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Welcome to the October issue of the eBulletin. I apologise in advance for any errors in this edition, but I received several late contributions and with other commitments and my computer going in for repairs, I consequently had to do things in a hurry. 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

Husbands' & Wives' Competition 2012

Following the abandonment of the initial attempt to run this competition owing to torrential rain and an electrical storm on 29 July (see Ron Beal's photos in the August e-Bulletin), another attempt took place on Sunday, 23 September. Unfortunately, the remnants of Hurricane Nadine arrived in the Alresford area during the morning leading to the organisers making the very popular decision to cancel the golf and have a Sunday Lunch instead. This was followed by an indoor fun putting competition to decide who should receive the already-purchased plant prizes.

This means that there will be no winners' names on the trophy for 2012 and it is hoped that better weather will prevail in 2013.

Forthcoming Events:

Fish 'n' Chip Night

Tuesday, 9 October

Book direct with the Kitchen

Club Dinner

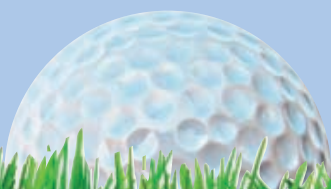
Saturday, 10 November

Details to follow shortly. Please check the Social Noticeboard as this event will sell out very quickly.

Club AGM

Friday, 23 November at 7.45pm

Minutes of the 2011 AGM can be viewed on the club website or copies via the Office.





I would like to start my penultimate eBulletin with hearty congratulations to James Stewart and his team of Grant Thorne, Craig Chapman and Ben Broadbent who represented Alresford on Sunday 23 September in the Invitation Team Foursomes played at Winchester for the Royal Winchester Bowl and succeeded in winning the trophy for Alresford for the very first time. This is a competition where two pairs play Medal Foursomes off scratch over 36 holes, one of the most demanding formats of competition. The team is selected from the leading players in the Club Championship and this year, with not all the leading players available, James took a younger team than normal but, in gruesome, rainy conditions, they withstood not only the elements, but all other participating teams, and secured victory. A fantastic achievement for all four players.



The team with the trophy and their prizes

Earlier in the month, I was delighted with the support I received on Captain's Day, not only from the 172 plus who played, but also from the weather Gods who provided superb sunshine for virtually the whole day. I was very grateful for all the support I received for the event including David and Mary in the office for their preparatory support and then, on the day, from many others: Robbie and Sheena provided exceptional support throughout the day and brought in Sophie to dish up the breakfast baps in the morning; I must also thank Elaine Spreadbury who was there from start to finish and then, when not helping with refreshments, was supporting husband Peter with the scorecards; also Joan Ogilvie for all the flowers and for help throughout the day; and also to Vice-Captain George, and my wife, Becky, whose flapjacks were a big success! Finally, to all the Green Staff who not only prepared a superb course but also re-sited the gazebo and mowed the clubhouse lawn at 0730 in the morning!

Congratulations go to David Maskery who, playing in the last group in, won the best overall prize, Chris Chapman the Best Man on the day, Linda Glynn for Best Woman and Josh Evans for Best Junior. The three Team Prizes were won 1st (99 pts) by Karl and Josh Evans, Andrew Bremner and Phil Bryden, 2nd (97 pts) by Steve Drake, Jon Capp, Paul Bremner and James Stewart, and 3rd (97pts) by Les and Liz Thorne



John McIlree
Club Captain

& Eddy and Lesley Martin. Respectively, they won a round of golf for four at West Hill, Blackmoor or Basingstoke. Finally, Peter Hilton picked up the nearest the pin prize at the 6th, Richard Calton nearest at the 10th and James Stewart the nearest in 2 on the 18th. Well played to all the winners and especially to Richard Calton, who courteously sent out for one of his daughters to bring him something more respectable than shorts in which to receive his prize!

Once again, I enjoyed so much being part of the ProAm at Alresford. It is an outstanding event which still gathers, in its 19th year, professional support of the highest standard from across Hampshire and beyond. Fifty-one teams filled the course and the clubhouse was packed well into the evening. We are indebted to Malcolm and Jane for the organisation of this event and for all those others who man the bar and provide food to satisfy more than 200 people on the day.

On the social side, I really enjoyed a great evening event at the Club when Nearly Diamond entertained a full house at the "Alresford Arena". The first half covered most of the Neil Diamond repertoire which, of course, extended through several decades, which matched very much the ages of those present! And it was obvious that his material was well remembered, still popular and particularly well received right up to the "Cracklin' Rosie" finale which had the clubhouse shaking. The whole Social Committee, and especially Viv Pain on the night, are to be congratulated on putting this evening together and making it so successful.

