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Welcome to the November eBulletin. This issue contains the last contributions from our out-going Captains and I'm sure we all hope they have enjoyed their year of office and are looking forward to handing over to their successors.

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

**Mike Gould**  
*Editor*

#### **Forthcoming Events:**

### **Fish 'n' Chip Night**

**Tuesday, 20 November**

**Book direct with the Kitchen**

### **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.

## **FRIDAY NIGHT PUB QUIZ & CURRY**

**Friday 30 November**

50p ENTRY - WINNER TAKES ALL

Food from 7.00pm

Quiz at 8.30pm

*Everyone welcome*





**John McIlree**  
*Club Captain*

This is my last eBulletin and I am beginning it having just played in the Men v Hampshire Schools Match, the end of season match in the Club's calendar, which took place on the last Sunday of the month. Having been unable to play our other County matches due to adverse weather conditions at the start of the season, the traditional opener for the County Senior side followed by the County Juniors match, I was pleased that we were able to play our final match against Hampshire Schools in good conditions. Slightly misleading, perhaps, since it has become the practice to include a ladies four-ball match alongside the five men's matches. I was pleased that Brian Bellamy, who originated this fixture when he was much involved with Hampshire Schools Golf, was able to play in the Alresford side.

It was a pleasure to play a match with these young golfers, virtually all of whom are playing off single figure handicaps and I enjoyed, with my partner David Harrison, the chance to admire the play of their Captain off +1 and his partner off 3. Alresford rose to the challenge, however, and ran out winners in the end. There was some suspicion that the handicapping might just have favoured the home side, but the challenge on both sides resulted in a high quality of golf all round. Brian reminded us that in this fixture not so many years ago, he watched a young school boy play exceptional golf - his first sighting of Justin Rose.

Earlier in October, there was the final men's home match when we recorded a very satisfactory victory over Waterlooville and the following weekend, we travelled over to the Isle of Wight to play our annual friendly against Ryde Pirates, now in its 26th year. On their testing nine-hole course, and even with a morning warm-up, most of us found the course quite a challenge. Thank goodness it was a friendly: it's not the winning, it's the taking part!

The Mixed Team also completed their season the same weekend with an away fixture away to Weybrook Park. With the men's team visiting here in June, we now have a complete set of club matches with Weybrook Park. From their origins from the original course at Basingstoke Hospital, it is impressive how they have shown the initiative to develop the land available to them; before long, they will have an excellent 27-hole complex.

I enjoyed taking part in the Cock and Hen Trophy with Clare Monkhouse as a partner. We had the good fortune not just to have a good score but also to score it in all the right places to win the count-back following the tie of four pairs. Thank you, Clare, for your excellent golf and many thanks to Ken and Kate Mills for the organisation of this event.

I wasn't able to play in the Two Generations Cup a fortnight later, but I was pleased to be treated to tea and present the prizes after the event. Congratulations to the father and son combination of Karl and Josh Evans who came away winners with 39 points and to whom I presented the Harry May Trophy. Runners-up with 38 points were the mother and son combination, Gillian and Chris Geary. Thanks to Peter Spreadbury for organising this event.

There is a final match to be played on my last Sunday and that is my Team against the Lady Captain's Team. Always hard fought, it will be a close run thing. Afterwards, we will enjoy lunch together and reminisce about the year we have left behind us.

And that brings me to the realisation that this is the last eBulletin I shall write. I can hardly quite comprehend that the year has gone so quickly and that in just a few weeks, I shall be handing over to my Vice-Captain, George Clelland. I'm sure you will give George as much support as I received and will start by turning up to support his drive-in on Sunday 25 November at 12.30pm. Brace yourself, George, for whatever is going to happen. After that, if spared, I wish you every success for your year ahead. I know it will be another great year for Alresford Golf Club.

I have already submitted my report for the November edition of The Links and will be presenting my final report at the AGM. I would like, however, to take this opportunity to thank Mike Gould for his continued commitment to the production of the eBulletin. I am aware of the pressures of such a commitment. Thanks, Mike, for a great publication and your continued support of the Club.

Next month, you will be hearing from Captain Clelland!

With best wishes and thanks  
John McIlree



**Fiona Corkhill**  
*Ladies' Captain*

For my final eBulletin I want to take this opportunity to say thank you for all the support I have received from David and Mary in the office, Malcolm and the Pro Shop staff, Robbie and Sheena and their team and John and his bar staff. They have all played their part in helping the Ladies Section events run smoothly in true Alresford style.

