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and  
Pub Quiz & Curry**

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Unfortunately, this bulletin does not include a Greens report as the chairman has been unwell and says he will submit a double length report in the next edition. 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*

**Don't forget**

***Rat Pack/  
Robbie Williams  
Tribute Act***

***Saturday 23 February***

**See Social Scene page for details**





**George Clelland**  
*Club Captain*

The forecasters said there would be snow ... and they were right! Thankfully, compared to many other parts of the country we got off relatively lightly even though the course was closed for just over a week. As I write this, the grass is green, the rain is pouring down and there's a fresh south-westerly wind, so it's back to more normal winter conditions.

As a consequence of the course closure, the deadline for the completion of the league sections of the Lombard and Winter Mixed Foursomes competitions has been extended by two weeks to 17 February. That should give everyone who has been affected by the closure plenty of time to get their matches completed.

Since the snow has disappeared and we've had a fair bit of rain as well, the greens are quite soft and so very susceptible to pitch marks from more or less any ball which lands on the green. It is our responsibility as players to repair pitch marks, even the professionals do it, but it is not the job of the Greens staff. In the current conditions, everyone can make pitch marks so please make sure to look for and repair yours.

On 17 January, the Club hosted the Hants Alliance of Amateur and Professional Golfers who organise a number of meetings over the winter months. The Hants Alliance was founded in 1927 to provide a vehicle for professional and good amateur golfers to play golf together on a regular basis and encourage goodwill between them. Times have obviously changed a great deal since then but the aims remain much the same. On this occasion the competition was for the Zambra Trophy which was presented to the Alliance by Captain N. Zambra who was Captain of Alresford in 1925. It is very pleasing to report that on a cold and frosty day with 18 temporary greens, Eddie Laine and myself managed to come out top and in some sense bring the trophy back to Alresford.

Earlier in the month, I was delighted to be invited as a guest to the Past Captains' Dinner which was attended by 21 Past Captains of the Club including Jimmy White who was Captain in 1975 and had recently celebrated his 90th birthday. It was a very enjoyable evening with many memories and tales being told of characters of the club, of monster drives and missed putts.

Also on the social side, I was, of course, at the Burns Night which, I'm pleased to say, proved to be extremely popular and was enjoyed by everyone who was there. There's a short report on the evening elsewhere in the eBulletin.

Congratulations to the Men's Mail on Sunday team who won their first round tie against East Horton 3-2 in a very close match. The 5-man team of Chris Geary, Craig Chapman, Alex Cooper, Robin Irving and Grant Thorne was managed by, on this occasion non-playing team captain, James Stewart. The Ladies' team has a bye in the first round. I should be able to report on who the 2nd round opponents will be in next month's eBulletin.

Looking forward, on the 17 February we have a Men's match against the County Golf Union. The Hampshire County Team won the Southern League and the Daily Telegraph Shield last year. The Alresford team for the day is on the noticeboard, but if you are not involved, feel free to come along and support the team and see some of the best amateur players in the County.

The following weekend is a very busy one with the Hampshire PGA Dinner at Basingstoke on the Friday, the Robbie Williams/Rat Pack Night on the Saturday and then on the Sunday we have "warm-up" inter-team challenge for the club representative teams in the County 7's, Stoneham Cup and Gales Hockley competitions. I believe Malcolm still has a few places left in the Alresford group at the PGA dinner and there's also the opportunity for a round of golf at Basingstoke in the afternoon. The tickets are now on sale from the Office for the Saturday night entertainment.





**Jane Scott**  
*Ladies' Captain*

Although the weather has not been kind to us during January at least we have managed a little golf and even a qualifying competition.

At the beginning of the month we had our Ladies Stableford which produced some very good scores and in particular for Liz Thorne who won with a total of 38 points. Well played Liz and to receive a handicap reduction in the winter months, is an added bonus – hope you agree!

