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**New Assistant Secretary appointed**

See Secretary's page for details

As nearly all reports start with comments about the weather I won't repeat it and will just say I'm sure you are all making the most of it as I am.

Unfortunately as I haven't received anything from the Vets Captain there is not a report in this issue.

If you have an anecdote you would like to share, 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 for your diary:**

### **Cross Country Scramble**

**Friday 31 May**

10-Holes cunningly designed round the course

Tee times limited - sign-up today!

### **Captains' Charity Day**

**Sunday 9 June**

Morning and Afternoon starts

Open to both 5- and 7-day members

Tee times strictly limited - so do not delay

In aid of Hampshire & IOW Air Ambulance





The grass has started to grow again on the fairways and greens, so Spring has finally got underway. The sheep have departed after their winter sojourn here, and I think it's generally agreed they've done a fine job so expect to see them back next winter.

In April, the Men had two inter-club matches both at home – fine win against Royal Winchester 4½ - ½, but a loss against Hockley 1-3. In representative competitions the Kindred Cup team won against Hayling and will now play Andover in this foursomes competition; however, the Gales lost at Lee-on-the-Solent 3-6, and the County 7s team lost at Cams Hall 2-5 in what was a very close match with both the Ben Hunter and Ben Broadbent games not settled until the 19th. In the national competitions, both the Men's and Ladies pairs have been eliminated from the Daily Mail Foursomes, but in the Mail on Sunday Classic although the Men have been eliminated, the Ladies team are doing well and are through to the 4th round – more details in Jane's report. Our Juniors have also put in an excellent performance in the County Green Jackets, which is a singles scratch competition, beating Bramshaw 2-1 at home and will now play New Forest away.

It's a busy time of year for social golf with a Bank Holiday Mixed on Easter Monday and then the Spring Texas Scramble three weeks later and we've got another Bank Holiday Mixed coming up on 6 May. All these competitions are fun events with the emphasis on meeting and playing with different people, and are ideal for new members to get to know people in the club. Similarly, the same can be said about the Vets and Ladies Breeze Up which was a very popular event. I've very much enjoyed all these events as they make it much easier for me to meet many more members. On the subject of meeting members, the Meet 'n' Greet evening on 19 April has received very positive feedback from the people who were there. Around 26 new members and their partners were hosted by the Captains, Jane, Pete, Ben and myself, along with our Chairman, Tony Bussy. The objective of the evening was to give new members the opportunity to meet one another, the chairmen and some of the members of the committees, who manage the Club, and to ask questions about the Club and to give us feedback on their first few months here.

Also in the past few weeks we've had the last of Robbie and Sheena's Fun Pub Quiz Nights. It was a thoroughly entertaining and light hearted evening with good food as usual. The winning team were perhaps not quite as brain dead as their team name suggested, and they decided it would be appropriate



**George Clelland**  
*Club Captain*

to donate their prize money to the Captains' Charity. The other big social event was the History Night which was very well attended and an extremely interesting evening. I think it's tremendous that the Club has so much archival material which is fascinating to see and also we have members who have family connections and memories which go back so far. It was a really good night.

There's a lot to look forward to in May. Team Golf starts on its regular Thursday evening slot; I've already mentioned the Bank Holiday Mixed at the beginning of the month and then there's a Social Golf event on the Bank Holiday at the end of the month, and on Friday 31 May there's the Cross Country Scramble. The entry sheet for this popular event will soon be posted in the Entrance Hall. I really enjoy this event as it gives you a completely different perspective on the course ... and by the way, to make it really interesting no distance measuring devices are allowed, so some of you may have to leave your watches at home. To round the day off, we'll be saying goodbye to Robbie and Sheena and welcoming our new caterers, Dean Burns and Meryll Allwright.

I'm also looking forward to the Captain's French Trip which sets off for Normandy on the evening of Tuesday 21 May with 10 teams of four to play at Caen, Granville and Presqu'île de Contentin returning on Friday 24 May. It's a busy three days, but with good company, good food, good wine, and perhaps some good golf, I'm hopeful everyone will enjoy themselves.

Finally, some advance notice. In the next week or two the entry sheet for the Captains' Charity Day on Sunday 9 June will be posted in the Entrance Hall. This is our major fund raising event of the year, so we'd like you to fill all the tee slots and play some golf for fun. There will be some very good prizes on offer, but we'll be putting some little obstacles in the way to encourage you to dig deep and raise a goodly sum for this year's charity ... the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance. There will be more details on the entry sheet and in next month's eBulletin.

