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### *Happy New Year to All.*

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*

### **NEW CLUB TELEPHONE SYSTEM**

Many of you will have noticed that we have a new telephone system recently installed. This has meant that some of the old numbers you have dialled in the past have changed. Most notably is the COURSE INFORMATION LINE.

The system now allows messages to be left easily for the Office, Kitchen, Pro-Shop and Course Manager and unlike the old system actually tells us when we have messages! Already we have noticed the reduction in class requiring re-dialling or transferring so it should make it easier for new customers and members to speak to the actual person they want to straight away.

All calls in to 01962 733746 go to a central switchboard where you are given options to be transferred as follows:

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| Option 1 | DAILY COURSE CONDITIONS      |
| Option 2 | SECRETARY & GENERAL OFFICE   |
| Option 3 | GOLF PROFESSIONAL & PRO-SHOP |
| Option 4 | COURSE MANAGER               |
| Option 5 | BAR                          |
| Option 6 | CATERING                     |

You can still direct dial to the following extensions:

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| PRO-SHOP       | 01962 733998 |
| COURSE MANAGER | 01962 733153 |

All other "old" numbers are routed through the switchboard.

**You will no longer receive any answer or message on 01962 735735. All Daily Course Condition information is now accessed on 01962 733746 Option 1.**





**George Clelland**  
*Club Captain*

I'm pleased to report that my Captaincy year got off to a winning start at the Fun Pub Quiz Night on St Andrew's Night with a scratch team of my wife - Jennifer, Dave Sault, James Stewart and his girlfriend, Becky. It was a most enjoyable evening and although the winning streak didn't continue it was the first of several successful social events during the past few weeks.

This has been a busy month for the Social Committee starting with putting up the Christmas decorations which create the right festive atmosphere and brighten up the dark winter days. I did note that several members of a Ladies Golf Society who were in the clubhouse that morning commented on the number of men helping, as at their clubs it is only the ladies who do the Christmas decorations!

My first event of the festive season was an invitation to play in the Vets Christmas Texas Scramble followed by a superb lunch. More than 100 members took part in what was a thoroughly enjoyable day and I'd like to thank Pete Dowse and the Vets for their invitation and generous contribution to the Captains' Charity on the day. This was followed by the Christmas Draw Night a few days later with another full clubhouse. The tone for the evening was set by Malcolm, Jane, Simon and Philip who provided welcome drinks and nibbles in the Pro's Shop, and then when everyone had moved to the lounge, Hugh Bethall as a trustee of the Basingstoke and Alton Cardiac Rehab Centre received a cheque for £6158 from Past Captain John McIlree. After some carols led by Trevor Nice on his electric piano, the main Christmas Draw, with an almost endless number of prizes, was run very efficiently by the Social Committee led by James Stewart. Finally, Malcolm and Jane drew the winners of the Pro's Draw who collected a number of attractive golfing prizes.

After several wet and dark days, Boxing Day morning dawned dry and relatively bright for the Captain v Pro Challenge - 100 people played with only the last couple of groups getting a bit damp before the rain set in once again. A packed clubhouse made for a jovial atmosphere for the ball draw before the

announcement of the result. Although there were a number of close matches and several halves, Malcolm's team won by a comfortable margin of 15½ to 9½ and so retain the Mashie Trophy. I'd like to thank Malcolm for organising this event which creates just the right balance between competitiveness and fun and is perfect for this time of year. I'd also like to thank everyone who played, for their contributions to the Captains' Charity.

Despite some cancellations due to illness, the clubhouse was packed once again for the New Year's Eve Dinner Dance. Sheena and Robbie produced yet another of their excellent buffets and then the dance floor filled with many members trying to remove the calories they'd just consumed. The bewitching hour of midnight was counted down with great gusto, and then the start of 2013 was celebrated with a fine fireworks display. Many thanks are due to all the Social Committee, Sheena and Robbie and the catering staff, and John, Katie and Leslie at the bar for putting in so many hours and making the event a night to remember.

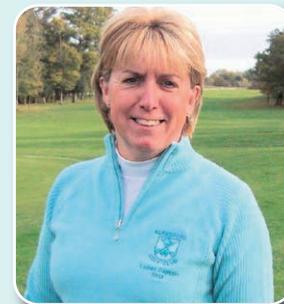
Despite the late night, many of the revellers turned up for the New Year's Day roll-up on what was an almost perfect day for golf. This event is covered in Jane's report, but suffice to say that I really enjoyed the golf and the chance to personally wish many of you a Happy New Year.

