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Don't forget:

AGM

**Friday 29 November
7.45pm**

**See Secretary's
page for details**

This bulletin contains the last reports from the outgoing Captains prior to the inauguration of the new Captains-elect. However, unfortunately with the change-over of the Veteran Captains I have not received a report for the Vets, but the usual contributions from the various Committees are included. Also on the last page is a short story concerning certain members on a Welsh trip that might well make you chuckle!!

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

WIN YOUR SUBS FOR 2014 FOR ONLY £10

Following the success of last year's promotion, we have decided to run the membership subscription raffle again this year. Details of the scheme are posted around the clubhouse. The winner will be announced at the Christmas Draw night on Saturday 14 December.

Entry cost just £10
(multiple entries are permitted)

Please enter directly with the Secretary



from the Club Captain



Well there's no doubt that we're into autumn now – the waterproofs and the umbrella have been severely tested over the past week or so and strong winds are taking our shots way off line though just occasionally they come to the rescue and drag a wayward shot back to where we'd wanted it to go. The course, however, is standing up well to the rain, and we've been fairly fortunate not to suffer more damage from the storm that blew through last weekend.

At the beginning of October the Men's team finished the season with a narrow loss away at Waterlooville. If you'd like to see a hole-in-one, then you should try to play with Les Thorne in an away match next year. At Waterlooville and earlier in the season at Basingstoke, a member of the home team holed his tee shot. It makes it difficult to win or half the hole, but we're all happy to celebrate the achievement afterwards. The Men also hosted the visit from Ryde Pirates for the annual contest for the Malcolm Scott Challenge Cup. This fixture was set up many years ago by Malcolm and is now played once a year alternating between Alresford and Ryde. I'm pleased to report that we regained the trophy in what was one of the most enjoyable and entertaining matches of the year. The following day the final Mixed match of the season against Weybrook Park was curtailed because of the rain to 9 holes and finished with an honourable half.

I enjoyed playing with Kate Mills in the Cock & Hen Trophy which was won by Terry Evans and Tina Over with 45 points from Brian Overton and Debbie Wills in second place on 44 points on count back from Dennis Jones and Mandy Overton. Unfortunately on the day of the Harry May Two Generations Trophy we had some of the heaviest rain in many months so the competition was reduced to 9 holes. It was won by David and Jo Pain with John and Eliza Ellerby in second place and David and Wendy Nightingale in third. Well done to all the competitors for taking part on such a wet afternoon and to Peter Spreadbury for the organisation.

For the final golfing event of the month we entertained Hampshire Schools. The team of 10 boys and 2 girls represent some of the best talent in Hampshire – the youngest was only 11 years old and with a highest handicap of 12 which was the highest in the team. The other boys were all category 1 players with handicaps ranging from scratch to 5, and the two girls were off 9. Look out for the name of Jordan Sundborg from Shanklin and Sandown who has recently been selected for the England U-16 squad – a very accomplished golfer already, with a great attitude to the game. In fact all of the Alresford team commented on how well the youngsters conducted themselves both on and off the course. With a couple of the games concluding on the 18th, the result was a tie with 2 matches each and 2 matches halved.

It seems some time ago now, but I really enjoyed



George Clelland
Club Captain

the Ecology Evening with David Rumble of the Hampshire Wildlife Trust and our own Steve Privett. It was fascinating to learn about the special environment we have here at Alresford, and that it supports rare and uncommon plants, butterflies and moths ... perhaps we'll need to watch where we tread through the rough in future! And now, of course, we're all looking forward to the return of the sheep for the winter. A great deal of thanks goes to Harry Dhand and also to the Social Committee for organising the event.

I had a great time at the Beatles Night. Although there were fewer people there than we would have liked, everyone who was there really enjoyed themselves and made it feel as though the Clubhouse was full. Just check out the pictures on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/twobeatles#!/twobeatles>). I'd like to thank James Stewart and his Social Committee who've done a terrific job in organising these music events.

