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The Captain's report in this issue is written on his behalf by his Vice-Captain (George Clelland) as he is away on holiday. There are also reports from the other Captains and chairs of the various committees (including another article concerning espresso coffee, submitted by the chair of Bar and Catering), and the Secretary's update.

If you have an item of interest, photograph or a suggestion for inclusion in the eBulletin please submit by email at mpgmagwin21@sky.com.

Mike Gould
Editor

Forthcoming Events:

Club Quiz

Saturday 10 March

Bridge Club

Tuesdays, 13 March and 24 April

Sunday Lunch Club

**Sunday, 18 March
(Mothering Sunday)**

Pub Quiz & Curry Night

Friday 30 March

St George's Pub Night

Saturday 28 April

For further details of above events see following pages and noticeboards





This report is submitted on behalf of the Captain by Vice-Captain George Clelland

John McIlree
Club Captain



Just as we all thought we were going to have problem free golf all winter, the very cold spell including a flurry of snow at the beginning of February served as a reminder that it was still winter! With 18 temporary greens in use we had to cancel our match against the Hampshire County team, traditionally their opening match of the season. It looks unlikely that this match will be re-arranged as both ours and the County's calendars are very full. However, there is still the match against the County Juniors (Under 18s) to look forward to at the beginning of March.

With the whole of Hampshire freezing over the first weekend in February, we got approval from the organisers of the Mail on Sunday Classic competition to play our Men's match against Alton at home with 18 temporary greens. Normally, we would have had to concede home advantage in these conditions but Alton accepted the ruling from the organisers. James Stewart and his team of Les Thorne, Matt Smith, Ben Hunter and Ben Broadbent didn't let home advantage slip away and won the match 3½ -1½. The team have since followed up with a fine 3-2 win in the second round playing away to Highcliffe Castle. Here's hoping that this augurs well for a long run in the competition for James and his team.

Our Ladies have also competed in the Mail on Sunday Classic. After getting a bye into the second round they lost 3-2 in a hard fought away match against Corhampton. Congratulations go to the Ladies Winter Triple team who won the trophy after the final set of matches at Corhampton over Lee-on-the-Solent and Corhampton.

The last Sunday of the month saw a touch of spring in the air as the Club Triumvirate match between the

County 7s, the Gales Hockley and Ladies Stoneham cup squads took place. This competition was



George presents the Triumvirate Trophy to Ken

inaugurated last year by Ian Swann as a 'warm-up' for the coming knock-out competitions. 'Warm-up' it was, as most of the players were able to discard their heavy winter jumpers and play in short sleeved shirts. This year, the Gales Hockley team were clear winners from the County 7's

team with the Ladies Stoneham cup team in 3rd place.

The Captain specifically asked me to thank the 100 Club on behalf of the members for funding the replacement of the shoe/trolley cleaner. The efficiency of the new cleaner highlights how ineffective the old machine had become.

March sees the start of the inter-club friendly matches for Men, Vets, Ladies and Mixed teams. There are sign-up sheets for all these teams on the relevant noticeboards, so add your name if you'd like to play. Also, a reminder that the deadline for the summer knock-outs is the 4 March.

Lastly, I'd just like to say how much Jennifer and I enjoyed ABBA Fused Live. The Clubhouse was really rocking to the beat that night! My apologies to those at the back who couldn't hear my vote of thanks at the end. I have to admit to a bit of hoarseness from singing along and perhaps I also need a bit more practice holding the microphone.

George Clelland

Team captains with the Club Vice-Captain (left to right): Ken Mills (Gales Hockley), George Clelland, Lynne Cowser (Stoneham Cup) and James Stewart (County 7s)





Fiona Corkhill
Ladies' Captain

I am delighted to report that Alresford have won the Winter Triple Trophy for the first time since the competition was started in 2006/07. My thanks go to the 18 Alresford ladies who played in one or more of the three matches.



Lady Captain (Fiona Corkhill) with the team that completed the win in the Winter Triple competition against teams from Corhampton and Lee on the Solent Golf Clubs. Teams of four foursomes pairs play at each venue and accumulate their stableford scores to find the overall winning club. A total of 18 ladies took part in the Alresford team. Pictured back row (left to right) are: Casie McDonald Wood, Mary Rook, Lyn de Mestre, Diana Hampton; front row: Ann Meadwell, Fiona, Pat Palmer and Jane Hendry



Fiona pictured with the opposing Captains after the trophy presentation

Mary Rook led the team in the first round of the Mail on Sunday singles knockout match against Corhampton away which proved to be a very close match won by Corhampton.