Looking forward to January, we will be hosting the Hampshire Alliance of Amateur and Professional Golfers on the 17th and the list for Burns Night on the 26th is rapidly filling up. Also a reminder for those of you involved in the Lombard and the Winter Mixed Foursomes that the league matches in these competitions have to be completed by Sunday 3 February.

As we start another year I'd like to give a special mention to Mike Gould who does a tremendous job in producing the eBulletin for us every month even though he moved to Lincolnshire nearly two years ago. Thank you Mike.

Finally, my wife Jennifer and I wish all members and their families a very Happy New Year.





**Jane Scott**  
*Ladies' Captain*

With all the Christmas and New Year celebrations having just been completed, this is a good opportunity for me to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

Although it was December and the focus was primarily on Christmas, there does appear to have been quite a lot of golf played.

It began in early December when we played our first Winter Triple Match at Corhampton and managed to accumulate a total of 128 points just 3 points behind the current leaders, Corhampton. The format of the competition is four pairs from Corhampton, Lee-on-the-Solent and Alresford play St Andrew's Greensomes with the best three scores counting from each team. One Alresford pair, Jan Haring and Lyn De Mestre managed to score 50 points and believe me that was a great score as the morning conditions were quite icy and we were on temporary greens. Well played ladies. It is Alresford's turn to host the match on Thursday with the final leg being played at Lee-on-the-Solent in February.

Next it was our Christmas Texas Scramble. Although the ground was frozen and we had to change the format to 3 clubs and a putter, I was extremely pleased as all 72 competitors turned up with their "carry bags" and enjoyed the fresh December morning. The winning teams were from the 1st tee – Lesley Martin, Elizabeth Hesse, Carol Roe and Ann Topp and starting from the 10th tee – Diana Hampton, Carole Young, Gunnel Berry and Jan White. A further 14 ladies joined us for our festive lunch and the afternoon was concluded with a few Christmas Carols, which Celia Batten kindly accompanied on her keyboard.

The gathering at the Texas Scramble also gives the opportunity to present a few other prizes that have

previously been played for. Ladies Eclectic – Lynne Cowser; Birdie Tree – Mary Rook; Par Tree – Jennifer Clelland; and the Turkey Trot – 1st Jennifer Clelland and 2nd Ruth Webb.

The next day, Malcolm and I were both fortunate to have been invited by the Vets Section to join them for their Christmas meal. Again a good turnout from the Vets and a very filling Christmas meal was enjoyed by everyone.

The annual Boxing Day challenge between the Captain's and Professionals' teams was very well attended with 100 players taking part, many of them ladies and enjoying the festive cheer that was kindly provided by the Social Committee back in the clubhouse. I am sure the nice fine day contributed to everyone wanting to get some "fresh air".

Again the weather was kind on New Year's Day when an astonishing 68 competitors turned up for the roll up and to enjoy Robbie and Sheena's soup after play. There was a good representation from our junior section with young Finn Parker playing with his dad, Louis, finishing in 3rd place; David Cooper and Dave Sault in 2nd with the winners being David Pain and George Hampton. There were four teams on 22 points, so count back calculations had to be taken into account.

What's on for the ladies in January? Ladies Stableford took place on Saturday (5th) and Tuesday (8th), with roll-ups on Tuesdays 15, 22 and 29 January when these will be fun competitions and depending on the weather could be 9 or 18 holes. Please remember, roll-ups are a great way to play with different people and to meet our new lady members.

Wishing you all a good golfing 2013.

**Jane**





**Peter Dowse**  
*Vets' Captain*

Our social events came to a close on the 12 December with the Texas Scramble and Christmas Lunch. As usual, this was one of the highlights of the year. The day always draws great numbers, and even a severe frost forcing bags to be carried did not put anyone off.

The results for the 3-ball, 2-tee start were as follows:-

1st tee start winners: Les Widdicombe, Chris Meader, David Sault and John Dillon.

10th tee start winners: David Brook, Mike Day, Tony Shelton-Smith and Steve McWilliam.

John Claughton and Henk Ribbink also received prizes for being the only 2-ball team in a 3-ball event. Well done for playing well enough to beat many of the 3-ball teams.

Our guests joining us for lunch were Assistant Secretary Mary Panter and Club Pro Malcolm Scott. Guests who also played in teams were Captain George Clelland, Ladies Captain Jane Scott, Secretary David Maskery, and Head Greenkeeper Steve Privett.

The sumptuous lunch was, as always, top quality and our thanks go to the catering and bar staff who ensured our day was enjoyed by all.

Prize-giving followed lunch with "Special Category" for the following:

The Outrageous Tie Award: judged by Mary and Jane, won by Ron Beal.

