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Firstly let me apologise for this Bulletin being a little later than usual but I've had a week's break in Devon. Secondly, I would like to add my congratulations to the new Club Champions for 2013: Ben Broadbent and Jane Scott, well done both!

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.

Mike Gould
Editor

Forthcoming Events for your diary:

**Tickets now on sale for the
Club BBQ**

Saturday 20 July

**Hog-Roast - BBQ
- 70's Disco**

Available from the Office
Adults £15;
Children (under 14) £5

**Men's
Invitation**

**Sunday
4 August**

See Secretary's page
for details





George Clelland
Club Captain

This has been a busy golfing month at the club culminating with the Ladies and Club Championships which were both played in ideal weather conditions on a beautifully presented course. All the details on the Ladies Championship are in Jane's report, but my congratulations to her for winning the title for the third year in succession ... no mean achievement. For the Club Championship the view down the 18th from the patio provides the perfect setting to watch the players come to the end of their rounds. The players were applauded for their efforts and ooh's and ah's rang out as putts dropped or just slid past the hole. The numbers in the gallery increased and the tension and expectation mounted as information on the scores from the final three groups trickled back from the course. There was much speculation about the final result as the situation remained tense until all the cards could be checked and verified by the scorers. In a very tight finish, the result was that we have a new name on the trophy as Ben Broadbent, our Junior Captain, came out on top by only one shot from Grant Thorne. The John Holmes Trophy for the best net score was won by Jon Capp who had two excellent rounds of net 64 and net 69. Many congratulations to our winners, Ben and Jon, and also to everyone who played as without your participation the event would not be the premier competition it deserves to be.

There have been other significant events this month. The Triumvirate Trophy is our inter-club event where we invite 15 clubs to send a team of 4 to play in 3's, match play against 2 opponents. Once again it was a very successful event enjoyed by all the participating clubs with many positive comments on the course, the catering and the smooth organisation. The trophy was won for the second year running by Blackmoor with Stoneham in second place and Romsey in third. The numbers for our Seniors Open were slightly down this year, but as with the Triumvirate all those who participated were extremely complimentary about the Club and its facilities.

The format of the Captains' Charity Day proved to be successful with 144 members taking part in a split sixes Stableford team competition. Players took advantage of the passports offering two Mulligans and exemption from all other fines and contributed generously to the raffles. In total £2005 was raised on the day from entry fees, passports, raffles and other sundry donations. Most of the raffles prizes were donated and we were particularly grateful to Tom Scott who arranged for us a 4-ball round at Celtic Manor 2010 which was won by Carol Middleton. On its own that single item raised £500.

The Captains' Charity Trophy was won by Tony Bussy, John White, Martin Gillie and Colin Phillips. The sum raised for the Captains' Charity over the past few weeks from the various overseas trips, the Charity Day, the Triumvirate, etc., is over £3400 and includes £375 from the BMW Championship sweepstake organised by Malcolm.

It seems the only time the sun didn't shine for our events was the Dawn Patrol when the wind blew and the rain poured from the skies ... at least it did from 5.00am until 9.00am when myself and Jennifer with Les and Liz Thorne braved the elements and listened in vain for the birds singing the Dawn Chorus. I think our feathered friends were more sensible and stayed snugly in their nests. We were joined by 33 other brave souls who despite getting wet enjoyed a hearty breakfast and had smiles on their faces at the end of it. The best scores for the morning were from Lyn Jones and Mary Rook for the ladies and from Richard Lane and Dave Seager for the men, with Richard winning the Druids Cup on count back from Lyn.

June was a quiet month for the Mixed team with only one match at Hockley which was lost 2-5, while the Men's team had three matches winning 3-2 at Petersfield, but losing 1½ - 2½ at Stoneham and 0-4 to Hampshire Police at home.