Also at the beginning of January, it was Alresford's turn to host their round of the Winter Triple competition, so it was nice to welcome both Corhampton and Lee-on-the-Solent. Fortunately for Alresford it was a good scoring day for us and after two rounds of this competition we have a slender lead over both clubs. The final match will be played at Lee-on-the-Solent in mid-February and I know our team will do their best to see if we can bring the trophy back to Alresford. As I have mentioned before the format of this competition is St Andrew's Greensomes, a format which doesn't get played very often but is certainly good fun and a little challenging.

Unfortunately, the weather has disrupted our Tuesday roll-ups so let's hope we are a bit luckier in February.

It was good to see such a good turnout at the Burns Night Supper and we are fortunate at Alresford to have such a good representation of "Scottish" blood who certainly make sure the celebration of Robert Burns' life is completed correctly. (I am not sure what little "tipple" was in the pudding but it was very enjoyable!)

I am pleased to announce that following our recent Ladies Committee meeting, Amanda Caldwell will be representing the ladies section on the Greens Committee and Carol Roe has agreed to be our County Delegate. Thank you Amanda and Carol for taking on these roles.

Angela Peel and Lynne Cowser are working hard to form our squad for the Stoneham Cup and if you would like to take part, please complete the Stoneham Cup availability form, which can be found in a pink folder in the ladies changing room and return it to Angela.

Also, Charlotte Bass is compiling a list of ladies who are interested in playing in our friendly matches. Again an availability list can be found in the changing room but in a blue folder!

### **What's on for the ladies in February?**

Ladies Stableford on Saturday 9 and Tuesday 12 with roll-ups on Tuesday 5, 19 and 26 February 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.





**Peter Dowse**  
*Vets' Captain*

I'm writing this whilst sat in some beautiful sunshine, thinking about the awful weather of just a couple of weeks ago. The golfing world was at a complete standstill, but now, with the temperatures climbing away from the dreaded zero degrees, the hardy souls of the Vets Section are back in full swing.

### The Roll-up

The Wednesday morning roll-ups are back in action as promised. Our first week at the re-start was held in a severe frost. All players having to carry, and all greens being temporary. This didn't stop Dudley George having a stunning individual Stableford round of 42 points. He was closely followed by Dennis Jones, John Miles and Derek Marsh. This Wednesday it was the best two from three scoring. Dennis and Derek scored again, fully supported by Alfie, with a score of 82 points. That's first class play in the conditions.

I want to thank all the Vets who have put themselves forward to be a "Bagman" collecting the playing fee, sorting the score cards, and presenting the winners with the prizes. Nearly 40 of you signed up, which makes the running of the section much easier. Thank you again.

### Winter League Matches

We've had a win! Oh yes we have. After such a poor run pre-Christmas we met with South Winchester on the 14 January. And what a win it was, we took all games (a whitewash). A brilliant display from all the team. Let's keep it going.

### Summer Matches

The sheets are up on the noticeboard requesting players for our first two matches of the summer season. They are against Rowlands Castle and Corhampton respectively. Get your names down now.

### Fun Events

Our first fun event of the year, open to all Vets, is the Captain v Vice-Captain Team Day. This is held on Wednesday 13 March with a two-tee start at 8.30 onwards. Lunch will follow play, with prizes and a Lottery Draw included. All of this for just one crisp £10. The sign-up sheet is on the noticeboard, get your name on it before the draw date. Also a reminder that you are required to pay the £10 to the office, or Dennis Jones BEFORE the event.

*Best Wishes from the Vets Captain.*

## a look at rules

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### Decision 1-4/2

#### Ball adhering to face of club after stroke

**Question:** A player plays a stroke from wet sand or soil and the ball adheres to the face of the club. What is the ruling?

*Answer on following page*





Very little golf has been played since the January newsletter due to adverse weather conditions.

As a result of the course being closed for several days the deadline for playing the league stage of the winter mixed foursomes and the Lombard has been extended from the 3 February to the 17 February.

For those of you who have not yet entered the entry sheets for the summer knockouts are in the pros shop where you need to pay your entry fee when signing in. The closing date is the 3 March.