The Honorable Conduct Award: Stuart Slater called a "foul" on himself during a match against South Winchester. His opponents had not seen the offence but Stuart insisted thereby he lost the hole and the match.

To round off the day the Vets Lottery was drawn by the Club Captain.

The 1st prize of £50 was won by Bob Frith; the 2nd prize of £25 was won by Tony Shelton-Smith.

### **Roll-up**

The Wednesday Roll-up has been suspended for a few weeks whilst the bagman rota is organised. Thank you to all those who have added their names to the request for Bagmen. Watch the noticeboard for the roll-up re-start coming shortly.

### **Winter League Matches**

I had been hoping to bring you good news of our battles in the Winter League, but I'm afraid that following our opening match draw, we have lost all of our games to date. Our next two matches are away to Hockley on the 9 January, then the return game versus South Winchester, at home on the 14th of the month. Fingers crossed for good news next time.

My New Year greetings to all, let's hope it's a dry one.





First of all I would like to thank Peter Spreadbury for all his hard work and commitment in his role as Match Secretary. He will be a hard act to follow. I wish him well in his new role. Peter is remaining on the Match committee and his input and advice will be greatly appreciated. However, now that George Clelland is Captain he is standing down but I am delighted to report that Peter Harwood is joining the Committee and I look forward to his input and involvement during the year.

The weather has continued to adversely affect the course and the numbers entering the two Turkey Trot competitions were low. Hopefully 2013 will be a much drier year.

The summer knockout competitions are approaching and the entry sheets are in the Professionals Shop where you need to pay your entry fee when signing up. The competitions are:

Wessex, Ross, Cooper, Rotherham and Company Cup.

As far as the Company Cup is concerned a list showing those eligible to enter is on the mixed noticeboard in the foyer.

A reminder for those playing in the league stage of the winter mixed foursomes and the Lombard Trophy is that the matches have to be played by Sunday 3 February. The draw for the knockout stage will take place on Monday 4 February.

**David Robertson**  
*Match Secretary*

## competition results

### Turkey Trot 1 December

1 Paul Over	42pts
2 Mike Shackleton	40pts
3 David Reid	39pts
4 Neil Gandy	38pts

### Turkey Trot 2 December

1 John Irving	39pts
2 Drew Fielden	37pts

### December Stableford 9 December

1 Karl Evans	39pts
2 Simon Wills	38pts
3 Michael Green	36pts

### Pros Christmas Stableford 23 December

1 Paul Speller	41pts
2 Darren Boreham	37pts

### Saturday Pro Stableford 29 December

1 Simon Freemantle	38pts
2 James Riches	36pts

### Sunday Pro Stableford 30 December

1 Karl Evans	42pts ocb
2 Mark Tiplady	42pts
3 John McIlree	38pts

## a look at rules

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### Decision 1-1/3

#### **Player discovers original ball in hole after searching five minutes and then continuing play with provisional ball**

**Question:** At a par-3 hole, a player, believing his original ball may be lost, plays a provisional ball.

He searches five minutes for the original ball and then plays the provisional ball

onto the green. At that point, the original ball is found in the hole.

What is the ruling?

*Answer on following page*





This is my first eBulletin report as chairman of the Green Committee as Laurie kindly did last month's for me. I would like to express our thanks to him for all the hard work he had put in over the last six years as chairman; he will be a very hard act to follow.

There are inevitably a number of changes in the make-up of the committee this year, so I feel it pertinent to let you know who is now on the committee. Steve Privett as Course Supervisor; Malcolm Scott as Head Professional; David Robertson as Match Secretary; Norman Sheen representing the Vet's section; Andy Jones remains on the committee and Paul Wager has replaced Tony Parker and I am waiting for the ladies committee to select their representative who will replace Pat Gray as she is no longer on the ladies committee. I would like to thank Tony Parker for his continued and valuable service on this committee. He has been a member for 11 years and his contribution particularly regarding ecology on the course has been invaluable.

As you will all have realised we have had an immense amount of rain over the last two or three months. During October and November nearly three

times as much rain fell in 2012 compared with the previous year (344mm compared with 122mm). Although here at Alresford we have been fortunate to have avoided the flooding which has been the case in some areas, it has meant that a lot of the winter programme work been delayed by 6 to 8 weeks.

We are planning to get a tree spade in to move some trees which has to be done at this time of year but with the soft ground there will be some damage to the fairways; because of this we are limiting its use to one day to minimise the damage and this will be repaired as soon as possible.

Also remember that the wet weather means very soft greens, so it is important to repair your pitch marks.

The sheep (which are Shetlands) seem to be doing a good job munching the rough, they have been moved once and are due to be moved again shortly.