Among the annual invitation events for Captains this year, there have been two to mark anniversaries. Les, Jane, Charlotte and I were invited to Salisbury & South Wilts to an Invitation Bowl to celebrate their 125th Anniversary. Our team score didn't fall within the prizes but Jane did come away with the prize for the Ladies Longest Drive. The following week, Angela Peel and I played in the Joint Captains Invitation at Bramley as part of their Centenary Celebrations and picked up the second prize. Also in June, I took part in the Burma Salver at Romsey with Past Captains Tony Bussy, Rob Black and John White. This was a Greensomes Stableford competition over 30 holes and with Tony as my playing partner we came 2nd overall.

This coming month we host the Hampshire Seniors match against Surrey and the Hampshire Under 14's Stableford competition as well as our own Mixed Open which has attracted a large field. Malcolm has a special guest this year for the Pro's Clubhouse KO. Neil Coles, a Ryder Cup player and winner of 45 professional tournaments over five decades, will be visiting the club that day and giving demonstrations. We also have the Team Golf Finals, Social Golf, the Husbands & Wives and the Club BBQ & Disco to look forward to. The forecast for July is to be hot ... and the hottest place to be will be

Alresford Golf Club especially on 20 July! You'll find all the details elsewhere in the eBulletin and on the notice boards in the Entrance Hall.

Finally, on behalf of all the Captains, I'd like to thank you all for the very generous support you have given

to the Captains' Charity to date. We didn't set a target for the Charity Day, so we were really delighted with the figure raised. June Leatham from the HIOW Air Ambulance, who was here on the day, asked me to pass on her thanks for your support. *Enjoy your golf.*

ladies' section



Jane Scott
Ladies' Captain

June has certainly been another busy month for the ladies at Alresford.

Our Stoneham Cup campaign continues with some very exciting matches taking place. We lost to Cams Hall away but have managed wins against North Hants (away), Blacknest (away) and Cams Hall at home. The final match of our league games is this coming Tuesday against North Hants at Alresford which we need to win – so good luck to the team.

There have been three friendly matches this month which resulted in wins against Basingstoke and Sandown and Shanklin and our first loss against Sandford Springs. During July we visit Stoneham and Corhampton and welcome Foxhills to Alresford.

Congratulations to Diana Hampton who won the Hampshire Ladies Bronze Div 1 Championship which was held in early June and played at Hockley. Diana also won this competition back in 2010.

I know George will be giving a full report on the Captains' Charity Day but I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members who took part on the day and for their generous donations. It was a wonderful sum that we managed to collect on the day.

I thoroughly enjoyed my visit to Salisbury and South Wilts along with George, Les and Charlotte as we represented Alresford in their Invitational Open which was held as part of their 125th anniversary celebrations.

Getting up before 5.00am to play in the Dawn Patrol

was certainly worth doing for the wonderful breakfast that I enjoyed after playing.

At long last the weather was kind to us last weekend as the Club held both the Ladies and Men's Championships. Congratulations Ben Broadbent on winning the Men's Championship for the first time and to Jon Capp who won the John Holmes Trophy.

I was very fortunate to win both our Ladies Championship and Brenda Hedges Trophy with Clare Monkhouse winning the Dorothy Coombs Shield.

I am sure everyone who took part in both events, thought that the course was in excellent condition.

This Sunday we have our Mixed Open when we welcome just over 90 visiting couples to Alresford. This will be a very busy day for members of the Ladies Committee as they help with the organisation of the day, for which I am very grateful.

I am looking forward to my Captain's Day on Tuesday 16 July, especially as so many ladies have signed up to play.

What's on for the ladies in July?

- ◆ Cecily Leishman Platter – 6 July
- ◆ Grannies Competition – 9 July
- ◆ Mrs Stratton Bates (open to both ladies and men) – 13 July
- ◆ Ladies Captain's Day – 16 July
- ◆ Stableford and Charity Bowl – 20 July
- ◆ Stableford and Charity Bowl - 23 July
- ◆ Chetwode Trophy – 27 July





Peter Dowse
Vets' Captain

How things change and evolve within our club. It struck me whilst preparing this news, just how much our perceptions of long term situations move aside for the new to take its place.

