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Newsletter of the Little Hay Golf Club

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A word from your Club Captain.

With the wet weather disrupting the Winter league, it was nice to play golf on a very cold, frosty Saturday and Sunday mornings and see good scores in the Winter league and monthly Medal.

January Stableford

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| 1. | Aidan WALSH | 47 points |
| 2. | Mick WHELAN | 45 |
| 3. | Tony HODSON | 42 |

The Founders Day had some good scores despite the few entries.

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| 1. | Phil JEFFERSON | 37 points |
| 2 | Karl BURN | 34 |
| 3. | Paul WHITER | 34 |

Anybody wishing to be considered to play for the 'A' team (max 18 hcp) and 'B' team (max 28 hcp) please enter your names on the sheets in the competition book on the front desk. Also please put your names down to play in the February Medal and the Alan Irwin Shield.

I hope we get some drier weather soon.

That's all for now.

Chris Miles

Tony Alford

The man is as good as his word, I saw him after he played 18 holes on Tuesday 24th January !
Long may it continue.

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

40th Anniversary Celebrations

This year Little Hay Golf Club will be 40 years old! To celebrate there will be a Golf Day on Saturday 12th August.

Your committee is in the advanced stages of planning and organising this day. Our aim is to produce a great day of golfing events for all members. So we ask that you keep the day free, keep reading the Haymaker, keep an eye on the Club Website, notice boards, and club emails.

Ralph Lane

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 needs 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

Sunny clear skies, frozen greens, sodden fairways and mats. That pretty much sums up January. A quiet and relaxing month with time to recover from the New Year, whilst inadvertently forgetting all those resolutions you have promised to keep.

The New Year started with an early competition on 5th Jan. Many said it would be short of players, but in the end 32 chose to play, the scoring format was changed to Stableford from Medal because of the course and weather conditions

Result:

1 st	Gordon Stanton	39 off 28
2 nd	Tony Grainger	37 off 19
3 rd	Dave Smith	36 off 18

Greensomes with the Ladies on 9th Jan.

Due to rain this was reduced to 12 holes.

Results:

Mixed 1 st	C Marsden & A Mayhew	27
2 nd	G Howells & P Mudd	26

Men's 1st J Redgwell & P McInerery 26

January ended with a Stableford on the 19th.

Results:

1 st	Denis Warren	38 off 20
2 nd	Bill Howells	37 off 20
3 rd	Paul Mudd	36 off 7
4 th	Syl Nolan	35 off 24.

Next month we have the normal Medal and Stableford. Peter Balding is arranging a Fun Away day at Weston Turville

Mike Mason.

LADIES NEWS

For those I've been unable to see – Happy New Year!

January has been a very interesting month. We've been able to play all but one Monday, every roll up and most Saturdays. When I say play it's definitely a different game at the moment. The greens are rock hard and not what I would call responsive to pitching onto unless you like to see your ball soar 20 foot into the air after it's landed. As for putting well, the ball has a mind of it's own as it weaves drunkenly over the green. It's a guessing game as to which direction it will travel and if it goes in the hole it's a lovely surprise. That said, it is brilliant to be able to play on a lovely crisp, sunny day.

We've had a couple of fun competitions, Waltzing Matilda, when myself, Suzanne and Chris M just pipped Chris W, Dorothy and Jacky and a game called Strike 3 which was won by Chris W. with a fantastic score!!

We played a very enjoyable Greensomes with the Seniors which Chris M and Tony Mayhew won with Gill Howells and Paul Mudd coming second. Sadly we couldn't play all 18 holes but we did manage 12 before rain stopped play.

Winter golf is always difficult. It is unrealistic to think that you are going to go out there and shoot under your handicap when the greens are, dare I say, rubbish and the weather is awful. I did read that as a general rule, it's not unreasonable for us to add two strokes onto the par of the course for each nine. The point of this isn't to be defeatist, it's to increase your chances of a confidence-boosting winter by being realistic. I leave you with that thought.

Any old excuse!

Some more of these -

- My gloves are way too thick – I can't feel the club properly.
- I'm trying something I saw on YouTube to fix my slice - maybe I need to watch it again.
- I found this ball in the water last week, I think it's water logged or something. It's not flying right.

Caroline Skelton

Junior News

A new weekly Sunday nine hole competition for Juniors is starting on Sunday 5th February. For those with a handicap, or wishing to get a handicap, it is a qualifying competition on the main course, or for other juniors who would like to experience the main course.

Time: First tee off – 1pm

Cost: £6

Turn up and play !

A junior competition is being held during half term on Thursday 16th February, first tee off is 11am. 18 holes on the main course. Please register your interest in the competition folder in reception.

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Rules

I still have a problem copying diagrams but will continue with the Quick Guide shortly.

Paper/card copies of the R&A Quick Guide to the Rules are on their way at this moment and will be distributed to anyone who wants a copy to carry about, rather than the full Rule book, any time soon at monthly competitions,

..the last word is...

Golf is the only game where the worst player gets the best of it. He obtains more out of it as regards both exercise and enjoyment, for the good player gets worried over the slightest mistake, whereas the poor player makes too many mistakes to worry over them.

David Lloyd George (1863-1945) British Liberal Prime Minister. Attributed

Men

February

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

March

4 Saturday 0900 Medal Home
13 Monday 1900 **AGM**
25 Saturday 0908 Captain's team V Past Cpts Home

Seniors

February

2 Thursday 0828 Medal Home
16 Thursday 0828 Stableford Home

March

2 Thursday Medal Home
13 Monday 0900 Cruickshank Salver Ladies/Seniors Home
13 Mon 1900 **AGM**
16 Thursday 0828 Stableford Home
23 Thursday 0838 Redbourn Away

Ladies:

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

March

4 Saturday 0844 BL Dacorum Trophy + coffee morning Home
6 Monday 0900 Dacorum Trophy + coffee morning Home
13 Monday 0900 Cruickshank Salver Ladies/Seniors Home
13 Monday 1900 **AGM**
16 Thursday 1000 Chesham and Ley Hill Away
20 Monday 0900 Spring Bouquet Home
25 Saturday 0844 BL Spring Bouquet Home
26 Sunday CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR
27 Monday 0900 Solheim Cup Home
29 Wednesday 1000 Ivinghoe Home

Juniors

February

16 Wednesday 1100 Junior Stableford Home

March

No competitions this month

ALL SECTIONS Club Competitions:

February

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

March

12 Sunday 0900 Winter League Week 9

13 Monday 1900 **AGM**

18 Saturday 0900 Captain's Drive in and Team Stableford

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

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