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Newsletter of the Little Hay Golf Club

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A word from your Club Captain.

The Club Championship was blessed with good weather on both days, and good scores on both days. The course was in good shape again for the occasion. Thanks to George and his staff. Playing off the blue tees was certainly a great test for all the players who took part.

Congratulations to Nick Jefferson who retained the Club Championship.

Congratulations to Fraser Welling who won the nett Club Championship. Congratulations also, to Luke Wrathall who won the Junior Club Championship for the second time. Congratulations as well to Adam Larkin, nett Junior Champion.

This years President's Day was reduced to 9 holes and played off the white tees due to heavy rain. The winner was Phil Chester, and thanks all of those who helped make the President's day such a success in poor weather conditions.

Congratulations to Mick Whelan on winning the David Johnson Trophy, and congratulations also to Sam Deering and Karen Burrows for winning the Fred Roberts

The A team played Batchwood on Saturday 17th but lost 205 – 194 away.

I would like to say well done, to all the players who came second, and are normally forgotten. The A team had another good win over Stevenage (probably because I was on holiday again).

For those who don't know, Little Hay Golf Club are the proud hosts for the Needle Shield this year, and looking forward to nice weather for the occasion.

There are future competitions coming up, and can You please make sure your names are put down for the competition you wish to play in, in the competition book, and remember it is removed 9/10 days before the competition so the draw can be done and put on the website.

Information regarding competitions are always on the website so there should be no excuse for late entries.

Enjoy your golf.

Chris Miles

**President's Day
Saturday 10th September 2016**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those club members who played in the monsoon conditions which greeted this year's President's Prize Day. As the weather was not forecast to improve all day the decision was quickly taken to play this year's event over 9 holes. Everyone who participated played with good humour to make the day a success.

The winners were;	Ladies	Jackie Pearson
	Men	Phil Chester
	Juniors	Harry Miller

Last but not least I would like to thank the following members who worked tirelessly before and during the day; Tony Alford, Ray Moore and Mick Whelan. Also thanks need to go to George Reid and all the green keepers for presenting the course in such good condition.

**Ralph Lane
President**

Tony Alford

Tony has not been too well of late and has spent time in hospital. He is now back at home recovering whilst waiting to have more tests. I am sure that you would all like to join me in wishing him a speedy recovery and that we look forward to seeing him back playing very soon.

Men's Results

Medal – 4th September

Division One

1.	Alan Freeman	71 – 10 = 61	New handicap	8.2
2.	Jake Conroy	77 – 12 = 65		11.2
3.	Nick Brown	81 – 12 = 69		11.3

Division Two

1.	Martin Bull	97 – 28 = 69		26.8
2.	Patrick Ashton	87 – 16 = 71		15.6
3.	Steven Crowhurst	93 – 20 = 73		20.3

Winter League 2016/17

The Winter League is a pairs non-qualifying competition open to **all club members** with active handicaps.

It normally consists of 10 rounds (however, this season we will have 9 rounds as Christmas and New Year's day both fall on a Sunday) each being a "better ball" Stableford pairs competition. All players play off Men's index (Yellow) and ladies are allowed 4 strokes in addition to their Club handicaps. Handicaps are adjusted after each round.

The winners are the pair with the highest total Stableford score from their best 6 rounds.

The full rules of the Winter League are set out in the Competition Rules section of the Club website and in the Competition Rules folder in the Complex Reception

The first tee time of each round is at 9.00 where possible and dates of the 9 rounds are:

Sunday 13th November 2016
Sunday 20th November 2016 *
Sunday 4th December 2016
Sunday 18th December 2016
Sunday 15th January 2017
Sunday 29th January 2017
Sunday 12th February 2017
Sunday 26th February 2017
Sunday 12th March 2017 *

* The first tee time on 20th November will be at 8.20 and on 12th March at 8.04.

Entries to the Winter League can be made on the entry sheet in the Winter League section of the Competition Book. Members wishing to find a partner for the competition should also sign up on this sheet.