Thanks to my committee who have also worked incredibly hard often behind the scenes running competitions and social events and on behalf of the club the Ladies and Mixed Opens, the Mixed Invitation and Bank Holiday mixed competitions. Thanks also to those ladies who have stepped in as volunteers on many occasions to create attractive flower arrangements and support raffles and halfway houses for various events. So far this year the Ladies section has raised £918.24 towards the Captains' Charity – there is more to come with the Ladies Coffee Morning and Christmas Bazaar on 6 November when there will be many stalls to browse. So do come along.

With just two more golfing events to go, the Ladies, Vets and Juniors Competition and the Captain v Ladies Captain match my year is drawing to a close and I can finally draw breath and reflect on a very busy year probably to be remembered more than anything as the wettest summer since records began. Only then will I be able to answer the frequently repeated question “are you enjoying your year?” This will probably be a joint reflection with Roger, my husband, as we try to restore some order to our lives after juggling our individual roles as captains, providing mutual support, competing for the laptop to write reports and check e-mails and generally shift an awful lot of paper between us.

It only remains for me to thank Jane Scott for being such an excellent and supportive Vice-Captain and to wish her a successful and enjoyable year.

## a look at rules

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### Decision 1-4/4

#### **In anger, player strikes ball played by player in following group**

**Question:** A is nearly struck by a ball played by a player in the following group. In anger, A hits the ball back towards the group. Has A played a practice stroke or a wrong ball?

*Answer on Greens Committee's page*





My final bulletin is basically the report I will give at the Vet's AGM on Wednesday 7 November.

At last year's AGM we rightly paid tribute to our Secretary, Joe Kitchen, and Treasurer, Brian Towers, who both stood down after 16 and 10 years respectively ensuring that with the help of successive Captains, the objective to "promote golfing and associated activities among our members in a social and friendly manner," was upheld. As the year has progressed it became increasingly evident just how much was done tirelessly and efficiently by Joe in particular. Planning and implementing change to a new committee structure has been interesting and challenging. Key has been a more inclusive role for a Vice-Captain and additional committee members taking responsibility for competitions and match fixtures. Guidance from past Captains Keith Turner, Norman Sheen and Bill Pescod has been invaluable.

Our first big event was the Vets Christmas Scramble and lunch. A record 115 members and guests sat down to lunch. A sum of £100 was donated to the Captains' Charity, Cardiac Rehab, whose founder Hugh Bethell is a member of our Vets section.

Our Wessex Winter League teams had a good year which resulted in 3 wins, 2 halves and 3 losses. Thanks go to John Adams, League Co-ordinator, and his team captains Jack Moody, George Hand and Peter Spreadbury.

On 7 March we held the Captain v Vice-Captain 4BBB match. Sixty-four Vets competed in a close contest reduced to 9 holes, due to cold and wet conditions, which ended in a 9-7 win for the Captain's team.

Also in March we began the season of friendly matches against teams from other Hampshire clubs. We began with four straight wins but lost our momentum. Of the 39 matches we won 12, halved 3 and lost 24. Despite the weather this year we did not have to cancel or abandon any home matches. The highlight was playing away at Bramshaw on the Forest Course and watching the faces of our players who were confronted by a herd of cows lying down on the first fairway. Sixty-five different Vets have played for our section and the "Captains Tankard" for the best performance in these matches was won by Stuart Slater. He won 12 and drew 2 of his 19 matches. Well done Stuart. Terry Lane was a close second.

The two annual matches between the Ladies and Vets are always keenly supported. On 19 April the "Breeze Up" format was a 3-ball Texas Scramble. Winners off the 1st tee were Pat Gray, Ed Fox and Terry Lane. Off 10th tee were Jane Scott, Pete Dowse and Tony Bussy.

On 11 October the format for Ladies v Vets was 4BBB but with an unprecedented bias in the Ladies'



**Roger Corkhill**  
*Vets' Captain*

favour. Not only did we lend some of our Vets to play for them we were faced with playing off extended white tees, many behind the distance plates. Plus conceding a courtesy shot on the 5th hole, forward red tees (in the distance on 11th hole), plus 3 bisques each. In my match with John McIlree he was commended for a long drive on the 5th hole. To which he replied: "It would have been much further if my back swing hadn't been restricted by the fence." Due to the weather the match was called off after 9 holes. By which time two of our teams were already at least 6 down!!! The Ladies scraped a win 12½ -3½. Let's hope Pete Dowse can win back "our" trophy next year when it's the turn of the Vets Captain to choose the rules of engagement.