We said farewell to Sheena and Robbie, who have served the Vets well over many years, making sure our tums were full and satisfied at countless event lunches and dinners.

Then came the retirement of Mary, the office stalwart. How she put up with the constant enquiries from me, other committee members, and the numerous questions of other Vets, without screaming, always amazed me. Mary's smile, and cheery hello is going to be missed.

Sheena and Robbie were presented with an inscribed Salver and Decanter with glasses. Mary also received the same retirement gifts. We wish them well.

A good number of Vets travelled on the Captain's French Trip. I'm sure George enjoyed the competition of the three courses selected. Luckily enough, I managed to relieve a bottle of fine wine from him in the presentations.

What a great Captains' Charity Day was held in June. A massive total was raised for the Air Ambulance, thank-you to everyone who took part, and went home with lighter pockets. It was an honour to be part of the organising team with the other three Captains. The only downside was that the other Captains refused to wear fancy dress on the day. There was a definite "NO" from Captain Jane, and Jane had not even seen my "Lady Ga-Ga" kit. Oh well, perhaps I'll bring it out for the Vets v Ladies match later in the year.

The new Vets Strokeplay Championship took place over two Fridays in June. A very well attended event. Unfortunately, after a reasonable Round One, I had a close encounter with a nasty "creepy-crawley" that put me in the hospital, missing Round Two, and the Dawn Patrol breakfast. The Gross Champion is Tony Stanton, with Les Widdecombe the Nett Champion. There are two new trophies for this event, and congratulations to Tony and Les.

Vets Matches are not going to plan. Most results are not going in our favour. I don't like reporting losses, so I think we must knuckle down and try a little harder. Forthcoming matches over the next few weeks are against Tylney Park, Basingstoke, Weybrook Park, The Juniors, Bramshaw and Stoneham. Keep an eye on the notice board and add your name to the "Request for Players" sheets, maybe a few lower handicap Vets might like to step up to the plate, and give a hand.

Notices are also up for the following events: Vets Past Captains, Vets Invitation Day, and the Captain's Flag Day (another new trophy for this event). All events had a great turn-out last year, let's do it again. Last, but not least, is the new Bagman event. It's a little way off yet, the sign-up sheet will be going on the board soon (yet another new trophy).

Last week was the first time this year that I had played in a short sleeved shirt without a jumper. So now we've had four consecutive days of fine warm weather. Snow must be just around the corner then.

Enjoy your golf, keep it on the short stuff, and be well.

Regards to all.

a look at rules

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Decision 14-1/1

Playing Stroke with Back of Clubhead

Question: May a player play a left-handed stroke with the back of the head of a right-handed club?

Answer on a following page



Club Championship

June has seen much golfing activity, as can be seen in the results below, culminating in the Ladies and Men's Championships on the 29 and 30 June. Congratulations to Jane Scott and Ben Broadbent for winning their respective championships. The weather was ideal and the course was in excellent condition which all added to the enjoyment for both competitors and spectators.

As a result of the Men's championship the 16 players with the best gross scores have been entered into the Tichborne Trophy K.O. competition.

In addition the top four players, based on gross score, have been entered into The Winchester Bowl which is due to be played on the 22 September. The four players are Ben Broadbent, Grant Thorne, Paul Wager and Tom Warden.

Men's invitation 4 August

The list for entering this popular competition is on the notice board in the men's changing room and there are still plenty of spaces available. The list will close on the 17 July so please put your name down early to secure a place in the competition. The cost will be £60 per pair.

July competitions

The following competitions are due to be played in July:

1	W Fields Trophy over 60's medal
3	Mid-week stableford
10	Mid-week medal
13	Mrs Stratton Bates medal
19	Pros clubhouse knockout Over 60's stableford
21	The Open Pro-Am medal
28	Husbands and Wives

Qualifying Rounds

Some members may be unsure of how many qualifying rounds they have played in the previous 12 months.