Please address any queries to the organiser: Hee-Young Crowhurst
Email: crohee@yahoo.com Tel: 01442 217035 or 07773 285540

A Quick Guide to the Rules of Golf

This guide provides a simple explanation of common Rules situations. It is not a substitute for the Rules of Golf, which should be consulted whenever any doubt arises. For more information on the points covered please refer to the relevant Rule.

The Rules of Play

Tee Shot (Rule 11)

You may change your ball before taking your tee shot, but it is good practice to advise a player in your group if you are changing your ball.

Play your tee shot from between, and not in front of, the tee-markers. You may play your tee shot from up to two club-lengths behind the front line of the tee-markers.

If you play your tee shot from outside this area:

- in match play there is no penalty, but your opponent may require you to replay your stroke provided he does so immediately;

- in stroke play you incur a two-stroke penalty, the stroke itself does not count and you must play a ball from within the correct area.

Playing the Ball (Rules 12, 13, 14 and 15)

If you think a ball is yours but cannot see your identification mark, after notifying your marker or opponent, you may mark the position of the ball and lift it to identify it. When lifted under this Rule, the ball may not be cleaned except to the extent necessary to identify it. (Rule 12-2)

Play the ball as it lies. Don't improve your lie, the area of your intended stance or swing, or your line of play by:

- moving, bending or breaking anything fixed or growing, except in fairly taking your stance or taking your swing, or
- pressing anything down (Rule 13-2)

If your ball is in a bunker or a water hazard, don't;

- touch the ground (or the water in a water hazard) with your hand or club before your downswing, or
- move loose impediments (Rule 13-4)

If you play a wrong ball (i.e. stray ball or ball being used by another player):

- in match play you lose the hole
- in stroke play you incur a two stroke penalty, the strokes made with the wrong ball do not count and you must correct the mistake by playing the correct ball (Rule 15-3)

On the putting green (Rules 16 and 17)

On the putting green, you may:

- mark, lift and clean your ball (always replace it on the same spot), and
- repair ball marks and old hole plugs, but not any other damage, such as spike marks (Rule 16-1).

When making a stroke on the putting green, you should ensure that the flagstick is removed or attended. The flagstick may also be removed or attended when the ball lies off the putting green (Rule 17)

I will continue with the Quick Guide next issue with 'Ball at rest Moved'. Exciting stuff!

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A Word from the Seniors' Captain

How nice it is to be back amongst you.

I started back, at golf, having been given the OK by the Docs on the 2nd, at the Medal on the 4th, and have played several times since.

We played away to Stockwood Park, and as far as I remember, we halved it. No doubt I will get to hear if we didn't.

Tony Alford is out of the John Radcliffe hospital, but is having to go to High Wycombe for loads of tests, he seems to be fairly stable though. As always with our friends - keep your fingers crossed.

I played in the October Medal today (Sept 29), Frank will put the full results in next months' newsletter. It was won (Div 1) by Mick Milne on countback from Paul Mudd, and (Div 2) was won by Andy Sergides from Trevor F Sergeant.

I should, with any luck, be walking behind a trolley in October, so things are progressing.

Reminder: Christmas lunch menus and cheques should be in by 20th October.

Paul Whiter

Senior Results

Medal 1st September

1.	Terry Silverton	88 - 23 = 65	new handicap	20.3
2.	Vic Allen	91 - 21 = 70		20.8
3.	David Garbutt	93 - 23 = 70		22.5

Only one division appeared on HDID so I could only give the above result.