I was invited to the Hampshire Golf Captains' Association annual dinner which was held at Alresford. Nearly 70 Hampshire Captains and guests including a large contingent from Alresford enjoyed an excellent meal and were then entertained by David Harrison with tales and anecdotes from his experiences as an R&A rules official and as Captain of the R&A. The evening was hosted by Ken Mills who has just taken over as Captain of the Association, and I'm sure we all wish him well for his term of office.

In a few weeks my Vice-Captain, Les Thorne, will be taking over the reins. I'm sure you will all join me in wishing Les all the best for his captaincy year. I certainly hope he enjoys his year as much as I have enjoyed mine. I know he'll welcome your support at his Drive-in on Sunday 1 December ... an event not to be missed. In the meantime, I look forward to seeing many of you at the Club Dinner on Saturday 9 November and the Trophy Presentation Evening on Friday 15 November.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Mike Gould for his continued support of the Club by editing and producing our eBulletin. Thanks Mike ... you do a great job.

It has been an honour and a privilege to be Captain of Alresford Golf Club so a huge thanks to everyone, members and staff, for all your support and encouragement and for making it such a memorable year for me.

ladies' section



Jane Scott
Ladies' Captain

Where has this year gone? I find it hard to believe that I am writing my last eBulletin report as your Ladies Captain.

October has continued to be a busy month for the ladies. We started off with a very positive result when we managed to beat the Vets and retain the trophy which we won last year. It was the Vets turn to choose the format, so they probably expected to win but our ladies team were just too strong – well played ladies!

The very next day it was the Ladies and Assistants Pro-Am which is a popular event with ladies from Hampshire and further afield competing. Our Philip, was one of 3 Assistants to share the Professionals prize with Alresford's Celia Batten and Robin Irving being part of the winning Pro-Am team. Robin very kindly stepped in at the last minute after a couple of Assistants had to withdraw. Thank you to Sally Willis and her helpers who, once again, put on a splendid day for us all to enjoy.

Our entry into the Legg Bowl competition (two silver and two bronze players) was short lived as we came up against very strong opposition at Cams Hall.

The only friendly match during the month was against Alton and this unfortunately had to be cancelled due to very wet weather.

On Thursday, the annual Ladies, Vets and Juniors competition took place with 8 teams taking part. The winning team consisted of Roger Corkhill, Dennis Jones and young Finn Parker just edging Jan Haring, Wynne Tufnell and Charlie Witter into 2nd

place. It is always great to see how well behaved our juniors are on the course and to see how their golf is progressing.

I am very much looking forward to the challenge of the Captain v Ladies Captain's match which is taking place in the middle of November. I am sure this will be a very closely contested match which will be a fitting end to the golfing calendar.

Finally, I would like to say it has been a real privilege to have been Ladies Captain at Alresford and a year that I will remember with many happy memories. To have worked alongside George, Pete and Ben has made it all the more enjoyable.

I now wish Les, Charlotte, Andrew and Josh a very happy year as they take up their terms of office at the end of November.

What's on for the ladies in November?

- Ladies Coffee Morning and Xmas Bazaar – Tuesday 5
- Stableford – Saturday 9 and Tuesday 12
- Ladies v Vets match – Thursday 10
- Trophy Presentation Evening – Friday 15
- Captain v Ladies Captain – Sunday 17
- Club AGM – Friday 29
- Ladies AGM – Saturday 30
- Captain's "Drive-In" – Sunday 1 December

Ladies' section competition results

Medal 5 and 8 October:

Div 1: Lynne Cowser (*nett 70*)

Div 2: Lyn de Mestre (*nett 71*)

Div 3: Liz Petherham (*nett 72*)

Stableford 12 and 15 October:

Div 1: Karen Fox (*39pts*)

Div 2: Diana Hampton (*38pts*)

Div 3: Gill Male (*35pts*)

Daily Mail Foursomes 19 October:

Winners: Liz Thorne and Lesley Martin (*35pts*)

Runners-up: Lyn Travers and Claire Gould (*32pts*)

Casie McDonald Wood
Ladies' Handicap Secretary

match committee report



October has been another busy month but conditions have been more challenging with plenty of rain to contend with. This was especially true with the Harry May Two Generations competition which had to be reduced to a nine-hole event because of the heavy rain.