There seems to be some confusion about supplementary cards and there have been recent

instances where cards have been submitted without completing the supplementary sheet prior to playing. This sheet is held in the pros shop. In addition to entering your name on this sheet you also need to indicate which tees you have played off. No more than ten supplementary cards are allowed in the year. No more than one card is allowed per week. If no card is submitted after entering your name on the supplementary sheet it will be treated as a no return and your handicap will increase by 0.1.

The annual handicap review is due to be carried out in February and those members affected will be notified.

**David Robertson**  
*Match Secretary*

## competition result

There has only been one competition since the last newsletter and the result is shown below:

### Pros Stableford 13 January

1 Peter Grant 39pts; 2 Karl Evans 38pts; 3 Brian Wright 37pts; 4 Percy Sims 37pts



## Cardiac Rehab

Basingstoke & Alton Cardiac Rehabilitation Charity Ltd

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*Dear John, Roger & Fiona,*

Thank you all so much for choosing the Cardiac Rehabilitation Charity to be your nominated charity for 2013 – and thank you very much indeed for raising such a large sum. More than £6,000 is a formidable total and will be a really significant contribution to our funds.

As you know, our main purpose is the restoration to full health and wellbeing of people who are recovering from heart attacks or heart surgery. We also treat people with pacemakers and with heart failure. Over the years many thousand (including a few members of AGC!) have been through our programme. More recently we have expanded our remit to include those who have not had heart illnesses but are at increased risk – the Staywell scheme. This initiative is proving very effective in reducing their risk factors. The money which you have raised will help to support these two arms of our enterprise.

I am aware that raising so much money depended also on the generosity of the members of Alesford Golf Club. We at Cardiac Rehab send you and them our most grateful thanks and wish you a very happy and healthy 2013. May your drives fly straight and far and your putts drop with monotonous regularity!

With best wishes

Hugh Bethell

*Taking fitness to heart*



## New Members

Welcome to the following new members who have all joined the club starting in January: Sarah Farthing and Ben Green (7 Day), Nick Freemantle and Peter Ludlow (5 Day), Amadee Mieville and Andrew Thomsen (Academy), Richard Harwood (Country) and Simon Slaughter (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.

**Thank you for the response to the request to provide updated email addresses. We have had replies from many members who have previously not received the eBulletin. I hope you will enjoy the information each month to help you keep in touch with what is going on at the club.**

## 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.

## Sunday Lunch Club

Sunday Lunch Club will be available on Sunday 10 February

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

## 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.

### FEBRUARY

Wednesday 6 - 10.30am

Wednesday 13 - 10.30am

Wednesday 20 - 10.30am

Wednesday 27 - 10.30am

### MARCH

Wednesday 6 - 10.30am

Wednesday 13 - (Vets Capt v Vets Vice-Capt) NO ROLL UP tbc

## Friday Night Pub Quiz and Curry

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

## Please Note Change to Friday Bar closing times

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

Friday 15 February, February 22, March 15 and March 22.

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

## Any members just fancy (or able) to play 9 holes when you go out?

Other like-minded or restricted members are keen to widen their playing groups, so if you are interested and would like to form your own "roll up" group or arrange tee times amongst yourselves, please let the Secretary know.

The Pro-Shop is now also offering a members discount card for multiple buggy hire. These can be taken in blocks of 9 holes as well.

**David Maskery**  
Club Secretary





Although I was unable to attend the Burns Night event at the Golf Club, I heard it was a great success and was extremely well supported. My thanks go to the organisers for a superb evening.

The next main social function at the club on Saturday 23 February is the Rat Pack/Robbie Williams tribute act. Please see <http://www.andywilshersings.co.uk/> for more information. The first half of the evening will include a variety of hits from The Rat Pack, followed by a short break to include a delicious choice of burgers. The second part of the evening will see Andy transformed into Robbie Williams. Tickets are £15 per person to include choice of burger and are available from the Secretary. Please note that friends and family of members are most welcome to join in the fun as well.

Preparations are underway for "The History Night" on Saturday 27 April. It is hoped that this will be an extremely popular event, and I am sure more details

will follow in next month's report.

