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This September issue of the eBulletin marks the start of the third year of my editorship/production, which I thoroughly enjoy putting together, especially since moving from the area as it keeps me in touch with all the goings-on at Alresford G.C. 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:

Fish 'n' Chip Night

Tuesday, 4 September

Book direct with the Kitchen

Captain's Day

Sunday, 9 September

"Nearly Diamond"

Friday, 21 September

For further details of above events see following pages and noticeboards





John McIlree
Club Captain

Despite fears of a wet day, the Men's Invitation on the first Sunday in August turned out to be a glorious day for the 80 competitors taking part. I would like, on their behalf, to thank Peter Spreadbury and Malcolm Scott for their organisational skills in putting the day together, the support provided by the Bar and Catering operation and, of course, the quality of the course on the day. Forty pairs is effectively the maximum number we can accommodate in this 30-hole event played across the day and to attract that level of support for this event, when many other clubs are finding it an uphill task, underlines the quality of event Alresford presents.

August saw the Centenary Trophy returning to Hayling. This event, first played at Hayling in 1983, collects together 10 teams whose centenaries were all celebrated before the end of the last century, the oldest of which is Bramshaw (1880) and the youngest Barton-on-Sea (1897). A team of 8 players from Alresford took 3rd place behind Hayling and the Army and I would like to thank George Clelland, Brian Young, Richard Prescott, Ian Swann, Jim White, Jon Capp and Mark Broadbent for their efforts on a challenging links.

I faced other challenges this month, firstly playing with Ben Hunter, our Junior Captain at the Interclub Junior Challenge at Hankley Common. The course looked stunning but venturing more than a few feet into the heather and rough, at their deepest, or missing the carries to the fairway, at their longest, proved a challenge too far for many of the competitors – and certainly for this Captain! Then, a couple of days later, I played with Immediate past Captain, Ian Swann, in the Spitfire Trophy at Stoneham and faced another challenge on a wet course. Our golf improved throughout the day but not enough to concern the prize-winners! Finally, at the Meon Valley Millennium Pairs with my Vice-Captain, George Clelland, we started well in this 27 hole foursome but, when the rains came, we were somewhat washed away. I can only plead – over-golfed!

Matches during the month included the Men versus Basingstoke when we enjoyed a 3-2 win but were later in the month brought down to earth at Meon Valley. The Mixed match against Hayling, whose team always play as husband and wife, resulted in a 7-3 win for Alresford.

I was pleased to present the trophies at the Junior Club Championships on the last day of the month and very interested to watch a range of our younger players in action and meet them after the event. I was honoured to present the Junior Challenge Cup, presented by John Holmes and first played for in 1958, to Harvey Riches, and the Junior Scratch Trophy, presented in 1978, to Ben Broadbent. Watch out for photos in Malcolm's Pro Newsletter.

I enjoyed playing in the Stewards Cup - thanks to the Committee Chairmen who organised teams - and also the 100 Club Competition organised by George Clelland.

I would like to add my continued thanks to all those who make contributions to the Captains' Charity throughout the season. Apart from events which are designed to raise contributions, there is a steady flow of contributions, many anonymous and many slipped into the bottle on the bar. Recently, the bottle was 'counted' and was found to be heading for a sum of £400! Some of that is loose change and some the result of wagers and fines. Some also comes from touring parties, such as the Captain's Trip to France and the trip to Turkey organised by Ken Mills, from whom we recently received a generous donation. For all of these, we are very grateful.

Finally, I look forward at the half-way house, to greeting all 170 of you who have signed up for my Captain's Day on Sunday 9 September. I wish you luck in the individual and team competitions and hope that most of you will be able to attend the Prize Giving which will take place as soon as the last players are in.





With the weather featuring so much this year causing the cancellation or abandonment of so many events it was a great relief that we had a fine day for the re-scheduled Ladies Championship. With 23 ladies playing 36 holes Jane Scott successfully defended her 2011 title winning with a gross score over the 36 holes of 160. The runner-up was Becky Scott. The Brenda Hedges Trophy, net prize for the silver division, was won by Linda Hainsworth with a score of 145 on count back from Angela Peel.



Fiona Corkhill
Ladies' Captain



Fiona presents Jane with her trophy

The Dorothy Coombs Trophy, net prize for the bronze division was won by Liesl Smith with a score of 143. A prize was also awarded to Cathy Hilton for the best overall net score in the second round. The EWGA medal played for in the first round was won by Pat Palmer for

entries and I was delighted that we had a field of 18 who played a medal round on day one and a stableford on day two. There was some delay in announcing the result as a Ladies Committee decision was required to resolve a dead heat over the two rounds between Diana Hampton and Lyn Jones when the stableford points deducted from the net medal score resulted in both players having a score of 40. The final decision was to award a tie.