Knockout Competitions

The draws for the league stage of the Lombard 4BBB and Winter Mixed foursomes have been made and the results are on the relevant notice board. Please try and arrange some matches early while the course is in good condition. The closing date for the league stage is Sunday 2 February 2014.

Trophy Presentation Evening

The Trophy presentation will take place on Friday 15 November and everyone is welcome to attend. If you are a winner please make every effort to attend. A list of winners will be posted on the notice boards.

October competition results

4 October Vets Secretary's Trophy Rd 1

1 Andrew Frearson	43pts
2 Bill Pescod	39
3 John Miles	36

5 October Men's medal

1 Neil Gandy	Nett 60
2 James Riches	66 ocb
3 Dave Seager	66
4 Nigel Pascoe	68

6 October Cock and Hen Trophy

1 Terry Evans/Tina Over
2 Brian Overton/Debbie Wills
3 Dennis Jones/Mandy Overton

7 October Vets Secretary's Trophy Rd 2

1 Roger Hopkins	Nett 63
2 John Cloughton	69
3 Keith Pollock	70 ocb
4 Peter Dowse	70

Men's Winter Eclectic

This competition will be starting soon. It has been delayed because of a change of organiser following Jack Moody's decision to step down.

November Competitions

This is another busy month with the following competitions due to be played:-

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2	Ladies Breast Cancer Medal
3	Men's Stableford
9	Ladies Stableford
12	Ladies Stableford
16	Men's Stableford
24	Men's Stableford

David Robertson

Match Secretary

13 October Men's Medal

1 John Goddard	Nett 70
2 Alex Cooper	71
3 Karl Evans	72

16 October Mid-Week Stableford

1 John Irving	36pts ocb
2 Robin Irving	36
3 Brian Overton	34

20 October Harry May Two Generations Trophy (reduced to 9 holes)

1 David and Jo Pain	18pts
2 John and Eliza Ellerby	17 ocb
3 David and Wendy Nightingale	17

26 October Men's Medal

1 Simon Freemantle	Nett 67
2 Scot Johnston	68 ocb
3 Geoff Colwill	68 ocb
4 Kevin Peel	68

a look at rules supplied by **Celia Batten** email: celia@celiabatten.vispa.com



Decision 20-3d/2

Ball in Bunker moves closer to hole when obstruction removed and ball will not remain at rest when replaced; all other parts of bunker are nearer the hole

Question: A ball came to rest against a movable obstruction, a rake, in a bunker. When the rake was moved the ball rolled nearer the hole. According to Rule 24-1, the ball had to be replaced. Due to the slope and the fact that the sand was firm, the ball, when replaced, rolled closer to the hole.

Under Rule 20-3d, if a ball will not come to rest on the spot where it originally lay, it must be placed at the nearest spot not nearer the hole where it can be placed at rest. The spot where the ball originally lay was farther from the hole than any other part of the bunker. Thus, there was nowhere to place the ball at rest in the bunker that was not nearer the hole. What is the proper procedure if:

1. The only way the ball would remain at rest at the spot where it lay would be to press it lightly into the sand?
2. The sand is so hard that it is impossible to replace the ball?

Answer on the final page

news from the greens



Preferred lies (Winter Rules) started on the 22 October. Please note that you **MUST** mark your ball **BEFORE** lifting it. If you neglect to do this you incur a one stroke penalty, also moving the ball in any other manner such as rolling it with a club also incurs the same penalty. Equally, when you are identifying your ball you **MUST** mark it first, touching it or rolling it without marking the ball is subject to the same penalty. I know that if you are playing a casual game you may feel it is not necessary to do this but it is easy to get into a bad habit and then find you are penalized when playing an important match or stroke play competition. Sorry to hark on about this but omitting to do this is a couple of my pet hates.

The recent storm has caused a lot of damage to a number of trees on the course rendering some of them so damaged that they were in danger of falling and have had to be felled. I have to say how impressed I was with the swiftness that the green staff dealt with this.