There is a slight change to the running of the Social Golf events this year, in that different members of the Social Committee will be responsible for various events. So please keep an eye on the noticeboard for up and coming competitions. Also, please let me know if there are any particular fun formats you would like to play. All suggestions will be considered...

Some of you might recall that George Clelland is a fan of The Beatles. We are pleased to announce that we have been able to book a Beatles tribute act for Saturday 19 October 2013. The "Two Beatles" are popular performers and have appeared on "The One Show" on BBC. Please see <http://www.twobeatles.com/> for more detail.

**James Stewart**

*Chair, Social Committee*

## Burns Supper 2013

The number of people attending continues to grow with the dining room packed with 75 members and guests a number of whom were new to the whole Burns experience.

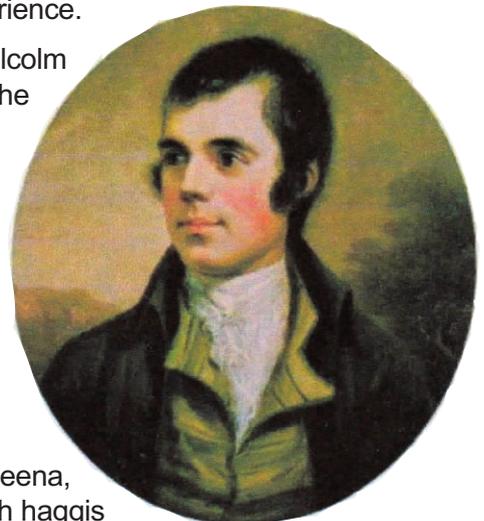
Fortunately the early evening was dry which allowed our piper, Malcolm Stainthorpe from Chandler's Ford, to set the scene by playing on the patio as people arrived.

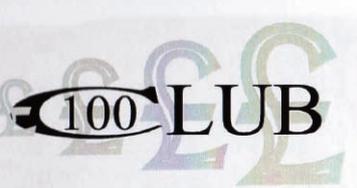
Malcolm featured again when he piped in the haggis to be addressed and "cut up wi' ready slight" by George Clelland. After the meal was cleared away, John McIlree proposed an interesting and thoughtful Immortal Memory; David Robertson had the audience laughing at his Toast to the Lassies, but he was marginally outdone by Jane Scott's reply which drew loud cheers from the ladies present.

Throughout the evening, Keith Monkhouse did a sterling job as Chairman and kept the evening running smoothly. Robbie and Sheena, as we've come to expect, served up an excellent meal with enough haggis for seconds, while John and Leslie at the bar kept everyone well supplied with liquid refreshment.

John and I would like to thank all those who contributed to the success of the evening, David, Jane and Keith, and also Les Thorne for saying the Selkirk Grace, Peter Spreadbury for giving the Loyal Toast, Roy Terry for collecting payments, and Joan Oglive for providing the floral decoration in the Entrance Hall.

For those who asked about a translation of the *Address to a Haggis*, if you really want to know you'll find one on the internet at [http://robertburnsfederation.co.uk/poems/translations/address\\_to\\_a\\_haggis.htm](http://robertburnsfederation.co.uk/poems/translations/address_to_a_haggis.htm)





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

£100 - Jennifer Clelland	£32 - Bob Germon
£50 - Tony Marshall	£32 - David Peberdy
£32 - Ian Swann	£32 - Dennis Jones

Congratulations to the winners. The next draw will take place on Monday 4 February ... 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.

## rule answer

**Answer:** In equity (Rule 1-4), the ball should be dropped, without penalty, as near as possible to the spot where the club was when the ball stuck to it.

### 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.

**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.**

Please bear in mind that there are two lines into the Office and Pro Shop, so when calling and you do not get an answer straight away it may be that there is only one person on duty and they are on the other line.

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

- |          |                              |
|----------|------------------------------|
| 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 should you wish:

PRO-SHOP	01962 733998	COURSE MANAGER	01962 733153
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