Our success in County events has come to an end in the quarter finals. Claire Gould and Linda Hainsworth were knocked out of the Knight Cup at Andover and Lyn Travers, Becky Scott and Lynne Cowser were knocked out of the North Hants Trophy at Basingstoke.

There have been two foursomes events where our Ladies Section winners went on to represent Alresford in finals. Mary Rook and Pat Palmer represented us in the Hampshire Ladies County Centenary Foursomes at Sandford Springs and Annie Beal and Ann Bishton played in the Coronation Foursomes regional finals at Liphook.

We have had mixed success in our friendly matches due in part to the weather. Our match against Corhampton at home was abandoned after 9 holes in torrential rain with thunder and lightening. This resulted in a 1-3 loss. In the same week we played Petersfield away on a scorching hot day with everyone coming in exhausted and again we lost 1/2-3 1/2. Finally we played Waterlooville at home in lovely sunny weather and had a resounding 3 1/2- 1/2 win.

I am now looking forward to seeing many of you at the Autumn meeting on 18 September as the final major social event in the ladies calendar. The list is up for entry so please remember to pay by the 10 September when the draw will be done and posted both in the ladies changing room and on the website.



Fiona presents Liesl with the Dorothy Coombs Shield



Fiona presents Linda with the Brenda Hedges Cup

the silver division and Liesl Smith for the bronze division.

The following week was the Senior Ladies Challenge with 36 holes played over two days. A new format was introduced this year to try to encourage more





Roger Corkhill
Vets' Captain

Since my last report we have played five more friendly matches with the following results:-

| Date | H/A | Opposition | Result |
|------|-----|------------------|-------------|
| 1/8 | H | Bramshaw | Won 3½ - 2½ |
| 2/8 | A | Stoneham | Drawn 3-3 |
| 8/8 | H | Farnham | Won 7½ - ½ |
| 20/8 | A | Farnham | Lost 5-3 |
| 24/8 | A | Sandford Springs | Lost 4-2 |

This takes our playing record for this year to 12 WINS, 5 DRAWS and 17 LOSSES, in 34 matches.

In September we play at home to Test Valley on the 5th plus Royal Winchester on the 19th and Hartley Wintney on the 26th. Also in September we play away to Royal Winchester on 6th and to Rowlands Castle on the 10th.

It makes me realise how little of our year is left as there are only 2 more matches to be arranged in October.

So far I have selected exactly 500 players to fill 34 teams. Naturally this requires interested Vet's to play on a fairly frequent basis; in fact stalwart Keith Turner has played 23 times already. As an incentive there is a Captain's Tankard which is awarded to the best performing Vet. Points are awarded for a win (3 at home & 4 away) or for a draw (1 at home & 2 away). BUT to be eligible to win the tankard it is necessary to have played in at least 5 home & 5 away matches. At present Stuart Slater is in the lead with an average of 2.55 having scored 43 points in 17 matches. There are 5 others in close contention.

I mentioned in last month's bulletin that the Junior Captain, Ben Hunter, suggested an idea to strengthen ties with the Vet's and Ladies. This has

been taken further and a 3-ball team competition is proposed for Thursday 25 October. Each team will be composed of a Junior, Lady and Vet. Further details to be finalised.

On Thursday 16 August we held a highly successful Vet's Invitation Day. There were 31 pairs entered. To ensure that everyone could play we had volunteer Vets, Alan Pike and David Robertson, who stood in for absent members or guests who were unable to attend due to illness. The weather was kind to us and the choice of a buffet meal was well received by all. The event was a team effort and my sincere thanks go to Dennis Jones, who worked alongside the organisers last year, and to Andrew Frearson and John Adams who dealt with Registration, sold raffle tickets, checked cards and prepared the prize list. Malcolm Scott selected excellent prizes within our budget and our thanks also go to Patricia Frearson and Lyn Jones for preparing and hosting the halfway house. The winners were member Dave Cooper and his guest Sid Williams with a better ball score of 46 points.

On Wednesday 22 August we held a Flag Competition, with 3 'age related' categories to compete in. The winner in the 60-66 years old group was Mal Elford, in the 67-74 years old group was Keith Turner and for those 75 or over the winner was John Cloughton. Mal with three shots in hand and John with one shot in hand managed to complete 18 holes. Keith was just short of the 18th green when he ran out of shots.

Information will soon be posted regarding the Vet's Secretary's Trophy. This is a competition run over two rounds. Round one is on Friday 5 October (Stableford) and Round two on Monday 8 October (Medal).