A list is on the notice board next to the master handicap list to identify the number of rounds each member has played in the previous 12 months. The number of rounds played could be different each week as the calculation is based on a rolling year.

David Robertson

Match Secretary

competition results

1 June - Men's medal & EGU Gold Medal

- 1 Roger Corkhill Nett 67 ocb
- 2 Kevin Peel Nett 67
- 3 Alex Cooper Nett 68

2 June - Millennium Quaiche

- 1 Les Thorne, Grant Thorne, Alex Cooper and Tom Warden, 83pts
- 2 Tony Parker, Barry Norgate, Jess Miles and Ron Markwick, 81pts ocb
- 3 Tim Chandler, Neil Flowers, Steve Flowers and Ian Richardson 81pts

5 June - Men's mid-week Stableford

- 1 Roger Gadsby 39pts
- 2 Eddie Fox 36pts ocb
- 3 Ashley Wright 36pts
- 4 Les Widdicombe 35pts

7 June - Over 60's Medal Round 1

- 1 Keith Turner Nett 66
- 2 Andrew Frearson Nett 67
- 3 John Miles Nett 68 ocb
- 4 Tony Stanton Nett 68

15 June - Laming Cup

- 1 Brian Overton Nett 64
- 2 Dave Fox Nett 65
- 3 Henry Thornton Nett 66
- 4 Drew Fielden Nett 67 ocb

21 June - Over 60's Medal Round 2

- 1 Les Widdicombe Nett 63
- 2 Gordon Harness Nett 65
- 3 Ray Cook Nett 66 ocb
- 4 David Voy Nett 66

Over 60's Medal Aggregate scores Rounds 1 & 2

- 1 Les Widdicombe 69+63=132
- 2 Keith Turner 66+68=134
- 3 Gordon Harness 70+65=135
- 4 David Pain 69+70=139

23 June - Pailthorpe Platter

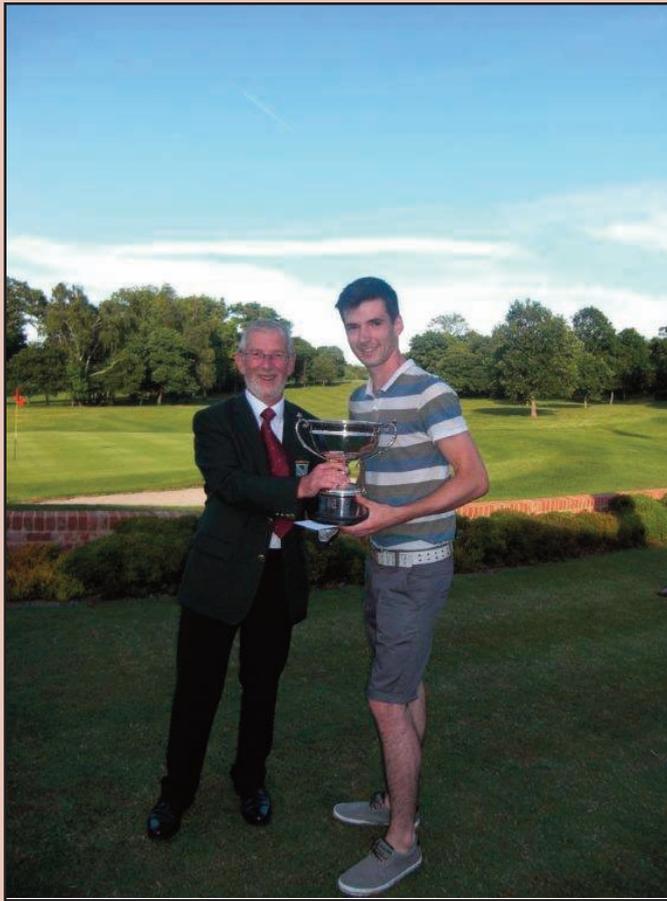
- 1 Simon Wills 40pts ocb
- 2 Simon Freemantle 40pts
- 3 Stephen Barnes 39pts
- 4 William Briggs 38pts ocb

