



# *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 new Club Captain at that.....HELLO to all Little Hay GC Members and WELCOME indeed to my year. I was "ordained" at the Club AGM on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017, for those that missed such a momentous occasion!!! Don't forget I shall be looking for a Vice through this year to take over the reins from next March.

Well, firstly I must say a huge THANK YOU to Chris Miles for his unstinting Captaincy over the last two years.....WELL DONE Chris and Thanks, I'm sure from ALL at the Club, not just me.

As Club Captain I do promise to 'bang on' about SLOW PLAY in hopes that you all keep that subject in mind EVERY time you step out onto the Course (any Course, come to that!!) ready to play. There are loads of written/published helpful hints around and about the Club to enable all of us to speed up and you'll all also be aware of the R&A's recent proposals, which if adopted (will only come into effect from 2019 I think) are designed to, and should help speed play along.

We have the Fixture Lists for all sections of the Club fixed and available to view on the Website since early new year and THREE BIG CHEERS for, and to Phil Jefferson for the compilation of the lists which actually is a mammoth task. THANKS Phil.

Can I say, that I accepted the Club's Captaincy in the knowledge that there is so much experienced assistance pledged, and that I can call on, at the Club.....and rest assured I shall call on such, very often.

I intend to go through 'my year' on the axiom of 'if it aint broke, don't fix it'. No sweeping changes are proposed and none needed, although if anyone has any good ideas in any direction that may make or improve any aspect, or thing, do contact me. I, as was Chris Miles before me, am always receptive to ideas.

The Club is somewhat in transition right now in that various important positions at the Club are the subject of new Officer Appointments ( especially Membership Sec and Press Officer).....and all new recruits are WISHED WELL by me, and clearly also by the Club's Managing Committee.

April approaches and that means... ( NO!!! not rain and showers!!).....we get back to proper Tees. I'm sure that George and his Team will have all Tees in good order for play. "HedgeHogs" may also shortly be a thing of the past.....subject to George's dictat.

I know that Seniors Inter-Club Matches have already started and the Men's Matches also start shortly, including a couple of NAPGC Southern area Matches...one being Match-Play and one Greensomes. I hope to report success shortly!!!! "A" and "B" Team Matches also commence in the near future, and Fraser Welling has worked out a "Scratch Team" fixture list that is new for this year ,so there is going to be lots to enjoy.

OK then, that's all from me for starters, but I shall be boring you all again very soon....Apologies.

Have a HAPPY and HEALTHY Spring and Summer Golfing experience.

Warmest best to everyone, and I hope you all achieve that lower handicap you've been striving for.

**Trevor**

## **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**

### **Anniversary Polo Shirts**

The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Glenmuir polo shirts have been well received, and this month I will be placing the final order. If you are considering purchasing one, please contact me in the next two weeks on :- [jredgwell@btinternet.com](mailto:jredgwell@btinternet.com) or text on 07899 965150. Price is £25.

**John Redgwell**

## **Volunteer for Press Officer required**

### **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

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### A Word from the Seniors' Captain

Both the Seniors Medal and Stableford were played this month, and the Cruikshank Salver against the Ladies on the 13<sup>th</sup> which the Seniors won 4 to 2. We also played our first friendly match on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, Away, to Redbourn Friars. This latter saw beautiful weather, with barely a single drop of rain. The greens were a delight, less so the result Little Hay losing by 4 to 2.

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

#### Results:

The March Medal was played, the winners were

1 <sup>st</sup> Fred Evans	65 off 19
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tony Mayhew	67 off 12
3 <sup>rd</sup> Paul Mudd	69 off 6
4 <sup>th</sup> Steve Wilkinson	71 off 7

#### The March Stableford

1st Michael Knight	39 off 16
2nd Andy Sergides	37 off 23
3rd John Redgwell	37 off 11
4 <sup>th</sup> Patrick McInerney	36 off 22

The Funaway day takes place at the end of the month. The 2 Away Matches in April have been fully signed up for, although there are still places for the Home Matches at the end of the month. It is important that we are fully represented in these Home fixture, so please do sign up

Sheets are now in the book for both the Singles and Doubles Knock Outs, these will be drawn in Early April so again get entered if you want a place.

A couple of concerns in the last month,

1. Please remember if you cannot play in any event, please let the organiser know as soon as possible.
2. Always rake bunkers before moving on if you have played from them.

Thank you and Happy Golfing.

**Mike Mason.**

## **LADIES NEWS**

Our first piece of good news is that we held our annual coffee morning on 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> March. We had 7 ladies who came to ask about joining our ladies section. Two of these ladies have already signed up. I would like to extend a warm welcome to Maggie Evans and Rose Denton and hope they have many years of happy golf at Little Hay. Carol Pattison will be joining us on April 8<sup>th</sup> at the Open day. Thanks go to Fran for organising this annual event.

Our golf has been (mostly) played in reasonable weather. It is only March after all!! The Dacorum Trophy winner was Chris Woodcock (34), with Chris Marsden coming 2<sup>nd</sup> (31) and Hee Young Crowhurst 3<sup>rd</sup> (29)

The Ladies match against the Seniors resulted in a loss although on a personal level, I was delighted to play with Chris Marsden, who on the 15<sup>th</sup> was '*christened*' by a passing bird thus making our win inevitable! Thank you Mike (Mason) and Mick (Milne) for a very enjoyable game.