Our Vet's Invitation Day on 16 August was highly successful. The weather was kind to us despite a pessimistic forecast and we all appreciated the buffet meal. The winners were Dave Cooper and Sid Williams with 46 points. Second were Pete Dowse and Bob Wolfe on 44 points.

We introduced a Flag Competition to our roll-up schedule in July. In deference to age we had three entry categories. Under 67s won by Mel Elford, 67-74s winner was Keith Turner and 75s and over was won by John Cloughton.

The Vets v Juniors match on 30 July ended in a satisfying two-all draw. This year we are strengthening our competitive links with the Juniors by adding a new contest that was the inspiration of Junior Captain Ben Hunter. On November 1 we will play a 3-way competition with the Ladies.

The winners of our annual trophy competitions are:-

KO Championship - Terry Lane: r/up David Voy

Over 70s KO Championship - Gordon Harness: r/up Brian Bellamy

Over 80s Championship - Jim Ottway

Fred White KO foursomes - Mel Elford and Stuart Slater; r/up Ian Robinson and David Voy

Vet' Secretary's Trophy - Pete Dowse: r/up George Hand

Congratulations to them all.

Extra special for me and Pete Dowse was the Vets and Ladies Night on Thursday 18 October. We were treated to an excellent 3-course meal. Our thanks go to Robbie, Sheena and their staff. Bill Pescod

presented flowers to Fiona and Jean for the support they have given us both this year. Pete Dowse led a toast to all the ladies. This was and always has been a most enjoyable way to end a Captain's year.

This has been the year of change in committee structure and I wish to express my thanks for the hard work and commitment by Secretary Norman Sheen, Treasurer Dennis Jones, Match Secretary

John Dillon, Competitions Organiser Andrew Frearson, Ed Fox, Alan Pike and John Adams.

The final thanks go to my Vice-Captain Pete Dowse who has embraced wholeheartedly the more inclusive role of a Vice-Captain in our revised committee structure and given me great support. I wish him well as the next Vets Captain.

## match committee report



The number of entries for the trial "Drawn Competition" was so small that we decided it should not go ahead, but be played as normal with members making up their own groups.

The draws for the Winter Leagues have been performed and the lists are on the noticeboards. Please try to play your matches in good time so that there is not a rush nearer the play by date with the risk of being out of time.

The Presentation Evening is on 16th of this month, I have put up a list of the trophy winners together with

the runners-up. If you have been fortunate to win a trophy, please try and attend and it would be helpful if you could indicate whether or not you will be there.

Last Saturday gave us a taste of winter, it was bitterly cold with a north wind which reminded me that "Winter Rules" or Preferred Lies are now in operation. Although things are starting to wind down there have been a number of competitions played since the last eBulletin and the results are listed below.

**Peter Spreadbury**  
*Match Secretary*

## competition results

### 28 September

#### Golf Foundation Stableford

1 Paul Wager	35pts
2 Stuart Slater	35pts
3 Chris Whitehorn	35pts

### 29 September

#### Golf Foundation Stableford

1 Percy Sims	39pts
2 Dave Fox	39pts
3 Ken Hood	38pts

### 6 October Medal

#### Division I

1 Andrew Bremner	70 – 11 = 59
2 Paul Wager	72 – 6 = 66
3 Neil Gandy	79 – 13 = 66

#### Division II

1 Paul Over	89 – 20 = 69
2 Graham Maycock	85 – 16 = 69
3 Percy Sims	85 – 16 = 69

### 14 October Medal

1 Percy Sims	78 – 16 = 62
2 Karl Evans	81 – 17 = 64
3 Darren Boreham	76 – 11 = 65

### 17 October Midweek Stableford

1 Simon Freemantle	39pts
2 Harry Dhand	35pts
3 Stephen Barnes	35pts

### 21 October

#### Harry May Two Generations Trophy

1 Karl and Josh Evans	39pts
2 Chris and Gillian Geary	38pts

### 27 October Medal

1 Mark Broadbent	80 – 15 = 65
2 Simon Wills	84 – 14 = 70
3 Andrew Jones	75 – 4 = 71





**Winter Rules were introduced on the 26 October. Please observe the local rule detailed on the noticeboard.**

### October Greens Maintenance

The greens maintenance work undertaken during the week beginning 22 October targeted a potential issue with a silt-band developing in the subsoil and a slight thatch problem nearer the surface.