30 June - Club Championship

- 1 Ben Broadbent 75+76=151
- 2 Grant Thorne 75+77=152
- 3 Paul Wager 82+72=154

30 June - John Holmes Trophy

- 1 Jon Capp 64+69=133
- 2 Ben Broadbent 69+70=139
- 3 Simon Freemantle 70+70=140
- 4 Josh Evans 73+68=141





New Members

Welcome to the following new members who have all joined the club starting in June: Gary Bellingham, James Bellingham, John Francis, Krzysztof Jedynak and Barbara Hutcheson (Social Extra members) and Joe Egelstaff (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.

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 notice board and website for any changes.

JULY

Wednesday 3 - 11.00am
Wednesday 10 - 11.00am
Wednesday 17 - 10.30am (due to County Seniors Match)
Wednesday 24 - 11.00am
Wednesday 31 - 11.30am (due to society booking)

AUGUST

Wednesday 7 - 11.00am
Wednesday 14 - 11.00am

Wednesday 19 - 11.00am

Wednesday 26 - 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 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.

New Reciprocal Venue

We are pleased to announce that as of 1 July, Alresford members can now enjoy reciprocal golf at Salisbury & South Wilts GC.

Conditions are: Monday to Fridays only (not before 12.30pm on Wednesday and Friday), one 4-ball per week.

All bookings to be made via the Alresford Office, maximum 14 days in advance.

New Catering Hours

Please note that the Kitchen will be open for bacon sandwiches and breakfasts from 8am at weekends, with extended hours on Friday evenings for late golfers. Despite several requests for this extension to the catering service it does not appear to have been supported particularly well so far. Please support this new initiative.

Forthcoming Events for Your Diary

CLUB BBQ - Saturday 20 July

See first page for details

MEN'S INVITATION ~ Sunday 4 August

The signing up sheet is now posted for the Men's Invitation. £60 per pair

Coffee/Tea on arrival; 12 holes (American Foursomes) Lunch - Grilled Breast of Chicken on a wild rice and vegetable salad; 18 holes (4-BBB)

2-course Buffet Dinner - Roast sliced Pork with crackling or Steak and Kidney Pie followed by Lemon Cheesecake.

PRIZES

David Maskery
Club Secretary





As we are basking in the warm weather and sunshine at the moment, it is easy to forget all the rain with which we were plagued last year. At that time we had to cut the fairways every day and with this in mind we have been treating the fairways with a "growth regulator" which means that we will be able to reduce the frequency of cutting them while maintaining their quality. After treatment of the greens with the "Graden" machine in April we feel that we should go back to doing this in August when they will heal much more quickly. The use of a green iron which we do not at present have but is on our wish list could also help to accelerate the healing. Now that we have a dedicated tiner, we may be able to reduce the frequency of the Graden treatment to every other year and use the tiner in August but with slightly larger tines.

I would like to thank all the members who made the complimentary comments about the condition of the course which have been received particularly during the club championships.

Following the use of the sheep to mow the rough last winter, the Hampshire Wildlife Trust have suggested that they would like to come and give a talk to the members and it has been suggested that Steve Privett might talk about some aspects of the course; James Stewart has penciled in a date of Friday 4 October for this but this is subject to confirmation. I am told that the sheep are going to return at the end of September.

Peter Spreadbury
Chairman of Greens

social scene



The Dawn Patrol was a very wet affair this year, but 37 members braved the rain and the lower than average temperature to play 18 holes before eating a hearty breakfast. In first place for the ladies was Lyn Jones with Mary Rook taking second place. In first place for the men was Richard Lane with Dave Seager in second place. Richard won the Druids Cup on count back from Lyn. Thank you to all that took part and I am sorry that the sun did not shine for the early risers.