*Enjoy your golf.*





**Jane Scott**  
*Ladies' Captain*

At long last it is nice to see golfers enjoying the fine and dry weather that we have experienced during the last couple of weeks.

Our ladies golfing calendar has been busy in April with many inter-club knockouts happening. Unfortunately, we came across strong opposition in both the Daily Mail Foursomes and Knight Cup.

However, I am pleased to report wins for the Mail on Sunday team who are now through to the 4th round and have been drawn to play Corhampton at home – this is taking place on Saturday 4 May. Another good win for the ladies was in the North Hants Trophy knockout when we managed to beat Osborne and now have to play Meon Valley away.

Our first Stoneham Cup match against Basingstoke away resulted in a 5-2 loss. However, the individual scores were a lot closer with matches finishing on the 18th and one on the 19th. We are out for revenge when Basingstoke visit Alresford on Friday 3 May!

I thoroughly enjoyed the Vets and Ladies Breeze up and thought what an apt title for the event as this was another windy day! The event was well supported with 34 pairs playing a 4BBB stableford. The overall winners were Lyn Jones and Phil Huddart.

It was nice to see so many of our new lady members at the Meet 'n' Greet evening and I hope that some new golfing friendships have been made.

I also enjoyed playing in the Spring Texas Scramble and must thank the organisers for arranging a winning team for me! It was good to see young Harvey Riches be so keen and to witness some of his excellent shot making.

We only had one friendly match in April which was against Blackmoor last Friday which we managed to win! Blackmoor are hosting County Match Week later in June when they will see the County's 1st teams from Surrey, Sussex, Middlesex and Kent visit Hampshire for the week. There will be some great golf from the ladies and it would be worth a visit to support our Hampshire team – it all begins on 24 June – 28 June.

Tuesday saw a great turnout for our Spring Meeting with just under 70 ladies taking part and a few non-golfers joining us for the meal afterwards. For once the weather was kind which helped produce some great scores and a few handicap reductions. The clubhouse was full of "chatter" and I am sure our ladies enjoyed their get-together.

I hope Cowdray Park GC are ready for the Alresford ladies, as we are visiting their course on Friday 17 May for our "away day" and I am sure this will be a most enjoyable day.

I look forward to welcoming our many visitors who are taking part in the Ladies Open on Thursday 30 May.

## What's on for the ladies in May?

- Team golf begins on Thursday 2
- Centenary Foursomes – Tuesday 7
- Ladies Medal – Saturday 11 and Tuesday 14
- Ladies Stableford – Saturday 17 and Tuesday 21
- Mary Anderson Trophy – Tuesday 28





The golfing season is getting into full swing now and we are even experiencing some warmer days although the cold weather is still lurking in the background. Despite this there have been some impressive results in April. One worthy of note is George Clelland who qualified for the National pro-am with a nett 64. He obviously thinks he needs to play even more golf!

May will be a full month of competitions with two 36-hole competitions namely Curly's Cup and the Jubilee Cup. Team golf begins in May and this is always an enjoyable and fun event.

The entry sheet for the Club Championship will be

posted in May together with details of how to enter and the criteria for qualification. There will be a total of 60 spaces available.

There has been some misunderstanding about the qualification rules for entering club competitions and details of these will soon be available together with a list of the major competitions.

In order to clarify the situation with AWAY players it is their responsibility to ensure that they play off the correct handicap and that any new handicap is declared when entering competition scores or playing matches. Playing off the wrong handicap (too high) will result in disqualification.

**David Robertson**  
*Match Secretary*

## competition results

### Men's National Pro-am qualifier 6 April

1 George Clelland	Nett 64
2 Mick Travers	Nett 66 ocb
3 Mark Ogden	Nett 66

### Over 60's Medal 12 April

1 Stuart Slater	Nett 65
2 Steve Mcwilliam	Nett 68
3 Bob Germon	Nett 69

### Colonel Stratton Bates Bogey 13 April

1 Karl Evans	+6
2 William Briggs	+3 ocb
3 Scot Johnston	+3
4 Ian Richardson	+2

### Spring Texas Scramble 21 April

<b>AM</b>	1 Jane Scott, Keith Turner, David Cooper & Harvey Riches 59.9
	2 Darren Boreham, Simon Wills, Simon Cook & Bill Bennett 60.1
	3 Alan Powell, Tony-Boyd Heron, Peter Harwood & Chris Chapman 60.6
<b>PM</b>	1 Brian Young, Brian Overton, Elaine Capp & Rita Robinson 57.3
	2 James Stewart, Simon Freemantle, Claire Monkhouse & Lynne Duncan 58.7