Finally, I was pleased to be invited to help as a Starter in the 8th playing of the Alresford Cup, an event run by the Hampshire County Ladies Golf Association and hosted by Alresford. The cup was donated by Alresford Golf Club in 2005 with a view to encouraging younger female players to participate in a county team competition with a range of handicap sections. Originally competed for by 6 teams, its popularity has spread and now involves 9 counties from across the South of England – Surrey, Sussex, Hampshire, Essex, Kent, Herts, Dorset, Berks and Bucks – each team comprising 6 players with the 4 best scores counting.

Many of the players arrived on the Saturday to practice on the course and Sunday morning witnessed an array of team colours which brightened a cloudy start. The rain stayed away, however, and the conditions encouraged some excellent individual scoring from the higher handicappers, a contributory factor for the teams in the top places. The event produced a close finish with a new winner's name on the cup, Essex coming home ahead of Kent by just 1 point.

Wishing you good golf.

John McIlree



Fiona Corkhill
Ladies' Captain

September has been another busy month of competition at Club and County level and again our members have enjoyed success when representing Alresford.

Every year we send two pairs comprising a silver division player and a bronze division player to play eclectic competitions at Corhampton, Hayling and Bramshaw Golf Clubs. The format is foursomes medal with the afternoon pair having to improve on the score of the morning pair. This is a difficult format and I am delighted to report that our team of Casie McDonald-Wood, Patricia Frearson, Elaine Capp and Linda Glynn won the Hayling Centenary Salver with a record net score of 60.25 points.

For her individual success congratulations to Angela Peel who won the Division 1 Handicap Trophy at the Hampshire Ladies Golf Association Autumn meeting held at Brokenhurst Manor Golf Club.

Lyn de Mestre represented us at the Age Concern finals played at Andover Golf Club.

We had a lovely day for the Ladies Autumn Meeting this year when 48 ladies played a 4 ball better ball competition. This year's winners were Tina Over and

Liz Petherham with 48 points with Di Peisley and Amanda Caldwell second with 46 points and Linda Glynn and Annie Beal third with 39 points. The course was in superb condition which must account for the fantastically high scores.

Two Board competitions have been held in September. The Summer Salver was won by Linda Glynn with 34 points and the Munro Spencer Bowl by Lesley Martin with a net 72.

The Grannies competition this year was very close with Lesley Martin winning on count back from Lyn de Mestre and Jenny Francis all having a score of 33 points.

We are nearing the end of the friendly match season having played Southampton away and Sandford Springs and Avington at home. We were successful in our home matches but lost away in the singles match play format at Southampton.

My year is drawing to a close and I am looking forward now to our annual match against the Vets when it is my turn to choose the format. This is always a very enjoyable but fiercely competitive day!



Decision 2/3

Refusal to comply with Rule in Match Play

Question: In a match, A requests B to lift B's ball that is on A's line of play. B refuses to do so. What is the ruling?

Answer on Match Committee's page





Roger Corkhill
Vets' Captain

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

Date	H/A	Opposition	Result
30/8	A	Weybrook Park	Lost 3½-4½
5/9	H	Test Valley	Lost 4-2
6/9	A	Royal Winchester	Lost 4½-3½
10/9	A	Rowlands Castle	Won 4½-3½
19/9	H	Royal Winchester	Lost 5-3
26/9	H	Hartley Wintney	Lost 5-3

This takes our playing record for this year to 13 WINS, 5 DRAWS and 22 LOSSES, in 40 matches.

In October we play two matches. The first is our final home match against Lee-on-the-Solent on Monday 1st; they have not played here before and had 19 reserves for this fixture!! Our final away match against Bramshaw on Tuesday 2nd had to be re-arranged from 11 June owing to bad weather. The bonus is that we get to play on the Forest Course, which has benefited from the extra rainfall this year.

Notices were posted last month seeking support for the following October events:-

- **VET'S SECRETARY'S TROPHY** Round 1 Stableford, Friday 5th.
Sign up in the pro shop and pay £4 for both rounds.
- **VET'S SECRETARY'S TROPHY** Round 2 Medal, Monday 8th.
- **VET'S v LADIES** Thursday 11th. 2 tee start 8.30. Draw posted on Sunday 30. The Ladies choose the format and rules of engagement. After the draw was done I know that we will play 4BBB match

play, men off white tees. The extra twist will be divulged when the scorecards are prepared. The event will be followed by a rolling buffet with wine at table. Please note that playing Vets are to pay the cost of £15 by Friday 5 October.

