



# *The Haymaker*

*(The Newsletter with a Punch!)*



Newsletter of the Little Hay Golf Club

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

NO !!! I haven't been sacked quite yet. NO !!! I'm not going to rail against slow play and NO !!! I'm not going to mention the state of the Greens as George and ALL of us know of this very well, and indeed George is addressing the problem with as much resource and energy as is at his disposal, and furthermore has asked our Editor to print a 'latest update' in this very edition of Haymaker ..... so we are ALL advised.

We are now into Spring and approaching Summer with competitive matches moving into top gear and filling our golf horizons. Being golfers and human, we are commencing to moan (are we ??) about lack of rain, and the needs of the Course, but against that are rejoicing in being able to play lots of golf in dry conditions. Such a novelty for this time of year. I'm sure the Heavens will balance things up soon !!

Yes, the competitive match season has arrived, and for all sections of the club, news of astonishing results are awaited. The Men's "A" team have already commenced with a WIN against Rickmansworth (well done for that) and the first round of the Clapham Common Platinum Shield and Ellis Cup is played against Thorney Park only 24 hours before this edition is published ... so look out for the result in the June edition.

Also, just to mention, that your Committee is working hard right now to set a foundation, for events to celebrate the Club's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August. We have all day allocated to, and for, the Club exclusively on this AND I'd just like to mention that George and the Complex are cooperating wonderfully well, nay fully, on all aspects of our plans.

Do note, that all and any money raised from the day will be purely for Charitable purposes (Rennie Grove) and not at all for the Club. .... in fact the Club will itself be spending quite a sum.

I know you ALL have Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August firmly in your diaries and a list of the day's aims and happenings will be published a little nearer the day, but far enough away for planning purposes. Meantime do keep those winter woollies to hand (!!!) ..... but ENJOY your Golf.

Warmest Best

Trevor

## Men's Report

### Medal played as a Stableford – NQ off mats 4-3-17

1 <sup>st</sup>	Paul Rolfe (9)	44 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Aidan Walsh (14)	43
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Phil Chester (9)	42

### The Captains Drive-in Team Stableford (all sections) NQ off mats 18-3-17

Winners – Mick Milne (7), Mick Whelan (11), Ben Hopkinson (7), Jerry Clarke (15) – 110 points  
2<sup>nd</sup> Phil Chester (9), Ben Alford (11), Steve Wilkinson (7), Harry Miller (junior)(20) - 104 points.

### Captain's Team-v-Past Captains NQ off yellow tees on 25-3-17

Winners (for the first time) !!! The Past Captains by 4.5 to 3.5

### Medal and Gold Cup white tees 1-4-17

Div one

Winner of Medal and Gold Cup	Phil Chester	hcp 9	net score 68
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ivan Lawrence	12	74
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Chris Dorsett	12	78

Div two

1 <sup>st</sup>	Nigel Hopkinson	16	69
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Scott Girvin	28	70
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Chris Miles	14	72

### NAPGC Team Matchplay Trophy 2-4-17 at LHGC

Little Hay GC –v- Haste Hill – Little Hay lost 3-0

### Stableford Bryn Aldridge Charity Shield 9-4-17 white tees

Winner	Ashley Wade	hcp 8	41 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jim Lochhead	12	40
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nick Brown	10	39

### “B” Team Match play versus Ruislip GC 16-4-17 Away

LHGC lost 1.5 to 3.5

### “A” Team Highest Stableford points score – versus Rickmansworth at LH 22-4-17

Little Hay GC – WON – by one point

**Trevor Sargent**

### Fusarium Fungal Disease on Greens at Little Hay

The issues we are experiencing on the greens at the moment was down to an aggressive fungal attack we experienced in January 2017. This resulted in the infected areas of grass being killed off.

We are currently not experiencing any fungal activity. The greens were given 3 applications of fungicide between January and April. Once the disease has taken hold the damage cannot be reversed.

For the greens to start any recovery we need the ground temperatures to be constantly above 10 degrees. Once this happens the greens will start to recover very quickly.

I can assure you we are doing all we can at this time. The greens have been fertilised twice and top dressed. The irrigation system is also working daily. The grass species in the greens is predominantly annual meadow grass. This grass species is the most susceptible to this disease. The other grass in the greens is bent grass, this is more resistant to the fungal disease.

We will be starting a five year programme of over seeding all of the greens starting in September 2017. The seed we will be using will be 100% bent grass at a cost of £15,000. This grass will be a lot more resistant to any future fungal attacks.

September is the best time for over seeding as the ground temperatures are still warm and there is also less chance of heavy rain that could result in the seed being washed away.