Stableford 15th September

Division one	1.	David A Smith	39 points	new handicap	17.0
	2.	David Dean	38		14.9
	3.	Mick Milne	37		7.9
Division two	1.	Trevor F Sergeant	38		25.1
		Andreas Sergides	38		23.5
		John Murphy	35		21.8

Senior Championship – medal – after two rounds

Younger	1.	Tony Mayhew (again!)	66 + 72 = 138	new handicap	11.6
	2.	Frank Klimaszewski	73 + 69 = 142		13.2
	3.	Mick Milne	72 + 70 = 142		7.5
Older	1.	Quinto Rafique	71 + 67 = 138		9.5
	2.	Peter Balding	77 + 74 = 151		17.7
	3.	Jim Lochhead	68 + 85 = 153		11.6

LADIES NEWS

September has been the best month of the summer this year and has certainly given us all a well earned dose of Vitamin D to hopefully see us through the winter. It has been a pleasure to play in warm sunshine and to see the ball rolling.

The monthly Business Ladies medal was won by Caroline Banks with a nett 66, 2nd Chris Woodcock nett 71 and 3rd Jackie Pearson nett 73. The Monday Ladies medal was won by Chris Woodcock nett 76, 2nd Linda Cusick nett 79 and 3rd Jackie Joslyn nett 81.

Saturday 10th, Club Presidents Day, was unfortunately the first seriously wet day of the month. However being the stalwarts that we are, we duly reported for duty. The competition was reduced to 9 holes in view of the weather and luckily we completed the round before the monsoon came ! The Ladies' winner was Jackie Pearson with 19 points, 2nd was Carol Kent with 17 (c/b) and 3rd Gill Howells with 17 points.

Monday 12th was the Captain's v Past Captains match. A nice warm day and it was good to see so many Captains from years past who are still enjoying their golf. Everyone enjoyed the round of 4BBB stableford competition which resulted in a draw.

Monday 19th we played the Autumn Fruit Bowl competition. The winner was Chris Marsden with 33 points, 2nd Jackie Pearson with 32 points (c/b) and 3rd Caroline Skelton with 32 points.

Monday 26th we played the David Johnson trophy. The winner was Chris Woodcock with 38 points (c/b), 2nd Gill Howells with 38 points and 3rd Pauline Manning with 37 points.

There have been two friendly matches this month. The first against Verulam away resulted in a loss to LH, although closely contested. The second away to Essendon was played in a different format which resulted in a joint win by Dorcas Kindinger and her Essendon partner with a score of 42 points. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day, playing a beautiful course with good company and was a great way to finish our friendly season.

Wednesday roll-ups continue, although it would be nice to see a few more ladies joining in with these rounds. It is a sociable round of golf with no pressure but an opportunity to use that club or practice that shot which maybe you are not so confident with – remember practice makes master. Talking of Masters, the British Masters is held at The Grove this year from 13 – 16 October, so why not try and go along to see how the experts do it !

The planned Sportspace Open Day did not take place at the beginning of the month but I am glad to say this has been re-scheduled for Saturday 1st October. There will be an offer of 18 months' golf for the price of 12 which we hope will draw in some new members.

Until next month.

Gill Howells

Junior News

Apologies for the omission of the following competition result from last month's issue of The Haymaker:

Junior Stableford 26th August

1 st	Craig Walker	41 pts
2 nd	Adam Larkin	39 pts
3 rd	Luke Wrathall	35 pts

The Junior Club Championship was held on the 31st August and 2nd September and was won, for the second time, by Luke Wrathall.

1 st	Luke Wrathall	157
2 nd	Craig Walker	159
3 rd	George Rocca	160

Junior Order of Merit at 30th September

1 st	Harry Miller	1604 points
2 nd	Craig Walker	1080
3 rd	Luke Wrathall	549
4 th	George Rocca	538
5 th	Junior Dong	301

There are 2 more competitions in October qualifying for Order of Merit points.

The Junior Cup, awarded for the best nett score in the Junior Championship, was won by Adam Larkin with 144, on count-back from George Rocca.

Many of our Juniors entered the Club President's Day on September 10th. Unfortunately really foul weather and poor course conditions led to the curtailment of the competition to 9 holes. The Junior section was won by Harry Miller from George Rocca with Adam Larkin third.