We had our first friendly match against Chesham and Ley Hill (away). These ladies always make us feel so very welcome, and so the result of a draw was the perfect result. Interestingly, they tell me that some of their members are out on the course in all weathers clearing leaves and chopping down branches and generally helping to keep the course in tip top condition, along with their green keepers. How remarkable is that?

The dreaded Captain's drive-in was actually great fun. I even managed to hit the ball which was my personal goal for the day! I really enjoyed the day and watching George Rocca play was inspirational. Trevor, George and Chris, thank you for a wonderful day – at least we could say we were winners in the clubhouse for a short while! Thanks too go to Ralph Lane and Ray Moore for overseeing the day and checking the results.

The Spring Bouquet, our first qualifying game was played in pretty dreadful conditions. However we battled through it all and our winner was Chris Marsden ( 27) with Runner up Jacky Pearson (25) and 3<sup>rd</sup> place going to Trish Joslin. (22)

We enjoyed the Solheim Cup in a semi-sunny day with an overall draw.

Our second friendly was played against Ivinghoe at home with a victory for Little Hay (4-0). A great game and a very enjoyable lunch.

Well done to all our winners.

Our Business ladies section is struggling a bit this year as we do not have many ladies who play on Saturdays. We will continue to encourage ladies to play at the weekends.

Our good news is tinged with some un-happiness in that Suzanne Brady, a very active member at Little Hay for many years, is leaving us. She's not giving up her golf but will continue to play at Weston Turville where she will encourage her husband to enjoy the game, as he begins to appreciate the delights of retirement! Thank you Suzanne for all your help, you are one of Little Hay's characters.

We also recognise that Chrissie Stockings is not 100% at the moment, we wish her all the best and hope that she gets better very soon.

Hopefully we will soon start to enjoy some sunnier days. With the competitive season about to commence I would like to wish everyone success and most of all, enjoyable golf.

**Caroline Skelton**

## **Junior News**

February saw the start of the weekly Sunday 9 hole competitions with a good attendance so far. Looking forward to seeing even more of you in the coming weeks, remember, it is a qualifier.

We had our first junior competition of the year during half term, George Rocca came first with 36 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Adam Larkin, 33 points, with Callum and Harry following close behind. More competitions will be held during the Easter holidays.

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### **Rules**

The bits and pieces I write about the rules will change to a discussion about the changes that are coming soon. From what I can gather so far, the changes are simplifications which will speed up the game. About time too.

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...*

**The most exquisitely satisfying act is throwing a club. The full back swing, the delayed wrist action, the flowing follow-through, followed by that unique whirring sound, reminiscent only of a passing flock of starlings, are without parallel in sport.**

Henry Longhurst

**Men**

**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

**May**

6 Saturday TBC Scratch men V Bushey G&CC Away  
7 Sunday 0908 Medal & Championship of England Qualifier Home  
13 Saturday 0900 A Team V Stevenage Home  
14 Sunday 0828 Secretary's Cup & UKPCC Qualifier Home  
20 Saturday 0900 Scratch men V Bushey G&CC Home  
20 Saturday 1000 B Team V Downshire TBC Home  
27 Saturday 0900 A Team V Panshanger Home

**Seniors**

**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

**May**

4 Thursday 0828 Medal Home  
5 Friday 0828 V Hazlemere Away  
11 Thursday 0828 V Chartridge Home  
17 Wednesday 0828 V Redbourn Home  
18 Thursday 0828 Stableford Home  
30 Tuesday 0828 V Bushey G&CC Home

**Ladies:**

**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  
24 Monday 0836 Bland Shield Home  
27 Thursday 1000 v Harpenden Common Home  
29 Saturday 0836 BL Friendly Home

**May**

6 Saturday 0836 BL Medal & NAPGC Qualifier Home  
8 Monday 0836 Medal & NAPGC Qualifier Home  
13 Saturday 0836 BL Burhill & NAPGC/UKPCC Qualifier Home  
15 Monday 0836 Burhill & NAPGC/U\*KPCC Qualifier Home  
20 Saturday 0836 BL Peugeot Coronation Foursomes Home  
22 Monday 0836 Peugeot Coronation Foursomes Home  
27 Saturday 0836 BL Friendly Home

**Juniors**

**April**

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

**May**

21 Sunday 1300 Lexus League V Redbourn Home  
31 Wednesday 1100 Junior Medal Home

**ALL SECTIONS Club Competitions:**

**April**

8 Saturday SPORTSPACE open day

14 GOOD FRIDAY

17 BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

**May**

10 Wednesday 1800 Midsummer Evening League Home  
24 Wednesday 1800 Midsummer Evening League Home

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

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**Vice- Captain:** None at present

**Secretary:** Dianne Drew

**Handicap Secretary:** Carol Kent

**Treasurer:** Jackie Pearson

**Membership Secretary:** Fran Tarling

**County Rep:** Gill Howells

**General Members:** Chris Marsden

### **Non Committee Posts**

**Monday Medals:** Trish Joslin

**Eclectic Secretary:** Dorothy Norman

**Wednesday Roll-ups:** Chris Woodcock

**Business Ladies Rep:** Hee Young Crowhurst

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