The Men's Invitation was a great success with 40 pairs competing. The format being the same as in the last few years: an American Greensomes over 12 holes in the morning followed by a 4BBB over 28 holes after lunch. The day being rounded off with an excellent buffet dinner provided by Robbie and Sheena.

Summer is meteorologically now at an end and autumn signals the start of the Winter Leagues. This year the Lombard and Cooper knock-outs have been changed around so that the (supposedly) quicker foursomes is played in the winter and 4BBB in the summer. The Cooper foursomes will be run as a league followed by a knock-out during the winter and the Lombard 4BBB will be run as a straight

knock-out starting next summer. The winter mixed foursomes will continue as before. The entry sheets will be up in a couple of weeks. Also I shall be putting up a list to show how many qualifiers members have played in the last 12 months.

There has been a recommendation that we should try a "Drawn Competition" which will take place on Sunday 14 October. This will consist of three ball groups who will be drawn from the list of entrants. To allow members' preferences in terms of starting times there will be a choice of several different starting times on the entry sheet.

Peter Spreadbury
Match Secretary

competition results

3 August Lifeboat Medal

| | |
|------------------|--------------|
| 1 Les Widdicombe | 76 – 12 = 64 |
| 2 Chris Chapman | 85 – 19 = 66 |
| 3 Ben Broadbent | 75 – 9 = 66 |

4 August Lifeboat Medal

| | |
|----------------|--------------|
| 1 Josh Evans | 87 – 28 = 59 |
| 2 Grant Thorne | 72 – 6 = 66 |
| 3 Dave Fox | 80 – 12 = 68 |

5 August Men's Invitation

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| 1 Geoff Colwill and Mahim Uddin (Cams Hall) [73] |
| 2 Ray Fisher and Stuart Astley (Wiltshire) [67] |
| 3 Tim Chandler and Mike Battison (The Hampshire) [66] |

12 August Cornhill Trophy

| | |
|----------------|-----------|
| 1 Robin Irving | 44 points |
| 2 Karl Evans | 41 points |
| 3 John Irving | 41 points |

18 August Wilkinson Trophy

| | |
|-------------------|--------------|
| 1 Ben Broadbent | 74 – 8 = 66 |
| 2 Graham Maycock | 83 – 17 = 66 |
| 3 Brian McCormick | 79 – 12 = 67 |

25/6 August Bill Young Trophy

| | |
|------------------|--------------|
| 1 Mark Broadbent | 37 + 38 = 75 |
| 2 Ben Broadbent | 39 + 36 = 75 |
| 3 Barry Norgate | 39 + 35 = 74 |

news from the greens



Greens Maintenance Programme

The "Greens Maintenance" programme undertaken in early August was tuned to deal with an ongoing issue with moss in the greens. The Iron-rich fertilizer applied at that time has had mixed results and further treatment will be undertaken this month. When applied, the greens turn a black colour but putting surfaces will not be greatly affected.

Not undertaking the Gradon scarification work, normally part of the August schedule, has had an adverse affect on the greens and they have more "thatch" in them than ideal. Typically around 80 tons of sand are applied to the Greens each year but due

to the wet weather only 20 tons have been used this year as the sand can only be applied effectively and with minimal disruption to play, when the greens are dry.

Further work will be undertaken after the Pro-Am to address the "thatch" issue comprising hollow-tining followed by a sand-based top dressing. The Gradon work will be programmed for next Spring probably in the 1st week of April after the Easter competition.

Laurie Clark
Chairman of Greens





New Members

Welcome to the following new members who have all joined the club in recent weeks; Simon and Gill Freemantle (7 day), Glen (PGA extra) and Michele Ralph (7 day), David Turner (7 day) and Elizabeth Scoble-Hodgins (7 day), Graham Croft (Social Extra) and Adam Phur (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.

Club 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. Please check the club website **and** main noticeboard for any 'last minute' changes.

SEPTEMBER

- Wednesday 5 - 11.00am
- Wednesday 12 - NO ROLL UP (Pro-Am)
- Wednesday 19 - 11.00am (Mid-Week Medal)
- Wednesday 26 - 11.00am

OCTOBER

- Wednesday 3 - 11.00am
- Wednesday 10 - 11.00am
- Wednesday 17 - 11.00am (Mid-week stableford)

Urgent! - Trophy Winners

All trophies should be back at the club by 14 September ready for their checking and dispatching to the engravers in time for the presentation evening at the end of the season. This includes trophies presented during the 2012 season.

