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(The Newsletter with a Punch!)

Newsletter of the Little Hay Golf Club

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A word from your Club Captain.

We know winter is around the corner because the clocks have gone back, and we have less daylight for golf. I would like to thank everybody from all the club sections that represented Little Hay, during the season in various matches played against other clubs. I enjoyed playing in them, and look forward to next seasons' matches.

The winter weather has disrupted our golf a bit in November, with the course having to close a couple of times, due to the amount of rain we had. The Winter League is now under way with good scores in the first round, only for the second round to be cancelled due to bad weather. Credit to George and his staff for the condition of the course with the recent bad weather

Well that's it for now, and I would like to take the opportunity to wish all club members, Sportspace staff and their families a **HAPPY CHRISTMAS**.

Don't forget to put your names down for December medal and turkey shoot, in the competitions book in reception

Chris Miles

Men's results

Medal 5 November 16

Division 1

| | | | | |
|----|---------------|--------------|--------------|------|
| 1. | Karl BURN | 74 – 10 = 64 | New handicap | 8.8 |
| 2. | Tong TSE | 81 – 10 = 71 | | 10.2 |
| 3. | Chris Dorsett | 83 – 12 = 71 | | 12.1 |

Division 2

| | | | | |
|----|------------------|--------------|--|------|
| 1. | Martin EVANS | 85 – 17 = 68 | | 15.6 |
| 2. | Trevor V SARGENT | 86 – 17 = 69 | | 15.4 |
| 3. | Patrick ASHTON | 91 – 16 = 75 | | 15.6 |

Tony Alford

I saw Tony yesterday at the Golf Centre and he appeared to me to be OK at the moment. He has issues still being dealt with, but is in good spirits.

40th Anniversary Polo Shirt

A new polo shirt marking the 40th anniversary of Little Hay golf club will be available to buy in the next 3 to 4 weeks.

It is a Glenmuir Lowther design of very good quality, with breast pocket, white, with standard blue Little Hay embroidered logo on the front and also a 40th Anniversary logo on the right hand sleeve.

These will be approximately £25 each, depending on the numbers. They can only be ordered on request, so if you would like one, please e-mail to confirm on jredgwell@btinternet.com stating your size, or speak to me at the club.

Many thanks

John Redgwell

Winter League 2016/17

It is not too late to put your name down on the entry sheet if you want to play this.

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 *

You do not have to play all 9 rounds. You can play as many rounds as you can. 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.

If you have any queries, please contact the organiser:
Hee-Young Crowhurst via email: crohee@yahoo.com or
Tel: 01442 217035 / 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

Ball Assisting or Interfering with Play (Rule 22)

You may:

- lift your ball or have any other ball lifted if you think the ball might assist another player, or
- have any ball lifted if it might interfere with your play.

You must not agree to leave a ball in position in order to assist another player. A ball that is lifted because it is assisting or interfering with play must not be cleaned, except when it is lifted from the putting green.

Loose Impediments (Rule 23)

You may move a loose impediment (i.e. natural loose objects such as stones, detached leaves and twigs) unless the loose impediment and your ball are in the same hazard (i.e. bunker or water hazard). If you remove a loose impediment and this causes your ball to move, the ball must be replaced and (unless your ball was on the putting green) you incur a one stroke penalty.

Movable Obstructions (Rule 24-1)

Movable obstructions (i.e. artificial movable objects such as rakes, bottles, etc.) located anywhere may be moved without penalty. If your ball moves as a result, it must be replaced without penalty.

If your ball is in or on a movable obstruction, the ball may be lifted, the obstruction removed and the ball dropped, without penalty, on the spot directly under where the ball lay on the obstruction, except that on the putting green, the ball is placed on that spot.

Volunteers required

We need volunteers for two jobs in the club, and both are open to females and males. The first is as Press officer, about which I know nothing, except that pal Phil Joslin has been doing it. The second, and probably bigger job, is for Membership Secretary. Another friend, David Garbutt, has been doing this for eight years or so, and need to stand down by the AGM in March at the latest.

If you fancy doing either of these jobs, or just want more information, please get in touch with any club committee member or Captain of your section.

Thanks in anticipation.

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A Word from the Seniors' Captain

Dear Friends, thank you all for putting up with me through all my heart problems. I do hope your new Captain, Mike, has a better year than I had, health wise. I wish Mike and David Dean all the best for 2017, I hope they have lots of wins in the inter club matches.

Yours sincerely,
Paul Whiter

Editor's note: He's getting better. He has managed to play to his handicap of eleven already.