- **VET'S LADIES NIGHT ANNUAL DINNER** 7 for 7.30pm. The menu choices and sign-up sheets are on the noticeboard. This has always been a successful event. There are four choices of starters, main course and desserts.
- **VET'S, JUNIORS AND LADIES** Competition Thursday 1 November 9.00

This is a new event suggested by the Junior Captain, Ben Hunter. There will be 8 x 3 ball teams playing a bowmaker stableford competition (best 2 scores per hole). Informal sandwiches and chips afterwards. (This event replaces Ladies v Juniors which was incorrectly scheduled for Thursday 25 October)

During the last month our congratulations go to the following who won these Knock-Out competitions:-
Fred White – Mel Elford and Stuart Slater
Vet's Champion – Terry Lane
Over 70's – Gordon Harness

Our committee are busily preparing for our AGM scheduled for Wednesday 7 November. The traditional 9-hole competition starts at 9.00. We hope that most of you will attend to show your appreciation for the efforts your committee put into the programme of events this year and to welcome as Captain for 2013 Pete Dowse.





I mentioned last month that we were going to trial a "Drawn Competition" during October. If you wish to play in this event you **must** enter your name on the list on the board in the locker room. Competitors will be randomly drawn in groups of three, but for the time slot you have requested. We have chosen this competition as it is on a Sunday so there should not be a tremendous pressure of members wishing to play on the course that day. I know that this goes against the culture of this club, but the Captain wanted to try it out and ***I stress this is only a trial.***

The entry sheets for the Winter Leagues are in the Pro Shop and the closing date for both these competitions is 22 October. Please remember that you should make sure that you are going to be reasonably available for the competition before entering.

It is getting towards the end of the competition year and the Presentation Evening is looming. David Maskery will shortly be asking for the return of the trophies you may have won so it is time to polish them up before returning them!

Peter Spreadbury
Match Secretary

competition results

7 September Over 60s Medal

1 Tony Shelton-Smith	89-22=67
2 Ian Swann	81-13=68
3 Brian Bellamy	81-13=68

15/16 September Centenary Cup

1 Peter Dowse	40+37=77
2 Chris Chant	35+37=72
3 Paul Wager	36+36=72

19 September Midweek Medal

1 Bill Ragan	77- 9=68
2 Ian Mackintosh	84-14=70
3 Philip Huddart	85-15=70

22 September Alesford Show Trophy

1 Paul Wager	39pts
2 Kevin Lane	36pts
3 Mike Bryett	36pts

rule answer



Answer: In equity (Rule1-4), B loses the hole for failing to comply with A's request to lift his ball under Rule 22-2.





Greens Maintenance

The greens maintenance undertaken during the week commencing the 6 August has reduced the amount of moss in the greens but ongoing treatment is taking place to try and complete the job.

The greens are suffering from a slight thatch problem and it has been decided to undertake further intensive maintenance during the week beginning 22 October to address this issue. This will involve more traditional "hollow tining" followed by a sand-based top dressing.

The Graden work, not done this August, is planned for execution in early April as part of the Spring Maintenance programme. A comparison will be made to ascertain if doing the Graden work in spring is more successful than August as in past years.

Ecology

The rough maintenance using the Wildlife Trust sheep is planned to start in late October. They will be enclosed by an electric fence to restrict the area grazed and this will be moved progressively throughout the winter.

Winter Programme

The following work is planned to be done this winter:-

I. Reconstruct the Wedge practice tee and complete irrigation to the two newer greens on the Short Course, not completed last winter.

II. Widen the 4th medal tee to overcome current wear issues and give a clear two yard teeing area behind the plate. It will be enlarged toward the 15th tee.

III. Construct the new medal tee for the 5th hole in the rough ground behind the existing tee and 4th green. This will add 20 yards to the hole. The yellow and red tees will remain in the current location. The fairway bunkers will be widened so that there is a better chance of standing within the bunkers when playing out of them!

IV. Reshape the 10th greenside bunker to be more dished and drain the lower part to the depression in front of the green

V. Level and re-turf the following tees:

- 3rd yellow/white
- 7th yellow/red
- 14th yellow/red
- 18th whole tee.

VI. A Tree Spade will be hired again and used to reinforce the planting between the 8th green and 2nd tee (to direct traffic away from the 2nd tee), then to add more trees behind the wedge practise area to infill the triangle of rough up to the 1st fairway (the rough in this area was a problem with lost balls and will be kept short in future. The new trees will become the hazard for wayward shots)

VII. 14th hole safety: Construct platform about 3ft high at front left of tee adjacent hedge, to give "line of sight" to the green.

VIII. Extend planting of beech hedge and dogwoods to the embankment above the car park extension area to improve visual aspect.

Laurie Clark

Chairman of Greens





New Members

Welcome to the following new members who have all joined the club in recent weeks Jane Bellamy, Andrea Byford, Michael and Marilyn Stone (Social Extra), Nigel Kaye and Patricia Ferris (Social). 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.

OCTOBER

Wednesday 3 - 11.00am
Wednesday 10 - 11.00am
Wednesday 17 - 11.00am (Mid-week stableford)
Wednesday 24 - 10.45am (Society booking)
Wednesday 31 - 10.00am (Society booking)

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 7 - 10.30am
Wednesday 14 - 10.30am
Wednesday 21 - 10.45am (Society booking)

Urgent! - Trophy Winners

All trophies should have been returned to the club by 14 September ready for 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. If you still have a trophy please make sure you return immediately.

