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# *The Haymaker*

*(The Newsletter with a Punch!)*

Newsletter of the Little Hay Golf Club

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## **A word from your Club Captain.**

The crocuses are breaking through, spring is nearly here, and we look forward to another great summer of golf.

The Winter League has only one round to complete, and it's looking very tight at the top, so an exciting finale is expected. Captain's drive-in is fast approaching, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March, and there are spaces still to fill, so you can get your entry in via the competitions book.

An important date for all members' diaries should be Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March, at 7p.m., when we will hold the Clubs' Annual General Meeting at the Little Hay Complex. The AGM sees the election of our new Club Captain, and elections for the Committee. So I hope as many of our members as possible can attend, and have a say in how their club is run.

The evening will conclude with presentations of awards for 2016, so if you have won a medal, trophy, or cup, during the year, please try to attend.

My year of office officially ends on the night, and I will hand over office to Trevor Sargent who will be formally appointed as our new Club Captain.

It has been an honour and a pleasure being your Captain, and I have enjoyed the experience immensely, and thank everyone at the club for their help, support and advice during my time in office, and hope the members can give Trevor that same help, support, and advice, and wish Trevor a very successful 2017 at Little Hay Golf Club.

**Chris Miles**

## 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

This year Little Hay Golf Club will be 40 years old! To celebrate there will be a Golf Day on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> 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

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### A Word from the Seniors' Captain

Unfortunately The Fun Awayday had to be postponed, due to Storm Doris, but we are planning to reschedule it for 30<sup>th</sup> March. Hopefully this date will be bright and sunny

Additionally the weather laid claim to the Monthly Medal as it caused the course to close, many of those who did turn up, enjoyed a morning of chat and discussion, although following legal advice, the topics are not being reported here to protect the innocent.

The only competition left in February was the Monthly Stapleford on the 16th

Result:

1st Robin Rose 45 off 25

2nd Trevor Sargent 39 off 15

3rd Dave Smith 39 off 17  
4<sup>th</sup> Tony Hodson 38 off 20

Next month we have the normal Medal and Stableford. Peter Balding is rearranging a Fun Away day at Weston Turville. We have the first match of the season away to Redbourn on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, thank you to those who have stepped forward to represent the Seniors as players and reserves for this fixture. There are many more opportunities in the coming months to play in matches, so keep signing up.

We have the Cruikshank Salver scheduled against the Ladies for the 13<sup>th</sup>, and I hope as many as possible will support the Captains Drive in on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

Happy Golfing.

**Mike Mason.**

### **A note for Senior's diaries**

The Senior's Christmas Lunch this year will be at Chartridge Park Golf Club on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

Mike Lutt

### **Volunteer for Membership Secretary still required !!**

### **Volunteer for Press Officer required**

#### **What does the Little Hay Golf club Press Officer do?**

The main purpose of the job is to get as much good publicity as possible for the Club which indirectly may lead to more new members and foster our image as a friendly, welcoming community Club.

#### **What does it involve?**

My predecessor, Chris Dove, established a good communication channel with the local newspapers who are always looking for something to put in their Sports Pages, especially if you have a photo to go with it. It's good if you can make it interesting but they usually, at least the Hemel Gazette, will be happy to publish the winners (1,2, 3) of the weekly competitions, These you can get direct from HowDidIDo. They may need reminding but the Club Captains' will give you Match Results. (I only publish the positive ones!)

I have established a good channel with SportSpace. For instance, they helped us in publicising the Ladies' Coffee mornings on both their General and Little Hay Facebook pages as well as putting out Twitter messages as we got nearer the date. I have also got myself added to the Bovingdon Village closed Facebook Page and I have posted up some items about Club Events on there.

However, you wouldn't have to do it like this. What you make of the role is up to you, the Committee don't interfere. You can just send out the results or, if so minded, be a bit more creative. It is a good opportunity for someone who thinks that publicising the Club is important,

### **Why do I think the role is important?**

All Golf Clubs are struggling for Members. Many are becoming quite innovative in trying to attract new members. However, few in this area get anything in the local Press so this is one way we can show that we are an active, welcoming Club, important to the local community. Can I back that up with figures, no and if nobody comes forward I guess it means the Club no longer looking believes this is important,

### **Why am I giving up the Role**

I have been doing the job for three years. It needs a fresh approach and new ideas.