### Courage and Barclay 4BBB 27 April

1 James White & Andy Jones	Nett 64
2 Kit Neilson & Brian Wright	Nett 65 ocb
3 Scot Johnston & Harry Dhand	Nett 65 ocb
4 David Reid & Nick Duncan	ocb

## a look at rules

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### Decision 25-1b/10

#### Casual water on putting green; nearest point of relief is off the green

**Question:** A player whose ball is on a putting green is entitled to relief from casual water. However, the nearest point affording complete relief which is not nearer the hole or in a hazard is off the green in the rough. If the player opts to take relief, must he place the ball in the rough?

*Answer on a following page*





## New Members

Welcome to the following new members who have all joined the club starting in April: Mrs Maureen Brooking (5-Day), Alan Clarke (7-Day), Ashley Thorne (Intermediate), Edward Bradshaw and Robert Dye (Juniors) and Jane Hutchence (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 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.

**HELP PLEASE** - Further to my recent email regarding new property developments – thank you to those who responded. To reiterate and as I do not reside in the surrounding areas, if there are any **new property developments** happening near to your own locations – please let me know with the name of the development and builder/agent. I have some new promotional material which has been designed to go to show homes and to people new to the area with a view to encouraging new member applications.

## Members' Guest Green Fees 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. Please check the main noticeboard and website for any changes.

### MAY

- Wednesday 1 - 10.45am  
(society booking - check noticeboard for updates)
- Wednesday 8 - 11.30am  
(society booking - check noticeboard for updates)
- Wednesday 15 - 11.00am
- Wednesday 22 - 11.00am
- Wednesday 29 - 11.00am

### JUNE

- Wednesday 5 - 11.00am
- Wednesday 12 - 11.00am

Please remember that there are informal **Men's "roll up's"** at 9.30am on the following Sunday mornings during the season:

- Sunday 12 May
- Sunday 23 June
- Sunday 21 July
- Sunday 11 August

These coincide with men's competitions (stableford or medal) and so are ideal for those without playing partners for the competition or for anyone who needs qualifying cards marked.

## Seniors Open - JUNE 14

Entries are welcome from Alresford members to enter this successful annual event. Each year our Vets are allocated to single entries to help "show them around" the course and make them feel welcome on the day. We receive many positive comments because of this. Alresford member's entry fee is reduced by £10 to ONLY £21. Entry sheets available from the Office. Separate prizes for Alresford members and visitors.

## Catering Franchise - New Caterers

Dean Burns and Merryll Allwright (M&D Catering) are due to move into the accommodation during the week beginning 27 May and will begin a full catering service on Saturday 1 June.

## New Assistant Secretary

As most of you will already know, Mary Panter has decided to retire and so tendered her resignation. Mary has been at the club since 2006 and has contributed enormously to the smooth running of the office and daily administration and operation of the club. She will be missed tremendously and will be a hard act to follow. She will however be staying on as a member of the club and spend more time golfing!

Following her announcement it was agreed by the Management Committee and Finance Committee that the club would benefit from employing a full time Assistant to the Secretary. The club then went ahead and advertised for such a position.

We received 10 responses from the advert and shortlisted and interviewed four good quality candidates all with a blend of book-keeping/accounts qualifications and experience as well as general administration and customer service skills.

We are pleased to announce that Melissa Panter was offered and has accepted the position and will join us at the beginning of June following a handover period with Mary. Over the last three years Melissa has worked in Stamford, Lincs., as an Accounts Assistant with Origin Storage Ltd. whilst studying for her AAT Accountancy qualifications. Some of you may recognise her from when she worked as a Police Officer with Hampshire Constabulary and as the PCSO in Alresford.

I am sure that you will all want to join us in welcoming Melissa to the club and wishing Mary good luck in her pending retirement.



### Forthcoming Events for Your Diary

#### Friday 31 May - Cross Country Scramble

This ever popular annual event starts at 1pm and is a 10-hole event on a cunningly designed course showcasing the best of the rough and fairways from angles and directions you should not have played before!

Please sign up on the team sheet in the foyer. Tee times are strictly limited so do not delay.