Malcolm has now completed his series of winter skills training followed by a very successful rules morning attended by 12 ladies. These will all be repeated due to popular demand so look out for the notices in the changing room and book up in the Pro Shop.

Our first friendly matches will be held in March against Hockley and Blackmoor playing away. Jane Scott has had very positive interest from ladies wanting to play in these matches so if you have not submitted your form there is still plenty of time.

Good luck to Jane Hendry and Annie Beal our representatives in the Daily Mail Foursomes who will play Hockley away on 14th March.

Good luck to Claire Gould and Linda Hainsworth who will be playing against Petersfield at home on 1 April in the Knight Cup.

Looking ahead to April the sign-up sheets for the Vets & Ladies Breeze Up and the Ladies Invitation will soon be posted in the changing room. The draws for these events will be posted on the website.

We will again be organising the Ladies and Mixed Opens and we would welcome any lady members willing to help out on the day. If you have some time available and would like to be involved you will find a sign up sheet to indicate your availability in the changing room.

So with signs of spring in the air we can at last anticipate the busy golfing season ahead.





GOLF INSURANCE

By the end of March all policies taken out with Golf Guard through the Vets Section will end. We strongly advise that anyone affected takes out alternative insurance. There are details of Golf Care Insurance in the men's changing room, which offer various levels of cover at competitive prices.

The Winter League matches end on Monday 27 February. At the time I produced this report we had played 7 matches and achieved 2 wins, 2 halves and 3 losses with one outstanding result to come.

We are now approaching the busy match period which continues through to October. Our first major event is the Captain v Vice-Captain Challenge on Wednesday 7 March. Two tee starts from 08.30. The random draw will be posted on Thursday 1 March. Our apologies for the late posting of the draw. Dennis Jones will collect the entry fee of £10 when you register your attendance. The next major event is the Vets and Ladies Breeze Up on 19 April. The sign-up sheet will be posted on 12 March. The Breeze Up is played as a 4BBB stableford with each vet partnering a lady.

The Vets Championship and Over 70's Championship sign-up sheets have been available since 14 February. In line with club



Roger Corkhill
Vets' Captain

competition entry procedures these entry sheets are in the Pro Shop where you also pay your entry fee of £2 per Championship. Both random draws will be made on Friday 23 March and posted by Monday 26 March.

Our inter club matches in March begin on 21st at home to Rowlands Castle and away at Corhampton both starting at 09.30. I have already posted sign-up sheets for the eight April matches. Team selection notices for you to register your acceptance, including reserves, will be posted two weeks minimum in advance of each match. My thanks to those of you who have given me their email addresses as an extra means of communication.

The 50p lottery element of our Wednesday roll-up entry fee starts again from 7 March and is also collected at Vets matches played on a Wednesday.

match committee report



The club stroke play competitions only really start this coming month although we have had two "Pro-Stablefords" this year. As these are "Malcolm's" I leave it to him to announce the results. In an effort to give members as many opportunities to play qualifiers I agreed with Malcolm that these would be qualifying competitions. As the tees on 7, 16 and 17 are being rebuilt, this has resulted in the course being shortened so that the SSS has to be reduced by one stroke to 68 and I have allowed for this in the calculations.

The results of the Annual Review have now been posted, following notification of those members whose handicaps have been affected.

The Winter Leagues have now moved on to the knock-out stage and the results of the draw have been posted on the noticeboards together with the play-by dates.

The closing date for the summer knock-outs is looming and we will be doing the draws for these next week.

The entry sheet for the Famous Grouse is on the board, if you haven't already entered I suggest you do so. It is a great competition, a shotgun start with the results announced as soon as possible after you all get in. And you have a chance of winning bottles of whisky!

Peter Spreadbury
Match Secretary





Winter Programme

Now that the weather has warmed up, progress with the winter work programme has resumed and the 16th tee has been turfed following the extensive reconstruction and surface levelling undertaken last month. Work is continuing with a new gravel path along the left-hand side of the tee before finally completing the tee surrounds down the right-hand side.

It is hoped that all the refurbished tees will be in play by Easter although the 16th may be a couple of weeks later depending on the weather conditions in the meantime.

The 1st fairway has been hollow tined and will be dressed with humus as soon as some growth is evident.

Because of the slippage with the winter programme as a result of the bad weather, rebuilding the 5th fairway bunkers has been deferred until next year. It is considered there is insufficient time remaining for the turf surround areas to get properly established before the summer. The area for the proposed new white tee will be cleared so that the benefits of a new tee can be assessed individually. If approved, the new tee will be done next winter, together with the bunker reconstruction.

