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Newsletter of the Little Hay Golf Club

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A word from your Club Captain.

I hope everybody had a great Christmas, and wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Congratulations to the various Turkey shoot competition winners in December. Well that's about it for 2016, and would like to wish all Little Hay golf club members, Sportspace staff, and all their families a Happy New Year, see you all in 2017.

p.s. Don't forget to put your name down for the January medal and please make sure the sheet is left in the competition folder

Chris Miles

Men's results

Medal

Division 1	1	Sam Deering	80 - 9 = 71	new hcp	8.6
	2	Mick Whelan	83 - 11 = 72		10.6
	3	Ashley Wade	81 -- 8 = 73		7.5

Division 2	1	Nigel Hopkinson	87 – 15 = 72	14.8
	2	Bo Ho	90 – 17 = 73	17.1
	3	Colin Staines	92 – 19 = 73	19.1

Tony Alford

Is still with us and looks pretty good for a man of his great age. He seems to think he will be back playing again soon. Let's hope so.

40th Anniversary Polo Shirt

A new polo shirt marking the 40th anniversary of Little Hay golf club will be available to buy in the near future.

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 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
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A Quick Guide to the Rules of Golf

No Rules this month, the next few have diagrams to copy and insert and my photocopier is not up to the job, we should be back in the February edition. I am also trying to get copies of the "Quick Guide" from the R&A.

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

As time flies by, I find myself as the Seniors Captain for 2017, this will undoubtedly be both an honour and a challenge. For those who may be unaware I am delighted to tell you that David Dean, has kindly agreed to be the Seniors Vice Captain for 2017.

I have been busy organising competitions and fixtures for some time, and am pleased to be able to let you know we have a finalised schedule comprising in excess of 60 Seniors events, plus the knockout competitions and club competitions which will give you 70+ golfing opportunities in the coming year. I hope you will actively support these, and I will endeavour to ensure all who wish to support the club in matches get an opportunity to do so. The schedule is posted on the Seniors Noticeboard. If you would like your own copy, then please email me at Mike.Mason5@btinternet.com requesting it, and I will send a copy to your email address.

A very successful Christmas Lunch was held by the Seniors at the end of November. It was enjoyed by all including the guests invited on behalf of the Golf Club from Sportspace. Special thanks go to Ralph Lane and Derek Tarling for organising the event.

The final 2016 competitions have taken place.

1st Dec Stableford

Div 1 Winners

Tony Grainger 36

Frank Klimaszewski 34

Fred Evans 33

Div 2 Winners

Andy Sergides 33

Mike Mason 28

Pat Mcinerney 28

Completely ice coated greens were enjoyed by all, and contributed to the lower winning scores.

The Turkey Shoot with the Ladies was well supported with 8 three ball teams competing. The winners were John Murphy, Jacky Pearson & Patrick Mcinerney.

The New Year will begin, weather permitting, with a Medal on 5th January, this has been drawn. Greensomes with the Ladies is scheduled for 9th and Stableford on 19th.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas, and a Happy Golfing New Year,

Mike Mason.

LADIES NEWS

We have been extremely lucky with the weather for December this year.

The New Captain's Cup was played on a really beautiful day and won by Dorothy Norman with an impressive 35 points. This was followed by Pauline Manning (31) Jacky Pearson (30) and Carol Kent (30).

The Turkey Shoot with the Seniors was a very well attended, enjoyable and fun competition. Played in teams of 3, the winners were Jacky Pearson, P.McInerney and J. Murphy. Well done to you all.

In the morning before our Christmas Dinner we played a fun competition - mystery pairs. (won by Caroline Skelton and Andy Dean). We had our Christmas meal in the evening at Little Hay and I have to say it was excellent and enjoyed by everyone. Our thanks go to Chrissie and her team for such a great evening. There certainly was plenty to eat!

Another Fun competition took place on 19th December with a game of firsts. For each hole, points are awarded for 1st on the green, 1st nearest the pin and 1st down the hole. Points are deducted for the 1st person in a bunker. The aim was to help improve your short game but really it resulted in a lot of fun and laughter. Suzanne Brady and Chris Woodcock were the winners!

The Business Ladies have continued to play on Saturdays and likewise the Wednesday roll-ups, mostly enjoying good weather.

I would like to welcome our 'new lady' – Margaret Flowers. Margaret has been playing with us on our Wednesday roll-ups with a few of the regulars. She also joined us for our Christmas dinner and met more of the ladies. Having now submitted her 3 cards, she has her official handicap.

The Christmas break is now upon us but we are looking forward to the New Year with longer, warmer and brighter days not too far away!

Any old excuse!

Some more of these -

- **After adding up a lousy 18-hole score:** You know, if it weren't for the double bogeys on 6, 9 and 15, I would have had a great score today.
- I didn't realize how tall that tree was
- My wet suit is too tight and I can't swing my club properly.

I should like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy and Healthy New Year and success in all your competitions during 2017.

Caroline Skelton

Junior News

No news this month, our first competition is in February. Have a great New Year.

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..the last word is...

Golf is in the interest of good health and good manners. It promotes self-restraint and affords a chance to play the man and act the gentleman.

William Howard Taft (1857- 1930) US president

I wonder if he played off 3 like the new president elect? Ed.

Men

January

7 Saturday 0908 Medal Home
21 Saturday 0908 Founders Day Home

February

4 Saturday 0908 Medal Home
18 Saturday 0908 Alan Irwin Shield Home

Seniors

January

5 Thursday 0828 Medal Home
9 Monday 0900 Greensomes with Ladies Home
19 Thursday 0828 Stableford Home

February

2 Thursday 0828 Medal Home
16 Thursday 0828 Stableford Home

Ladies:

January

2 Monday 0900 Friendly Home
7 Saturday 0844 BL Friendly Home
9 Monday 0900 Greensomes with Seniors Home
14 Saturday 0900 BL Friendly Home
16 Monday 0900 Friendly Home
21 Saturday 0844 BL Friendly Home
23 Monday 0900 Friendly Stableford Home
28 Saturday 0900 BL Friendly Home
30 Monday 0900 Friendly Home

February

4 Saturday 0844 Friendly Pink Ball Home
6 Monday 0900 Friendly Pink Ball Home
11 Saturday 0900 BL Friendly Home
13 Monday 0900 Friendly Home
18 Saturday 0844 BL Friendly Home
20 Monday 0900 Friendly Home
25 Saturday 0900 BL Friendly Home
27 Monday 0900 Friendly Home

Juniors

January

No fixtures this month.

February

16 Wednesday 1100 Junior Stableford Home

ALL SECTIONS Club Competitions:

January

15 Sunday 0900 Winter League Week 5
29 Sunday 0900 Winter League Week 6

February

12 Sunday 0844 Winter League Week 7
26 Sunday 0900 Winter League Week 8

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

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