We were able to play two Lexus League matches this month:

On September 3rd we played away at Whipsnade and produced a convincing victory – 2 matches to 1 and gained 8 ½ League points to 3 ½.

On September 11th we played away at Ashridge who fielded their strongest team who we held to a 2 match to 1 margin – the 7 : 5 score in League points reflecting the closeness of the matches.

We were unable to arrange to play the 3 League matches postponed earlier in the season and were forced to concede 2 of them, whilst the third was conceded to us. Despite this, Little Hay Juniors finished 3rd out of 5 in our Lexus League pool.

Looking ahead, there are 3 fixtures for your diaries in October:

Sunday October 9 th :	8.30 am All sections Cup – Entry sheet in the front of the Competition Book at Little Hay reception.
Tuesday October 25 th	11 am Junior Stableford
Thursday October 27 th	11 am Junior Medal – followed at 3pm by end of season prizegiving (parents welcome)

Best Wishes

Elaine and Martin

Editors note.

Martin had nothing to apologise for last month. It was all my fault when changing his input to Haymaker from a Word file into a . PDF file I managed to lose some of the front and back, don't ask me how! Please accept my sincere apologies.

and in conclusion.....

..the last word is... **“Golf is a game that is played on a five inch course – the distance between your ears”.**

Bobby Jones (1902-1971) US golfer

...and a touch of humour... **“The number of shots taken by an opponent who is out of sight is equal to the square root of the sum of the number of curses heard plus the number of swishes”.**

Michael Green (1927-????) British humorist . The Art of Coarse Golf (1975)

Men

October

1 Saturday 0930 A Team v Panshanger Away
2 Sunday 0828 Medal Home
9 Sunday 0828 All Sections Cup Home
15 Saturday 0900 John Catchpole Home
22 Saturday TBC Needle Shield @ Little Hay Home

November

5 Saturday 0908 Medal Home
8 Tuesday all day Stableford Home
9 Wednesday all day Stableford Home
22 Tuesday all day Medal Home
24 Thursday all day Medal Home

Seniors

October

6 Thursday 0828 Charity Shield (Vic Allen Trophy) Home
9 Sunday 0828 All Sections Cup Home
13 Thursday 0828 Greensomes with the Ladies Home
20 Thursday 0828 Stableford Home

November

3 Thursday 0828 Medal Home
17 Thursday 0828 Stableford Home

Ladies:

October

1 Saturday 0836 BL Medal Home
3 Monday Medal Home
8 Saturday 0836 BL Founders Cup (Bogey/Par) Home
9 Sunday 0828 All Sections Cup Home
10 Monday 0836 Solheim Cup Home
13 Thursday 0828 Greensomes with the Seniors Home
15 Saturday 0836 BL O'Connor Cup foursomes & Daily Mail Qualifier Home
17 Monday 0836 O'Connor Cup foursomes & Daily Mail Qualifier Home
22 Saturday 0836 BL Friendly Home
24 Monday 0836 Lady Captain's Day Home
29 Saturday 0836 BL Goddens Trophy Greensomes Home

30 Clocks go back one hour

31 Monday 0836 Goddens Trophy Greensomes Home

November

5 Saturday 0844 BL Medal Home
7 Monday 0836 Medal Home
14 Monday 0836 Friendly Home
14 Monday Ladies section AGM and Prize giving
19 Saturday 0836 BL New Captain's Cup Stableford Home
21 Monday 0836 New Captain's Cup Stableford Home
26 Saturday 0836 BL Friendly Home

Juniors

October

9 Sunday 0828 all Sections Cup Home
24 Monday 1100 Stableford Home
26 Wednesday 1100 Medal and end of season prizegiving Home
28 Friday TBA Lexus League Finals Day TBA

November

No fixtures this month but please see below

ALL SECTIONS Club Competitions:

October

9 Sunday 0828 All Sections Cup Home

November

13 Sunday 0900 Winter League Week One

20 Sunday 0820 Winter League Week Two

26 Saturday 0900 Doughty Cup

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

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