Senior Results

Medal 3 November 16

Division 1

| | | | | |
|----|--------------------|--------------|--------------|------|
| 1. | Dennis WARREN | 89 – 21 = 68 | New handicap | 19.4 |
| 2. | Frank KLIMASZEWSKI | 82 – 13 = 69 | | 12.3 |
| 3. | Mick MILNE | 76 – 7 = 69 | | 6.5 |

Division 2

| | | | | |
|----|------------------|---------------|--|------|
| 1. | Geoff SELLEY | 95 – 23 = 72 | | 23.3 |
| 2. | Colin BUSSEY | 99 – 23 = 76 | | 23.0 |
| 3. | Andreas SERGIDES | 104 – 24 = 80 | | 23.7 |

Stableford

Division 1

| | | | | |
|----|------------------|-----------|--|------|
| 1. | Trevor V SARGENT | 38 points | | 14.5 |
| 2. | Mick MILNE | 35 | | 6.5 |
| 3. | Tony HODSON | 34 | | 19.5 |

Division 2

| | | | |
|----|------------------|-----------|------|
| 1. | Robin ROSE | 40 points | 24.8 |
| 2. | Andreas SERGIDES | 35 | 23.7 |
| 3. | David GARBUTT | 31 | 22.8 |

LADIES NEWS

Another year has flown by and now I'm the new Lady Captain! What an honour this is, I'm privileged to accept the role especially in this, the 40th anniversary year for Little Hay.

Firstly my huge thanks to Gill for steering our section, so ably and calmly. We all appreciate everything you have done for us, thank you. I shall do my best to follow suit.

Currently the Ladies do not have a vice captain but I feel confident that someone will come forward before too long. However I'm very lucky to have a very capable and enthusiastic committee ready and willing to help me take care of the Ladies section throughout 2016/2017 - namely Dianne Drew, Jacky Pearson, Carol Kent, Fran Tarling, Suzanne Brady, Gill Howells and Chris Marsden. In addition we have some non-committee posts which have been cheerfully accepted by Trish Joslin, Yvonne Miles, Dorothy Norman and Chris Woodcock. My thanks to all of you, your help will make my year so much easier!

Some committee members, Hee-Young Crowhurst, Linda Cusick, Jackie Joslyn and Caroline Banks have stepped down this year and I thank them for all their hard work and commitment over the past year.

My chosen charity is Cats Protection (Hemel Hempstead and Berkhamsted Branch). An unusual choice perhaps but one I've personally been supporting for well over 15 years! It's a local charity dedicated to rescuing and rehoming stray, unwanted, or homeless cats and educating people about cats and their welfare. Your support and generosity to this local cause will be very much appreciated. I'm naming the bunker on the 17th (right hand side by the green) as my Captain's charity bunker. This means I'd appreciate you giving 50p to my charity each time you land in this bunker! It's a personal favourite of mine. I know it so well.

We are looking forward to the Ladies Christmas dinner on 12th December at the club. We're holding this as an evening event this year in order that all ladies can attend together (Business and Monday ladies).

The remaining games this year are the New Captain's Cup (postponed once already due to the course being closed) the Turkey shoot with the Seniors and the Christmas Cracker.

Any old excuse!

I thought I'd share some of the recent golfing excuses I've heard on the course - please email me any you hear for inclusion in next months Haymaker....and hands up - I'm guilty too!!

- the group in front is playing too slow, it's putting me off
- Amazing shot nice distance, shame about the direction, that would've been perfect otherwise
- Oh dear! I took out my nine iron instead of my six!

I'd like wish everyone a very happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

Caroline Skelton

Junior News

No news this month, too much swotting, not enough holiday days!!

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..the last word is...

*Oh! The dirty little pill
Went rolling down the hill
And rolled into a bunker
From there to the green,
I took thirteen,
And then, by God, I sunk her!*

Popular early-20th-century song

My sincere apologies, I have been unable to find any fixtures for January 2017 thus far.

Men

December

3 Saturday 0908 Medal Home
10 Saturday 0908 Turkey Shoot Home

Seniors

December

1 Thursday 0828 Stableford Home
5 Monday 0828 Turkey Shoot with the Ladies Home

Ladies:

December

3 Saturday 0844 BL Friendly Home
5 Monday 0828 Turkey Shoot with Seniors Home
10 Saturday 0844 BL Friendly Home
12 Monday tbc Christmas Cracker Lunch & 12 hole comp Home
17 Saturday 0900 BL Friendly Home
19 Monday 0900 Friendly Home
24 Saturday 0900 BL Friendly Home
31 Saturday 0900 BL Friendly Home

Juniors

December

No fixtures this month but please see below

ALL SECTIONS Club Competitions:

4 Sunday 0900 Winter League Wk 3
18 Sunday 0900 Winter League Wk 4

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

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