned him a handicap cut from 27.6 to 24.4.

Junior Medal 29th July – Results not available before going to press.

We were due to play 4 Lexus League matches in July but two of them were postponed until August – one when Harpenden could not raise a team and the other when Little Hay was unable to raise a team.

We did play an Away match against Harpenden on the 17th July. We could only field 3 players, each of whom played a pair from Harpenden. Despite this, we held Harpenden to two matches to one (8 league points to 4) with Harry Miller winning his match and George Rocca taking a point from the pair playing him.

Our match v Whipsnade on 31st July takes place after this report goes to press.

We are pleased to welcome three new members – Benjamin Carter, George Carter, and Junuli Liyanwella – we hope they will enjoy their Junior golf at Little Hay.

We have a very full programme for August and we hope to see all junior members playing.

Little Hay Junior Competitions 2016

Date	Day	Time	Competition
July 27	Wednesday	1100	Junior Stableford
July 29	Friday	1100	Junior Medal
July 31	Sunday	1300	Lexus league match v Whipsnade – Home
August 3	Wednesday	1100	Junior Stableford
August 5	Friday	1100	Junior Medal
August 8	Monday	1200	Lexus league match v Whipsnade – Away
August 10	Wednesday	1100	Junior Stableford
August 17	Wednesday	1100	Junior Stableford
August 19	Friday	1100	Junior Medal
August 21	Sunday	1300	Lexus league match v Harpenden – Home
August 22	Monday	1200	Lexus league match v Ashridge – Away
August 26	Friday	1100	Junior Medal
August 28	Sunday	1300	Lexus league match v Ashridge – Home
August 31	Wednesday	1100	Junior Championship – Round one
September 2	Friday	1100	Junior Championship – Round two

Best wishes from

Elaine and Martin

Club Competition Result

The Midsummer Evening League was won by Paul Mudd after six rounds with 74 points.

Well done.

For Sale

Ron Fernandez, an old friend, has had to give up playing golf. He has a lead/acid battery which will last for nine holes, he wants to sell for £5 to **your** favourite charity. Give him a ring on 01923 265318/07807 590548 or contact online indianron7@yahoo.com.

Mike Lutt, another old friend, is clearing his garage of all sorts, and has a set of Callaway Big Bertha carbon shafted irons “in good nick” from 3 to sand wedge . He wants £130 o.n.o. so give him a ring on 01494 783588.

Important

Ray Moore has changed his email address to “ raymoore1934@gmail.com”

and in conclusion.....

*..the last word is... If you fozzle with your cleek,
And your putts are let's say – weak,
If your drives, for all to see,
Do not always leave the tee.
And to slice them is a habit,
If, in short, you're a rabbit,
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Advertisement for Guinness, aimed at golfers, early 20th century.

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Men

August

- 6 Saturday 0732 Medal Home
- 7 Sunday 0900 A team v Bushey C.C. Away
- 13 Saturday 0812 Club Championship Medal and Tony Hodson Trophy nett Home
- 14 Sunday 0812 Club Championship Medal and Tony Hodson Trophy nett Home
- 20 Saturday 0900 A team v Stevenage Home
- 27 Saturday 0828 Men v Ladies Home
- 28 Sunday 1000 B team v Downshire TBC Away

September

- 4 Sunday 0828 Medal Home
- 10 Saturday 0732 President's Day Stableford Home**
- 17 Saturday 0930 A team v Batchwood Away
- 18 Sunday 1000 B team v Ruislip Home

Seniors

August

- 1 Monday 0830 v Batchwood Away
- 4 Thursday 0828 Medal Home
- 16 Tuesday 0828 v Cheshunt Home
- 18 Thursday 0828 Stableford Home
- 30 Tuesday 0828 v Hazlemere Home

September

- 1 Thursday 0828 Medal Home
- 7 Wednesday 0828 Captains Away Day Away
- 10 Saturday 0732 President's Day Stableford Home**
- 14 Wednesday 0830 v Stockwoode Park Away
- 15 Thursday 0828 Stableford Home
- 20 Tuesday 0828 Senior Cup Round 1 Home
- 22 Thursday 0828 Senior Cup Round 2 Home
- 27 Tuesday 0828 Senior Captains v Past Senior Captains Home
- 29 Thursday 0828 October Medal Home

Ladies:

August

- 1 Monday 0836 Irons Rose Bowl Stableford (irons only) Home
- 4 Thursday TBC Redbourn Doves Home
- 6 Saturday 0836 BL Medal and Lowest putts Home
- 8 Monday 0836 Medal and Lowest putts Home
- 13 Saturday 0748 BL Friendly Stableford Home
- 15 Monday TBC Invitation Day Home
- 16 Tuesday 1000 Aldenham Away
- 20 Saturday 0836 BL Fressingwood Cup Home
- 22 Monday 0836 Fressingwood Cup Home
- 27 Saturday 0828 Ladies v Men Home

September

- 3 Saturday 0836 BL Medal & Breakthrough Brooch Home
- 5 Monday 0836 Medal & Breakthrough Brooch Home
- 8 Thursday 1000 v Verulam Away
- 10 Saturday 0732 President's Day Stableford Home**
- 12 Monday TBC Ladies Captains v Past Captains Home
- 17 Saturday 0836 BL Autumn Fruit Bowl Home
- 19 Monday 0836 Autumn Fruit Bowl Home
- 23 Friday TBC v Essenden Away
- 24 Saturday 0836 BL David Johnson Trophy Home
- 26 Monday 0836 David Johnson Trophy Home

Juniors

August

- 3 Wednesday 1100 Stableford Home
- 5 Friday 1100 Medal Home
- 8 Monday 1200 Lexus League v Whipsnade Away
- 9 Tuesday 1100 Stableford Home
- 17 Wednesday 1100 Stableford Home
- 19 Friday 1100 Medal Home
- 22 Monday 1200 Lexus League v Ashridge Away
- 26 Friday 1100 Medal Home
- 31 Wednesday 1100 Junior Championship Round 1 Home

September

- 2 Friday 1100 Junior Championship Round 2 Home
- 10 Saturday 0732 President's Day Stableford Home**

ALL SECTIONS Club Competitions:

September

10 Saturday 0732 President's Day Stableford Home

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

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