We will also be using a new generation of turf fungicides starting in Autumn 2017.

Thank you for your continued support at this time.

**George Reid**

### **2017 Midsummer Evening League**

This competition is designed primarily for those members in fulltime employment or study, or with weekend family commitments, who want fun but competitive golf without giving up the greater part of a day,

The format is a series of six individual Stableford 9-hole competitions to be held on Wednesday evenings:

May 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>  
June 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>  
July 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

Each player's best four scores will be aggregated to determine a league winner

The competition is open to all members with active handicaps, including Juniors, Seniors and Ladies – Ladies play off the red tees and others off the white tees.

Starting tee times are up to 6.30pm, with preference for later tee times given to those with work or study commitments.

The entry sheet for the first and second rounds on May 10th and 24th are now in the "Winter League" section at the front of the Competition book at Reception.

If you do have work or study commitments, please indicate next to your name the earliest time that you can start.

## **Volunteer for Press Officer required still!**

### **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

The number entering both the Seniors Medal and Stableford each month are steadily growing, Both the Medal and Stableford were played from the white tees and were qualifying.

The month began with two closely contested defeats away to Rickmansworth and Stockwell Park, and then we won our first home Match by 3 ½ to 2 ½ on 25<sup>th</sup> April.

#### Results:

The April Medal winners were:

##### Div1

1 <sup>st</sup> Paul Mudd	66 off 7
2 <sup>nd</sup> Trevor Sargent	70 off 15
3 <sup>rd</sup> Bob Bennett	73 off 20

##### Div 2

1 <sup>st</sup> Trevor Sargeant	72 off 25
2 <sup>nd</sup> Robin Rose	73 off 25
3 <sup>rd</sup> Colin Bussey	77 off 24

The April Stableford winners were:

##### Div1

1 <sup>st</sup> Chris Jarman	40 off 21
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tony Mayhew	39 off 12
3 <sup>rd</sup> Mick Milne	37 off 7

Div 2	
1 <sup>st</sup> Andy Sergides	36 off 23
2 <sup>nd</sup> Geoff Selley	36 off 24
3 <sup>rd</sup> Trevor Sargeant	36 off 25

Just to finish off the month with a little style, we Won against Shendish at home 3½ to 2½.

A very productive month on the charity front with over £460 raised at various events for the Senior Captains Charities, The Alzheimer's Society and MacMillan Nurses.

Thank you and Happy Golfing.

**Mike Mason.**

## **LADIES NEWS**

The start of the month was, of course, a medal and oddly enough the Saturday and the Monday medals produced the same winners - 1st Jacky Pearson with Chris Woodcock 2<sup>nd</sup> and Hee Young Crowhurst 3<sup>rd</sup>. Well played all three of you. (Twice!)

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Sportspace held their Open Day. We were very fortunate to enlist 2 more ladies to our section that day. Welcome to Janet Sparks and Carol Patterson. We hope to see you on the course very soon. I'd also like to thank everyone who helped out that day - Gill Howells, Pauline Renwick, Andy Dean, Dorothy Norman and of course Fran Tarling - complete with scrummy shortbread!

For the Charity Cup we had a clear winner in Gill Howells with Chris Woodcock as runner up.

Our friendly against Rickmansworth was interesting! Although we lost (4-0) the matches were close (honest!!) Lovely bunch of ladies and a superb meal after. What more could we ask!

Easter interrupted our Monday games but we were all able to re-charge our batteries, so to speak, ready for the Bland Shield. This was won by Carol Kent with Jacky Pearson as runner up who only lost out on count back.

Regrettably our friendly against Harpendon Common had to be cancelled this month but we look forward to playing them next year.

Well done to all our winners.

Although the sun is out it can still be a bit chilly first thing at Little Hay but by the time you've got to the top of the hill on 5 you're beginning to feel much warmer! Thankfully it means the ball is running a lot further, so we hope to be getting some very good scores over the coming months.

April is a short reporting month, likewise May – there seems to be a plethora of bank holidays!

**Caroline Skelton**

I, and my Captain, are pretty sure you will all be interested in the book advertised below.