First pass employed the Verti-drain attachment to the tractor which punched solid holes about 10mm dia down to a depth of 175mm to break through the silt band. This was followed by smaller solid tines but at closer centres to a depth of 100mm using a specialised Toro machine borrowed from Corhampton Golf Club, to attack the thatch build up the turf top layer. A light application of sand-based top dressing was brushed into the turf and tines. Top dressings will be applied frequently over the next few weeks.

As part of the continuing programme to promote deeper root penetration in the greens, a new system using a "DriJet" machine was trialled on several greens last spring. It loosens the top soil layers of the greens by injecting high pressure water (no idea why it is called Dri-Jet!) through nozzles causing the turf to visibly ripple and simultaneously injects sand into the resultant jet holes. Steve was disappointed with the initial results and after some discussion with the contractor they have redone the 4th, 9th, 10th&15th greens "free of charge". It appears to be

more effective this time with two ton of sand injected into each green. As a comparison the recent top dressing application used only six ton of sand for all the greens!

The Graden work, not done this August, is planned for execution on the 22 and 23 April next year, weather permitting, as part of the Spring Maintenance programme. The effectiveness and recovery periods will be compared to those recorded when the same work was done previously in August, for future reference and planning.

### Winter Programme

The winter programme work has started.

The bare patches around the course, particularly the green and tee surrounds are in readiness for re-turfing repairs. The work will be completed over the next week or so.

The preparatory work to enlarge the 4th medal tee is underway and the forward tee will be used until this work is completed.

The water fountain on Curly's Barn has been isolated so that a new drain and soak-away can be installed with a gully to take the overspill from the bottle filling tap.

**Laurie Clark**  
*Chairman of Greens*

## rule answer



**Answer:** No. However, in equity (Rule1-4), A should incur the general penalty of loss of hole in match play or two strokes in stroke play.





## New Members

Welcome to the following new members who have all joined the club in recent weeks: Andrew Freestone (7 day) and Miss Jenny Myers (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 details 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.

### NOVEMBER

Wednesday 7 - 10.30am  
Wednesday 14 - 9.45am (Society booking)  
Wednesday 21 - 11.15am (Society booking)  
Wednesday 28 - 10.30am

### DECEMBER

Wednesday 5 - 10.30am  
Wednesday 12 - Vets Christmas Golf and AGM - please check noticeboard  
Wednesday 19 - 10.30am

## Trophy Presentation Evening

### Friday 16 November at 7.30pm

All trophy winners AND other club members are invited to come along to the Club Trophy presentations.

Please make every effort to attend and collect your trophy. A list will be displayed showing which trophies are to be presented on the night. Please confirm (or not) your attendance.

## Win your subs for 2013 - for only £10

Due to the success of the promotion run again last year, we have decided to run the membership subscription raffle again this year. Details of the scheme are posted around the clubhouse. The winner will be announced at the Christmas Draw night on Saturday 15 December.

Entry cost just £10 (multiple entries are permitted). Please enter directly with the Secretary

## Please note change to Friday Bar closing times

Over the Winter/Spring period the Clubhouse (and bar) will close on Fridays (from 2 November) as per the normal weekday times of 6.30pm, unless there is an event or pre-booked function.

Below is the current list of dates when the bar will be open until 11pm:

16 November  
23 November  
30 November  
21 December

Members should check the club website or bar for any changes to these dates.

## Calling any amateur photographers

I am in need of some different course pictures. If you have any good scenic autumnal/winter pictures of the course and are happy for them to be used in club promotional/marketing material, please provide a copy to the Secretary (disc or USB stick).

Thank you.

**David Maskery**  
*Club Secretary*





With nothing much having happened socially at the club in the last few weeks, this month's report is all about the future. The club dinner is organised and I look forward to seeing some of you there, black tie and evening dresses will be in abundance and a first for Alresford Golf Club in having a caricaturist attend, lets hope he can find some good features to draw, might be a problem with me.

The Captain's Drive-in at the end of November is a club event not to be missed, the ritual humiliation of the incoming Captain will be once again handled by master of ceremonies Keith Hall, with members of the Social Committee making up the cast.