The final tasks for this winter's programme will be to relocate the toilet into an area partially hidden by the hedge behind the 6th tee and to rebuild the wedge

practise area tees. A raised level bed will be created covered with an artificial surface over its width with the existing bay dividers and practise mats reused.

Course Maintenance

All the fairways, greens and tees have been sprayed with insecticide to treat an outbreak of Frit Fly grubs and Leatherjackets. The new chipping green has been severely affected by the Flit Fly grubs but Steve is confident that it will recover following the recent treatment.

The course generally is suffering from the heavy traffic of recent months and although we are in a better state than other courses in the area, it is a major concern. Tees are badly worn and surrounds to the tees and greens distressed. Remedial work is being undertaken but without any growth the areas will be slow to recover. Please avoid the worn areas wherever possible and walk around the ropes and hoops and not over or between them!!

A viewing platform has been ordered for the 1st tee to enable a sight of the fairway passed the 150 yard markers by those waiting to play. Many thanks go to the Ladies' section for their donation of £250 towards the cost.

Laurie Clark
Chairman of Greens

a look at rules

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Decision 10-2a/1

Determination of Honour in Handicap Stroke Play

Question: In a stroke play competition on a handicap basis, the handicap is deducted at the end of the round and not at individual holes. In such a competition, how is the honour determined?

Answer below





New Members

Welcome to the following new members who have all joined the club recently: Charles Kydd (5 Day), Paul McCloskey, Scott Gregory, Mrs Ann Tufnell (Social Extra) and Joshua Evans (Junior). We hope that your time at the club will be a long and enjoyable one.

May I remind all members that we are welcoming new membership enquiries for all categories. If you know any friends or acquaintances who are thinking of joining a club or changing clubs, please do your best to sell them the benefits of Alresford.

Membership packs are available from the office, which detail the benefits and prices (including new payment options). We would be delighted to show any prospective members around the club and arrange a round of golf for them.

Members guest green fees special offer

Due to the continued success of this scheme, we will offer the GUEST GREEN FEE DISCOUNT OFFER again in 2012. Over the course of the season bring either 6 guests for £105 or 10 guests for £175. These will be available ONLY from the Secretary in advance (not the pro shop). Please be aware that all 'visits' must be used by 31 December 2012. No refund or extension will be given on unused 'visits'. Normal restrictions apply.

Roll Up

Fancy a game in the week? All members are welcome to come along to the 'club roll-up' on Wednesday mornings. The usual start time is 11am during the summer and 10.30am during the winter months all timings subject to any advanced tee reservations.

MARCH

Wednesday 7 Mar - 10.30am
Wednesday 14 Mar – NO ROLL UP
Wednesday 21 Mar - 11.00am
(due to Vets match)
Wednesday 28 Mar - 11.00am
(summer start times begin)

APRIL

Wednesday 4 April - 11.00am
Wednesday 11 April - 11.00am

Don't forget - You only have two months to play at Dunwood Manor

With the pending closure of Dunwood Manor Golf Club in the New Forest, members now only have two more months to play this course under our reciprocal arrangements. Booking must be done via the Office. Please note – only 1 fourball per week permitted.

Sunday Lunch Club

Will be available on Sunday 18 March for Mothering Sunday. Come along either as a large or small table and with members or guests. Early booking advised.

Friday Night Fun Pub Quiz

The final Fun Pub Quiz Night is on Friday 30 March, quiz starts at 7.30pm. See Social Noticeboard for details.

Club ties

As the golfing season gets under way with the first club matches, members are reminded that we now have a new stock of the Navy blue based tie, with shadow crest and pale blue and green diagonal stripe in SILK. These are priced at £16.50 and are available from the Office.

Please note change to Friday Bar closing times

Over the Winter/Spring period the Clubhouse (and Bar) will close on Fridays as per the normal weekday times, unless there is an event or pre-booked function. Below is the list of dates when the bar will be closed at dusk.

Fridays 2, 9, 16 and 23 March. Members should check the club website or bar for any changes to these dates.





ABBA evening

The ABBA evening on 25 February was fantastic. The only downside was that we could not accommodate everyone who wanted tickets owing to the maximum number set by the licensing authority. The ABBA girls were excellent singers, very attractive and had fun loving characters.



Sheena and Robbie produced superb burgers, great trimmings and, a surprise to us all – some chips!



We gave donations to two charities in return for borrowing the Old Alresford stage which was essential to “elevate” the girls. The Social Committee has

noted comments regarding the lack of a wooden dance floor and this will be discussed and rectified for the next live music event.



Bridge evenings

The next Bridge Club evenings are on 13 March and 24 April ready to play at 7pm when players of all standards are most welcome.