Last time for normal play is 9.00am.

#### Sunday 9 June - Captains' Charity Day

Help the Captains' raise funds for the Hampshire & IOW Air Ambulance and join in a fun team competition with start times in the morning and afternoon. Tee times are again strictly limited so do not delay. Open to both 5 AND 7 Day members.

**David Maskery**  
*Club Secretary*

## rule answer



**Answer:** Yes. See Rule 25-1b (iii)

## news from the greens



It is now looking as if the better weather has arrived to stay so playing golf can be a pleasure again!

The 4th tee has now been opened and is in use. However, the new, trial 5th tee is not quite ready yet, the seat and other furniture needs moving and some trees need pruning before it can be opened.

We have a new machine for tining the putting greens; it produces small holes and so while aerating the greens causes very little damage and so putting is not affected with its use. However, this is in marked contrast to the recent treatment with the "Graden" machine which does mess up the greens albeit temporarily. The best time of the year to do this is in August, but last year the greens had not totally healed by the time of the Pro-Am so it was felt we should try it earlier this year. The greens will take a few weeks to heal but it is necessary to do this to maintain their quality. The treatment consists of removing a lot of material from underneath the surface and replacing it with a seed and top dressing mixture.

The paths from tee to fairway are due to be cut this week. It has been delayed until now until the grass has started to grow. Also, the green staff are

shaping and cutting the fairways so they will very shortly look like the ones we are used to seeing at Alresford in the summer.

The Hampshire Wildlife Trust who provided the sheep we had on the course are interested in coming to talk to members about them. I have discussed this with James Stewart, the Chairman of the Social Committee, who thought it would be a good idea and suggested it might be combined with a talk about the course from Steve Privett.

This afternoon, I was asked if we were going to change the lawn on the patio to a putting green! I explained that this was done purely for a putting competition on the history night when modern putters were banned and hickory shafted ones were obligatory. The "green" was cut to a height of 10mm to simulate the conditions of the early days when greens were far from the standards they are today. Currently, we maintain the height at 5mm in the winter and reduce the height to 3mm in the summer, occasionally going down to 2.5mm for competitions such as the Club Championship and the Pro-Am.

**Peter Spreadbury**  
*Chairman of Greens*





## History and Nostalgia Night

The recent "History Night" was supported by over 100 members and guests. Before the main event commenced, an 8-hole putting competition took place on the lawn by the patio. Despite the rough surface and use of hickory shafted putters there were some sound scores. However, it still amazes me how the likes of Old Tom Morris managed to hole anything over 6ft.

The various displays within the clubhouse brought back many memories from attendees and it was a delight to see so many reminiscing about "the good old days". Exhibits included accounts from over 100 years ago. Many long term members have never even seen these documents and it was fascinating to see how the club has progressed. Now we have compiled such information, we will endeavour to keep it safely stored for generations to come.

David Harrison, Brian Young and Malcolm Scott all did a superb job in delivering their presentations. Alresford Golf Club is extremely fortunate to have such knowledgeable members and staff. Although Sheena had her doubts, the catering staff did an amazing job in feeding everyone within a short period of time. Les Thorne was in charge of the

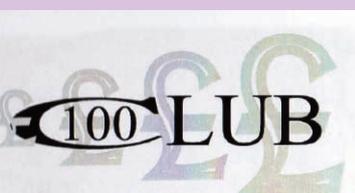
microphone after the interval and several members told amusing stories.

Although there were numerous members that put a lot of effort into the event, I would personally like to thank Malcolm and Jane Scott for their input. I strongly believe that any golf club would struggle to have a golf professional who has so much passion and pride for their place of work. However, Malcolm does owe quite a lot to Alresford Golf Club, because without it, it would have been extremely unlikely that he would have met Jane. So it was quite fitting that the History Night was also the date of their wedding anniversary.

Thank you to those who attended the evening. I hope you found it as enjoyable and interesting as I did.

There are several future events under consideration. These include a rules evening, a presentation about course developments and indoor coaching session. Up and coming social golf events include "Social Golf" on Monday 27 May. Please watch noticeboards for further information.

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



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

£100 - Norman Hudson	£32 - David Nightingale
£50 - Pat Young	£32 - Rob Black
£32 - Ron Beal	£32 - George Hand

Congratulations to the winners. I hope everyone is pleased with the new patio furniture funded by the 100 Club. The patio looks a lot smarter with all the furniture being the same style.

## 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**



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