Last Chance for Amendments for 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.

Updates on House Projects

- Work is due to be undertaken in October (subject to the weather) to replace the crumbling patio wall.
- The external steps lighting will also be replaced and upgraded. Currently water seeps into the back of the units which are buried in the flower beds and fuse the lights on a regular basis. It is hoped that this will be completed during October, but again will be very much weather dependant.
- The damp problem in the men’s toilets is still being investigated. We are aware of it and as soon as the cause is categorically identified, it will be rectified and the area re-decorated.
- Men’s shower soap dispensers – despite suggestions to the contrary these are generally not empty but the push button mechanism is failing. The supplier will either fix these or replace with new within the next 10 days.

Cleaning Golf Shoes in the Clubhouse

An air pressure shoe cleaner and brushes are provided for the purpose of cleaning golf shoes. It is **NOT** acceptable to clean your golf shoes inside the clubhouse, particularly in either the shower area or washroom.

There have been several incidents of this taking place over recent days and at times not attributable to golf societies. This not only leaves the sinks, showers and floors dirty, covered in grass and mud which is then walked around the changing rooms and clubhouse but also can get into the internal gully drains blocking them, which in turn costs the club money to have cleared (£150 per call out).

The culprit who banged their shoes over the men’s urinal last week should be ashamed of himself to have then left that impression of our golf club to any visitor who then may have used the facility.





Hello club goers, the general social stuff is that the club dinner details are being finalised, the entertainment for the evening will be a caricaturist (a first for Alresford Golf Club) so come along and get yourself immortalised in a drawing, he will obviously pick out your best features and, it should make for an amusing night.

Tickets for the Christmas Draw(er) , the “er” is an in-committee joke but I did have a Perin’s education, have been printed and there will be the usual harassing for you to buy them around November time and believe me no-one will be safe, remember social committee members are handpicked for their ability to get you to part with your money and the ones that need it go through an extensive training programme.

George Clelland’s drive-in is in the pre-production stage and costumes are being made, skeletons are being dragged kicking and screaming from the closet and wits are being sharpened ready for his big day.

On the subject of captains you may have heard that I have accepted the great honour of being the Vice-Captain in the coming year so will be handing over the reins of chairman to another capable, albeit not as good looking guy soon, so watch this space.

What follows now is a report from the latest music event at the golf club.

Les Thorne

Chair, Social Committee

**ALRESFORD ARENA 21 Sept.
“Nearly Diamond”
Star Rating ★★★★★**



After a wonderful introduction by Captain John that would put any stadium announcer to shame, the opening bars of “Coming to America” resounded round the Clubhouse and, to thunderous applause, “Neil” bounded onto the stage. There followed a first half of Neil Diamond well known and not quite so well known songs that, if you closed your eyes, you would think were being performed by the man himself. Instead it was James Norton, the Neil Diamond tribute act. The Clubhouse rocked to the sound of everyone singing along and dancing. He was fantastic.



After the interval when various delicious burgers and chips were served so efficiently and quickly to 118 people by Robbie and Sheena and their helpers that McDonalds had better watch out, “Neil” came back for another set of not Neil this time but disco hits by other artists.



Once again a great time was had by all and after a heartfelt vote of thanks from Vice-Captain George, the Clubhouse gradually returned to normal but not without many people asking when “Neil” can return. Watch this space!





New Wine List now available at the bar

The new wine list is now on display at the bar. It incorporates several wines from a new supplier including, notably, a new Rosé wine at "house" wine prices. Mortero Rosado, the new Rosé, is Spanish, from the Rueda region, situated either side of the river Duero, best known for its white wines made from the classic Verdejo grape. It also produces stylish Rosados from the Tempranillo grape, the grape used for Rioja.

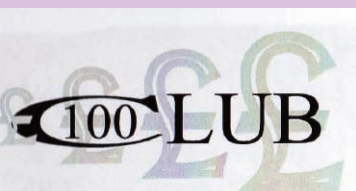
Mortero Rosado is a bright colour, full of raspberry fruit with a juicy acidity. It is easy drinking and refreshing.

There is also a new look to the wine list; it is now displayed in a black leatherette folder, A4 size. If you can't see it in a prominent place on the bar, do ask John, or one of the other staff, to let you have a look at it.



Terry Glynn

Chair of Bar & Catering



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

£100 - Hugh Smorfit

£50 - Peter Gregory

£32 - Richard Bass

£32 - Mike Dale

£32 - Peter Spreadbury

£32 - Tom Bechelet

Congratulations to the winners.

The next draw will take place on Monday 1 October.

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.



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