Looking ahead

Looking ahead, we have the Club Quiz on 10 March when Kit Nielson will again be starring as the Quiz Master so start watching some TV quiz shows in preparation! We are having the same organization as last year - teams of 4 paying £2/member but this year there will be more prizes.

The St George's Pub Night is on 28 April at which we will be playing pub games with incidental music provided by “Fingers” Nice (Trevor to most) and the evening will close with a good, old fashioned sing-song. Games will include dominoes, crib, bagatelle, bar skittles, There is also Fun Pub Quiz night arranged by Sheena for 30 March, and Club Sunday Lunch on 18 March.

PA system

When we have a function we charge a price which is attractive to members but, at the same time, we must try to cover the cost. Should we make a profit we make donations to projects that will benefit the members and our latest donation, in conjunction with the 100 Club, is towards replacing the PA system which is being organized by the House Committee.

Feedback is always welcome - d.meadwell@bopenworld.com

Regards to all
Don Meadwell
Chairman of Social Committee





Extra Espresso “shots”

We have noticed that several members have been adding an extra Espresso into their Cappuccino or Americano to increase its strength so, in line with the major coffee houses, we have added an option to purchase extra Espresso “shots”. This is priced at just 70 pence per “shot”, less your members’ discount.

At the same time we have reduced the price for Espresso and Double Espresso to reflect the new option of the Espresso “shots”. An Espresso is now just £1.30 and a Double Espresso just £2.00, both prices are before members’ discount is applied.



We hope these changes will encourage those of you who enjoy a stronger coffee to add the extra “shot” for only a small increase in price.

Terry Glynn

Chair of Bar & Catering

Why Golf Courses have Eighteen Holes

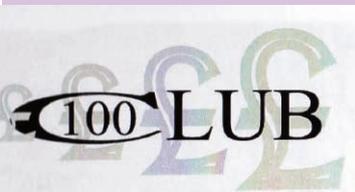
From A History of Golf by Louis T. Stanley

A primitive lay-out, must have been in existence before 1413. The number of holes varied over the years. The original links at Leith and Blackheath had five holes, later extended to seven like North Berwick and the London Scottish Volunteers on Wimbledon Common. St Andrews settled for twelve, which eventually became twenty-two. The problem was the narrowness of the strip of land available. Being less than forty yards wide, it ruled out separate holes for going out and coming home. Golfers played eleven holes out to the turn by the Eden estuary and returned using the same fairway and greens.

The twenty-two-hole course began near the Martyr's Monument. In 1764 the Royal and Ancient Club passed a resolution that the first four holes should be converted into two, a change that reduced the round to eighteen. Eventually six of the nine greens were extended laterally to allow two holes to be cut upon them, making possible the enormous double greens for which the Old Course is famous. A new site for the seventeenth green was chosen. When the eighteen separate holes were first played, the original nine holes were used on the outward half and the six holes on the extended greens with the new seventeenth green on the return journey.

By 1842 the general lay-out of the links was as today. The outline of the course has not changed. Up to the First World War there were right-hand and left-hand courses used alternately a week at a time. By accident the 1886 Amateur Championship, won by Horace Hutchinson, was played on the left-hand course. According to the rota, the right-hand one should have been used. The Championship was under way before the officials realized what had happened, the left-hand course being used for the first and last time. Steeped in history and tradition, the old course is a priceless possession, the ultimate test of golf, a centuries-old shrine of golf.





The winners of the 100 Club draw in February were:

£100 - John Allen	£32 - Ann Meadwell
£50 - Keith Turner	£32 - Norman Hudson
£32 - Ian Swann	£32 - John Goodacre

Congratulations to the winners. The next draw will take place on Monday 5 March 2012.

PA System

The 100 Club Trustees have agreed to fund 50% of the cost of the planned upgrade to audio system in the Clubhouse with the other 50% being met by the Social Committee. I'm sure full details on the upgrade will be found elsewhere in the e-Bulletin.

Not a member of the 100 Club?

If you're not a member of the 100 Club, you can become one for as little as £1 per month. Shares in the 100 Club are purchased for £1 per month and there is no limit on the number of shares which can be held. In general, most members have between 1 and 5 shares and pay by monthly direct debit, though it's also possible to pay quarterly or annually. Each share is allocated a number which is entered in the monthly draw. The top prize is £100, with a second prize of £50 and four other prizes of £32. For more information contact George Clelland on 01962735008 or george.clelland@btinternet.com or call in to the Secretary's office.

George Clelland

rule answer



Answer: According to gross scores.



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