**Peter Spreadbury**  
*Chairman of Greens*

### Strange, but how very true! (copied from the Internet)

Brand new golf balls are water-magnetic and, while this cannot be measured scientifically, the more expensive the ball, the greater this water-magnetism.

If you want to hit a 7 iron as far as Tiger Woods, simply try to lay up just short of a water hazard.

When your shot has to carry over a water hazard, you can either hit one more club or two more balls.

Errors go somewhere. If your driver is hot, your putter is ice cold; if you can hit your irons, you will top your woods; if you keep your right elbow tucked in, your head will come up.

The less skilled the player, the more likely he is to share his ideas about the golf swing.

No matter how bad you are playing, it is always possible to play worse.

The inevitable result of any golf lesson is the instant elimination of the one critical unconscious motion that allowed you to compensate for all of your many other errors.

If it ain't broke, try changing your grip.

Everyone replaces his divot after a perfect approach shot.

A golf match is a test of your skill against your opponents' luck.

## rule answer



**Answer:** The player's score is 1. The play of the hole was completed when the player holed the original ball. (Rule 1-1).





## New Members

Welcome to the following new members who have all joined the club starting in December and January: Tony Stanton, Richard Tallon, Mrs Jane Glass, Andrew Freestone (7 day), Robin Bashford (5 day), Rowan Lowther, Zoe Freemantle, Anna Freemantle, Charles Witter, Daniel Seager, Jenny Myers (Junior) and Mrs Jill O'Hagan and Cameron Asbee (Social Extra).

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.

## Reminder-10th Tee "cutting in"

This is becoming an issue once again. The club rules (applicable to everyone) clearly state:

- c. The 1st and 10th tees are the official starting places. Members wishing to start at the 10th tee, other than for official matches, are to first seek permission from the Professional and even with permission are not to tee off if players are on the 9th fairway, other than as outlined in sub para (e) below.
- d. Players on the 1st tee should alternate with players advancing from the 18th green when those advancing are playing an official match or competition.
- e. On Saturday and Sunday between 8am and 9am two balls matches should normally start on the 10th Tee. Two ball matches shall be able to cut in when other matches are already playing on the 9th. But this shall not unduly delay matches that are already on the course.

**As a guideline do not start playing from the 10th tee if there is a group who have driven off the 9th tee and are either about to play their second shots or walking to their ball. If the group has not finished teeing off then you may play, otherwise DO NOT.**

## Members' Guest Green Fess Special Offer

Due to the continued success of this scheme, we will offer the GUEST GREEN FEE DISCOUNT OFFER again in 2013. 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 2013. No refund or extension will be given on unused "visits". Normal restrictions apply.

## 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.

### JANUARY

Wednesday 9 - 11.00am (Golf Society)  
Wednesday 16 - 10.30am  
Wednesday 23 - 10.30am  
Wednesday 30 - 10.30am

### FEBRUARY

Wednesday 6 - 10.30am

## Sunday Lunch Club

will be available on Sunday 13 January and Sunday 10 February

Come along either as a large or small table and with members or guests.

## Friday Night Pub Quiz and Curry

Friday 1 February 2013, Quiz starts at 7.30pm. See Social Noticeboard for details.

## Alresford Golf Calendar 2013

If you haven't collected your 2013 diary, no doubt you soon will. This will contain those club events which are known to the Secretary when the diary is sent to the publishers in November. You can also view the full club diary on our website and, because this can be amended easily, the website also lists events which are booked after the paper diary is published, such as society matches, which might impact on your desire to play at a specific time. In addition, the events page on the website has "pop-up" messages that give further information on individual events, and if it is a major event, there is usually an attachment that provides the same information that you would see on our noticeboards. Therefore, if you have a computer and access to the Internet, this is the best method of keeping in touch with what is happening at the Club.

Many of you may now have "smart" mobile phones and these can be used to access the club diary via our website. However, it is possible to combine the Club Diary with your own diary by importing a CSV file (a specially formatted text file) to your phone. How this is done will depend on your phone and computer software but this is usually provided with your phone or on the phone manufacturer's website. If you want to give this a go Ken Coburn has provided the CSV file (agc\_diary\_2013.csv) in the General Documentation section of the Members Area of our website.

An alternative method of view the Club diary, if you use Google Calendar or similar on-line calendars, is to import the CSV file into your on-line calendar. Ken has provided instructions in the same General Documentation section if you want to give that a go too.