Diary 2013

Have you moved this year? Have we your new telephone number or mobile? We are now collating the information for the 2013 diary and so if the above applies to you please ensure that we have the correct details for your diary entry.

Forthcoming events for your diary

FISH 'n' CHIP night. Tuesday 4 September. Book direct with the Kitchen.

Neil Diamond Tribute Act – Friday 21 September. Tickets on sale - £12.50 pp (includes food). There will be a seated area as well as room for dancing! Only a handful of tickets remaining – so don't miss out. Tickets only available from the Office with full payment.

Help Required

The Social Committee would like to hear from anyone who can edit and transfer VHS recordings to DVD's. Please contact Les Thorne 01962 732223.

David Maskery
Club Secretary

a look at rules supplied by **Celia Batten** email: celia@celiabatten.vispa.com



Decision 13-2/11

Removing sand or loose soil from dropping area

Question: Through the green, may a player remove or brush away sand or loose soil from the area in which he is preparing to drop a ball?

Answer on last page





A quiet month on the social scene, but I do have to report that we have managed to drag two new members kicking and screaming on to our committee, they are Dave Sault and Simon Wills, both are regulars at social events be it golf or the eating and drinking ones, and with Simon being a painter and decorator he will be perfect to help with the putting up of the Christmas decorations. Being chairman of the social has led me to being invited to attend the Captains and the Bar and Catering committee, this has made me realise how much work is put in by the volunteers at the club.

Nearly Diamond

September will see the arrival of Nearly Diamond on Friday 21, tickets have been selling quickly and Robbie's burgers in a box will once again be eagerly anticipated, I am afraid that I will not be attending, for a change I have to go away and do some work, so while many of you are bopping away to sweet Caroline and smooching to love on the

rocks I will be in Billericay in the Costa del Essex. I will look forward to hearing loads of good things about it.

Can Anyone Help?

I would like to ask for some help now, next year we are hoping to have an event celebrating the history of our club, is there any member who can help with transferring and editing VHS on to DVD, if so contact me on my email.

I look forward to seeing you all at the club and if anyone finds a new Titleist Pro v1 on the course could you please return it to me.

Before I sign off remember this is your club so any ideas are welcome and you can contact me on les@noturningback.co.uk

Les Thorne

Chair, Social Committee

news from bar and catering committee



New Italian House wines now on sale

A new red and white wine from Sicily is now on sale from the bar to replace the Villa del Sole wines which are no longer available. Sicily has more vineyards than any other Italian region and wines from Sicily are becoming the next big success story from Italy. The word Tasari, in the dialect of Sicily, invites you to stand up ... to move; it is the real soul of the Tasari wines, lively, dynamic and vital, like the sun and land of Sicily.



The Tasari Bianco is a delicious wine, packed full of gentle fruit, with floral undertones; crisp, dry, fruity and soft with persistent tropical and citrus notes. It appeared in the Sommelier Gold list of 2010 and was voted Critic's Choice 2010.

The Tasari Rosso is a deep dark colour with plums, red forest fruits and soft ripe tannins. It won Decanter Bronze 2011.

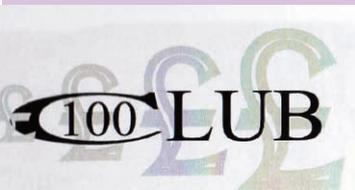
Both wines are available at House Wine prices, why not try them? Just ask John or the other bar staff for Tasari, red or white, and they will be delighted to serve you.



Terry Glynn

Chair of Bar & Catering





The winners of the 100 Club prize draw in August were:

£100 - Tony Bussy

£50 - Liz Petheram

£32 - Carol Clark

£32 - Ian Swann

£32 - Bob Smith

£32 - Peter Baird

Congratulations to the winners.
The next draw will take place on
Monday 3 September.

100 Club Stableford

The 100 Club Stableford on Friday 17 August was played on one of the few fine summer days we've had this year. A superb entry of 42 members contested the golf with Mike Dale taking the top spot with 40 points, followed by David Pain with 37 points, and Tineke Ribbink edging third place on count-back with 36 points from Bob Germon.

The excellent two course meal and coffee was enjoyed by 42 members and partners, and I have to thank Robbie and Sheena for handling the changes to our numbers, some of them at the last minute, without batting an eyelid. After the meal, George Clelland gave a short status update on the 100 Club and then the prizes of wine and golf balls were presented to the winners by Robin Good.

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.

rule answer



Answer: No. Rule 13-2 prohibits improving the area in which a ball is to be dropped by removing sand or loose soil.

SAND AND LOOSE SOIL ARE LOOSE IMPEDIMENTS ONLY ON THE PUTTING GREEN



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