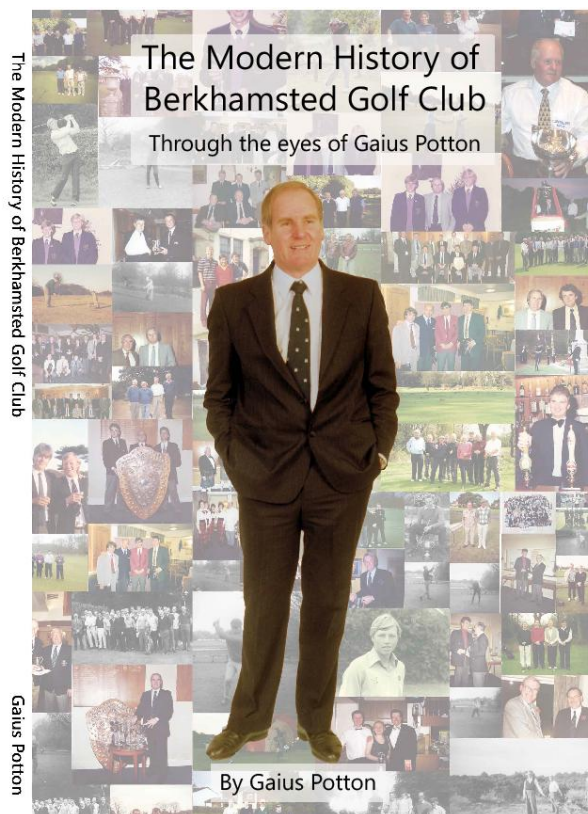
**The Modern History of Berkhamsted Golf Club**  
Through the eyes of Gaius Potton

The Modern History of Berkhamsted Golf Club takes the reader through the highly personal memories of the last 35 years at the club. Gaius describes the players, competitions, and organisation, and much more, in vivid detail. The book includes chapters on re-building the club house, the Artisans, schools section, scratch and first teams.

Past and current members will find the book a joy to read.

The book also includes several hundred photos taken by Gaius through the ages including players, competitions, events and celebrations.

Gaius (also known as Gus) is a retired construction manager based in Hertfordshire. Since joining the Berkhamsted golf club in 1962, Gus has been an avid golfer, and has been involved in every aspect of the club's organisation for over 25 years. He was club captain in 1993, and has led the scratch and school section. Gaius – a category one golfer for over 40 years, currently enjoys as much golf as he can, and still plays off of a handicap of 2 and is loving every minute of it.



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## Rules

When I said last month that the changes coming up are to speed up and simplify the game, I didn't think they would be very adventurous. How about leaving the pin in the hole when putting ? That is one to debate! I recommend you go to [randa.org/rules](http://randa.org/rules) to see what is coming up in 2019.

I still have some paper/card copies of the R&A Quick Guide to the Rules and I will arrange for them to be available in reception.

*...the last word is... Golf is like a love affair. If you don't take it seriously, it's no fun; if you do take it seriously, it breaks your heart.* Arthur Daley US Sportswriter

**Men****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

**June**

3 Saturday 0732 Medal Steve Seaford Memorial Home  
 17 Saturday 0732 Past Captains Summer Cup Home  
 18 Sunday 1300 V Batchwood (mixed) Home  
 24 Saturday 0900 Challenge Cup Seniors/Men Home

**Seniors****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

**June**

1 Thursday 0828 Medal Home  
 7 Wednesday 0828 V Stockwood Park Home  
 12 Monday 1000 V Chartridge Park Away  
 15 Thursday 0828 Stableford Home  
 22 Thursday 0830 V Cheshunt Away  
 24 Saturday 0900 Challenge Cup Men/Seniors Home  
 28 Wednesday 0900 V Shendish Away

**Ladies:****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/UKPCC Qualifier Home  
 20 Saturday 0836 BL Peugeot Coronation Foursomes Home  
 22 Monday 0836 Peugeot Coronation Foursomes Home  
 27 Saturday 0836 BL Friendly Home

**June**

3 Saturday 0836 BL Medal and Granny Cup Home  
 5 Monday 0836 Medal and Granny Cup Home  
 6 Tuesday 1000 V Chartridge Park Home  
 10 Saturday 0836 Club Championship (gross) Thipthorpe Trophy (net) Home  
 11 Sunday 0836 Club Championship (gross) Thipthorpe Trophy (net) Home  
 12 Monday 0836 Summer Cup Home  
 17 Saturday 0836 BL Summer Cup Stableford Home  
 18 Sunday 1300 V Batchwood (friendly) (mixed) Home  
 19 Monday TBC Lady Captain's Awayday TBC  
 20 Tuesday 1000 V Bushey Home  
 24 Saturday 0836 BL Ovaltine Cup Home  
 26 Monday 0836 Ovaltine Cup Home

**Juniors****May**

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

**June**

2 Friday 1100 Junior Medal Home

**ALL SECTIONS Club Competitions:****May**

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

**June**

7 Wednesday 1800 Midsummer Evening League Home  
 21 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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**County Rep:** Gill Howells

**General Members:** Chris Marsden

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