The Club BBQ takes place on Saturday 20 July. The new caterers are providing a delicious BBQ including burgers, chicken, salad, new potatoes and selection of tasty deserts. In addition to this, there will also be a Hog Roast. Adult tickets are £15 and Children (14 and under) £5. These are available in advance from the Secretary.

The Social Committee are paying for a 70's Disco to take place on the same night as the BBQ. There is no additional charge if you fancy strutting your stuff once you have enjoyed a superb meal. I am sure Jane Scott will be one of the first on the dance floor.

Jan White and David Sault are masterminding the social golf event on Sunday 14 July. I believe the format is Bowmaker which is a great team game and gives members a chance to interact with others. Please sign up on the Social Committee notice board if you wish to play.

James Stewart
Chair, Social Committee

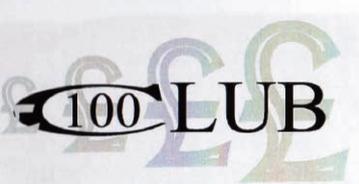
As we all know its good to avoid bunkers especially when driving a buggy!

Eight members of Alresford GC spent a fantastic golf weekend in Northern Ireland recently playing such lovely courses as Royal Portrush and Castlerock.

The photograph was taken from outside the clubhouse at Castlerock where one of the party managed to drive his buggy straight into the greenside bunker at the 18th green right in front of the busy dining room on the Sunday afternoon! It took six people to lift the buggy out and caused quite a stir in the dining room.

Obviously names can be supplied on request to Nigel Pascoe but it's probably best left to people to find out for themselves who the Learner Driver was!





This month's edition of the e-Bulletin has got the winners of both the June and July draws.

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

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| £100 - Barbara Woolnough
(donated to the Captains' Charity) | £32 - Chris Brandon-Trye |
| £50 - Hugh Smorfitt | £32 - Jennifer Miller |
| | £32 - Fiona Corkhill |
| | £32 - George Hand |

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

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| £100 - Henk Ribbink | £32 - Tony Bussy |
| £50 - Tony Marshall | £32 - Wynne Tufnell |
| £32 - Sue Pearce | £32 - Robin Good |

Congratulations to all the winners. The next draw will take place in the week beginning 5 August.

100 Club Stableford and Evening Meal – Friday 16 August

This mixed Stableford competition is open to all members of the 100 Club. There is no entry fee. Please arrange your own playing groups and tee-times, but remember that the evening meal will be served at 7:30pm so make sure you'll be finished by then. On the day, you must sign-in at the Pro's Shop before you play to register your entry to the competition and to receive your free ball for participating.

Men will play off the Yellow tees; and Ladies from the Red tees. To equalise the scoring, ladies will add 2 strokes to their handicaps and play from their own card. Completed cards should be put into the box in the Entrance Hall.

All members whether they have played or not are invited to attend the evening meal during which the prize winners will be announced. The cost of the 2-course meal with coffee is £14, and we will start at 7:30pm. Please add your name and menu selections to the sign-up sheet which will be on the Social notice board by the end of July.

If you need a playing partner and aren't sure of who is in the 100 Club, contact George Clelland by email: george.clelland@btinternet.com or telephone: 01962735008.

Not a member of the 100 Club?

If you're not a member of the 100 Club, you can become one for as little as £1 per month. Shares in the 100 Club are purchased for £1 per month and there is no limit on the number of shares which can be held. In general, most members have between 1 and 5 shares and pay by monthly direct debit, though it's also possible to pay quarterly or annually. Each share is allocated a number which is entered in the monthly draw. The top prize is £100, with a second prize of £50 and four other prizes of £32. For more information contact George Clelland on 01962735008 or george.clelland@btinternet.com or call in to the Secretary's office.

George Clelland

rule answer



Answer: Yes. A player may play a stroke with any part of the clubhead, provided the ball is fairly struck at (Rule 14-1) and the club conforms with Rule 4-1.



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