December is a busy time for social events at Alresford Golf Club and this year was no exception. The annual Christmas Draw Night was a great success and started off with Malcolm and his team serving a variety of drinks in the pro shop. Guests also received a free golf ball, sadly mine is now somewhere out of bounds on the 5th hole. The Captains Charity Cheque was then presented and followed by a few carols. Thanks goes to Trevor Nice for offering his musical talents, due to popular demand there will probably be more carols next year.

The Club's Christmas Draw was extremely well supported and thanks must also go to those who sell the tickets on behalf of the Social Committee. There were a vast amount of prizes on offer and thankfully some of the winners were there on the night to collect their winnings. Les Thorne did a superb job in comparing the event and I hope although he will be Captain, will offer his services for next year's draw. Malcolm's Pro Shop draw was the finale of the evening and offered a platter of prizes and once again ran smoothly.

supplied some sausage rolls that were most popular.

New Year's Eve offered members and guests the opportunity to get dressed in their finest Dinner Jackets and Dresses. It was a delight to see so many people drinking, dancing and generally having a good time in the decorative club house. The buffet supplied by Sheena and Robbie was once again superb! I know that Sheena is really looking forward to having next NYE off... The DJ played an eclectic mix of music and although had numerous technical hitches, kept the dance floor busy. The firework display went with a bang and the rain did not deter spectators from venturing onto the patio area. As I have previously mentioned, we would be delighted to hear any feedback from events or suggestions for future occasions. Please feel free to e-mail me at [jfstewart@hotmail.com](mailto:jfstewart@hotmail.com)

Please note that there is now a Social Diary displayed on the Social Noticeboard and the booking list for Burns Night (26 January) is as popular as ever. So please put your names up soon to avoid disappointment.



*Members enjoying a "bop" on New Year's Eve*

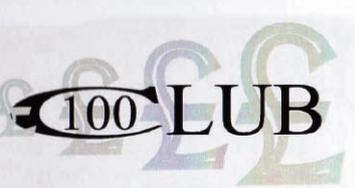
The Captain/Pro challenge on Boxing Day welcomed many members and guests. Golfers were invited to play 9 holes for either the Captains or Golf Professional team. George Clelland believed that he was picking the strongest players, but perhaps they were still a bit worse for wear and the Golf Professional team won. Drinks and nibbles were then served on behalf of the Social Committee. My thanks goes to Les and Jan White for their assistance. I also believe that Mary Rook kindly

On behalf of the Social Committee I would like to wish you all a healthy and happy New Year. Thank you to all members that support the social events at the Golf Club and we look forward to seeing you at future functions.

Please feel free to contact me directly at [jfstewart@hotmail.com](mailto:jfstewart@hotmail.com)

**James Stewart**  
*Chair, Social Committee*





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

£100 - Rosie Hallas

£32 - Tony Bussy

£50 - Nick Male

£32 - Chris Brandon-Trye

£32 - Tom Middleton

£32 - David & Mal Hope-Mason

Congratulations to the winners. The next draw took place on Monday 7 January ... look for the list of winners on the Secretary's noticeboard.

## 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**

# Burns Supper 2013

**Saturday 26 January 7.00pm for 7.30pm**

## *Looking for something to brighten up a dreary January evening?*

Then come and enjoy the 21st Annual Burns Supper - a uniquely Scottish experience in good company featuring whisky, haggis, neeps (mashed swede) and tatties, and a light hearted appreciation of Scotland's Bard, and of course, the skirl of the bagpipes.

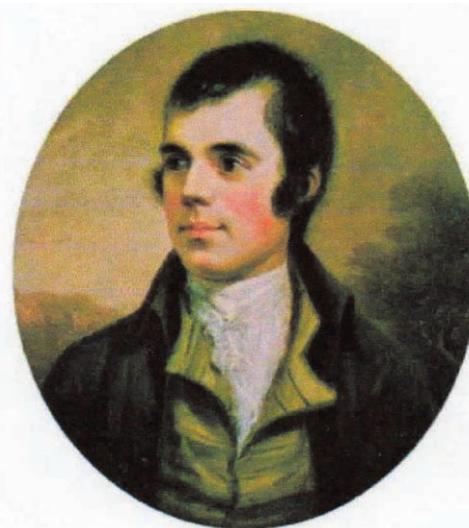
This year the principal speakers will be John McIlree giving the Immortal Memory, David Robertson proposing the Toast to the Lassies and Jane Scott giving the Reply. Before the main course of the meal, George Clelland will give the Address to the Haggis.

*The sign-up sheet is now on the Social notice-board and is filling up fast.*

You don't have to make up a party to fill a table as we will work out a table plan for individuals and small parties which will keep those groups of friends together.

The cost of the evening will be £26 per person and includes the meal and a glass of your favourite tippie for the toasts after the meal.

Dress: Black Tie



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