### **What happens if nobody come forward?**

From the end of March, there will be nothing in the Press advertising major events, such as Open Days, Captain's Day and probably no reports of our 40 year celebrations. More important, I believe, the Junior who has just started, the 28/36 Handicapper who had never won anything before won't get to see their name in the Paper when they have that magic round or Hole-in-One. We become less of a Community Club.

### **What next?**

If you want to know more ring me on 0790 1840100, email me on Pjoslin55@gmail.com or catch me in the Clubhouse

### **Phil**

## **LADIES NEWS**

More fun competitions this month – Pink ball, won by Jacky Pearson, Chris Woodcock and myself. Shambles – winners Chris Woodcock, Dorothy Norman and Dawn Rose. Simply the Best overall winner - Lesley O'Brien with Best back nine Chris Marsden, Best front nine Dawn Rose. Congratulations to all the winners.

One more fun game in February to play and then we are into March - hardly seems possible.

Our Daily Mail Foursomes pair, Lesley and Dorothy, gave it their best on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February when they played two very friendly ladies at Stocks Golf Club. Sadly they were not victors this time but, regardless, well done for getting as far as you did.

Looking forward to March 4th and 6th when we will be holding Coffee Mornings which we hope will attract some new lady members. Notices have been placed at various locations in Dacorum to draw attention to this event as well as being posted on Facebook, Twitter, the website and around the complex. If anyone knows someone who would like to join a friendly golf club please encourage them to come along and find out about the Ladies Section at Little Hay. We will be very pleased to welcome them.

As I write this the weather is improving along with the greens. Let's hope it continues.

### **Any old excuse!**

Some more of these - summed up this month with a picture!



**Caroline Skelton**

## **Junior News**

No news this month.

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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 with me now, and I will arrange for them to be available in reception before competitions. If you would like a copy and are not playing in comps this side of the summer, send me an e-mail and I will arrange to meet you.

*...the last word is...*

**Golf, like the measles, should be caught young, for, if postponed to riper years, the results may be serious.**

P.G.Wodehouse (1881-1975) British comic novelist. *A Mixed Threesome* (1922)

## Do not forget the AGM at 7pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March

### Men

#### March

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

#### April

1 Saturday 0732 Medal & Gold Cup Home  
9 Sunday 0828 Bryn Aldridge Charity Shield Home  
16 Sunday 0930 B Team v Ruislip Away  
22 Saturday 0900 A Team v Rickmansworth Home  
29 Saturday 0900 A Team v Bushey G&CC Home

### Seniors

#### 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

#### April

4 Tuesday 0900 v Rickmansworth Away  
6 Thursday 0828 Medal Home  
11 Tuesday 0828 Texas Scramble – Peter Betts Shield Home  
13 Thursday 0828 John McDonough Cup – 3 club comp. Home  
18 Tuesday 0828 v Stockwood Park Away  
20 Thursday 0828 Stableford Home  
25 Tuesday 0828 v Batchwood Home  
27 Thursday 0828 v Shendish Home

### Ladies:

#### 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

#### April

1 Saturday 0852 BL Medal Home  
3 Monday 0836 Medal Home  
8 Saturday 0836 BL Charity Cup Home  
10 Monday 0836 Charity Cup Home  
12 Wednesday 1000 v Rickmansworth Away  
15 Saturday 0836 BL Friendly Home  
22 Saturday 0836 BL Bland Shield Home  
24 Monday 0836 Bland Shield Home  
27 Thursday 1000 v Harpenden Common Home  
29 Saturday 0836 BL Friendly Home

### Juniors

#### March

No competitions this month

#### April

4 Wednesday 1100 Stableford Home  
7 Friday 1100 Medal Home  
12 Wednesday 1100 Stableford Home  
14 Friday 1100 Medal Home

### ALL SECTIONS Club Competitions:

#### March

12 Sunday 0900 Winter League Week 9

13 Monday 1900 **AGM**

18 Saturday 0900 Captain's Drive in and Team Stableford

#### April

8 Saturday SPORTSPACE open day

14 GOOD FRIDAY

17 BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

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

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**Vice- Captain:** None at present

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**Handicap Secretary:** Carol Kent

**Treasurer:** Jackie Pearson

**Membership Secretary:** Fran Tarling

**Business Ladies Rep:** Suzanne Brady

**County Rep:** Gill Howells

**General Members:** Chris Marsden

#### **Non Committee Posts**

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**Eclectic Secretary:** Dorothy Norman

**Wednesday Roll-ups:** Chris Woodcock

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