You are all soon likely to be asked to buy the Christmas draw tickets, please buy lots as this is one of our main fund raisers for the year with top prizes up to a value of £100 as well the obligatory cuddly toy and poinsettia plant. The draw takes place Saturday 15 December and is always an entertaining evening with drink, food and carols the perfect way to kick start the festive celebrations .

After the success of this year's live music events we have decided to hold another evening of singing and dancing at the club, not sure of the theme yet, we would be looking to book someone in the next few weeks so if you have any ideas let us know through my email which is at the end of this report.

I have been really encouraged by some of the ideas for the golf club history night that is planned for next year, things such as a range of old clubs to try up on the range to themed food have been discussed so keep the ideas coming, remember this is your club so get involved.

My tenure as chairman of social is coming to an end and James Stewart will be taking over soon, this will bring a younger perspective to the social so expect some good ideas coming from him in the next few months so I wish him all the best.

[les@noturningback.co.uk](mailto:les@noturningback.co.uk)

**Les Thorne**

*Chair, Social Committee*

## House committee



Whilst clearing out during our storage project, we came across the following doors in the outside store.



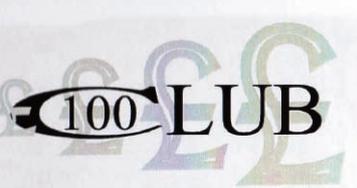
The glazed door is clearly one that was surplus to requirements when the new entrance was built. It measures 1695mm x 750mm, or 6' 4<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" x 2' 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" in old money.

The second is a brand new 4 panelled door, which I think is solid pine, described as a "Feature door". This measures a more conventional 1903mm x 76mm or 6' 6" x 2' 6".

If you are interested in either or both please contact David Maskery. They are free, but a donation to the Captains' Charity would be welcome.

**John Dillon, Chair: House Committee**  
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The winners of the 100 Club prize draw in October were:

- |                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| £100 - Bob Smith   | £32 - Dudley George |
| £50 - Kate Mills   | £32 - Ann Meadwell  |
| £32 - Tom Bechelet | £32 - Claire Gould  |

Congratulations to the winners. The next draw will take place on Monday 5 November...look out for fireworks!

You will receive a statement of the 100 Club's finances included in the notice for the Club AGM. Although we have spent £4806 on projects this year and £3304 on prizes, the Club has maintained a healthy balance in the bank which enables us to respond reasonably quickly to most requests for funds which meet the Club's criteria.

**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](mailto:george.clelland@btinternet.com) or call in to the Secretary's office.

**George Clelland**

**18 Facts and figures about the British Open (copied from the Internet)**

1. Officially known as "The Open Championship" or simply "The Open"
2. Organised by The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews (R&A)
3. The oldest of the four Major Championships in Professional Golf
4. First played in 1860 at Prestwick Golf Club, Scotland. The winner was Willie Park Snr
5. The event takes place every year on one of nine links courses in Scotland or England
6. "Links" courses tend to be close to a coast. They are known for their extreme windy conditions and pot bunkers
7. Also known for its treacherous rough. In 1971 at Royal Birkdale, Lee Trevino commented; "At 15 we put down my bag to hunt for a ball, found the ball, lost the bag!"
8. The Champion Trophy (Claret Jug) replaced the Challenge Belt in 1873
9. Oldest winner 46, Old Tom Morris 1867. Youngest winner 17, Young Tom Morris, 1868
10. Most wins, 6 times, Harry Vardon. Founder of the Vardon or overlapping grip (most popular grip in golf today)
11. Most appearances: 46 times, Gary Player
12. In 1836 at St Andrews, Samuel Messieux recorded a 330m drive with an early golf ball, made predominantly out of goose feathers!
13. The record for the Longest holed putt ever recorded. Bob Cook. 43m on the 18th green at St Andrews in 1976
14. In 1979 at Royal Lytham, Seve Ballesteros drove his ball into a car park, went onto birdie the hole and win the event!
15. On the final day at Muirfield in 1987, Nick Faldo made par on all 18 holes to win his first major championship. Definition of regulation golf!
16. Author Ian Fleming used the Royal St. George's course under the name "Royal St. Marks" in his 1959 novel Goldfinger
17. Louis Oosthuizen won the 2010 Open with a score of 16 under par
18. In 1995, after John Daly holed out to win at St. Andrews, a streaker ran across the green with "19th Hole" painted on his back!



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