In addition to the storm damage there are a lot of trees that have grown considerably over the years and a number are now competing with each other for nourishment as well as overhanging the fairways to a greater extent than originally planned. So some of these will also have to be removed and others pruned. When the fairway bunkers on the fifth hole were originally built, the one nearest the tee was installed by mistake so the second one was built in the correct place but the original one has remained. We feel that the first bunker is most likely to catch those who do not hit a long enough ball to get onto the green in regulation so it seems unfair to penalize them twice! Therefore, this bunker will be removed and we will remodel the second one.

Peter Spreadbury
Chairman of Greens

social scene



The "Two Beatles" act was superb. Unfortunately the event was not as well supported as previous shows. But I believe everyone that attended had a fantastic time. The burger and chips were delicious and well deserved after



Members enjoying the show

booying on the dance floor. Although the Social Committee made a loss in running the night, it was a pleasure to see members and guests enjoying themselves. Particularly during the last song, when everyone joined hands and ventured onto the dance floor. I hope that future events will be more successful in terms of support.



Captain George with the "Two Beatles"

The annual Club Dinner will take place on Saturday 9 November. The cost is £30 per person and includes a splendid meal and entertainment from a professional magician. There are limited spaces for this Black Tie event so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Thank you once again for those who sponsored me for taking part in a sky dive for the Captain's Charity. I would be most grateful if you could pay the sponsorship funds to the Secretary, Pro Shop or directly to me. I need to collect all of the money before the Christmas Draw Night on Saturday 14 December. I have uploaded my sky dive video onto You Tube. Please see <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xugi7atelHY>

Please note that the Captain's Drive-In will take place on Sunday 1 December. More details to follow.

James Stewart
Chair, Social Committee





New Members

Welcome to the following new members who have all joined the club starting in November: Roger and Patricia Langridge (5 day), Mike Beaumont (7 day – re-joining) and Geoffrey Meads (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 details the benefits and prices (including new payment options). We would be delighted to show any prospective members around the club and arrange a round of golf for them.

Club Roll Ups

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.

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 6 - 10.30am
 Wednesday 13 - 10.30am (tbc)
 Wednesday 20 - 11.15am (due to society)
 Wednesday 27 - 10.30am

DECEMBER

Wednesday 4 - 10.30am
 Wednesday 11 - tbc (Vets Xmas Scramble & Lunch)

Please remember that there is an informal **Men’s “roll up”** at 9.30am on:

Sunday 8 December

This coincides with the men’s medal competition and so is ideal for those without playing partners for the competition or for anyone who needs qualifying cards marked.

Please note changes 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 current list of dates when the bar will be closed earlier:

Friday 8 November
 Friday 6 December
 Friday 13 December
 Friday 20 December
 Friday 27 December
 Friday 3 January

Please check the club website and main noticeboard for changes to these dates.

Club AGM

Friday 29 November at 7.45pm.

Minutes of the 2012 AGM can be viewed on the club website or copies via the Office.

Please note that your calling notice and meeting agenda/accounts booklet will be **sent via email this year**. There will be a small number of printed booklets available at the meeting and for those for whom we do not have email addresses.

Trophy Presentation Evening

Friday 15 November at 7.30pm

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

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

David Maskery
 Club Secretary





A Milestone Beckons



Alresford Golf Club will celebrate its 125th Anniversary in 2015. Whilst this may not carry the importance of a centenary, it is still an important milestone and one which the Club aims to recognise.

The P&D Committee has been asked to lead the organisation of this event and has already begun to consider a number of ways to celebrate this event during 2015. It is important, however, to hear the views and ideas of all sections of the club. To that end, the various club committees have already been approached to gather thoughts and ideas and it is hoped that we can also attract club members who may have appropriate expertise to help the project along.

Our Centenary in 1990 was celebrated in style. Club members who were lucky enough to have taken part will all have memories of that year. Our intention in celebrating our 125th anniversary, as well as other quarter centenaries to come, is to allow another generation of members to have that same opportunity, albeit perhaps, in a more modest manner.

I plan to keep you updated in the eBulletin of the programme as it takes shape. Lots of ideas exist but I'm sure there are lots more out there! Don't hesitate to come forward if you have a proposal to make; we, in turn, will be targeting likely candidates for their support!

We are considering a variety of golfing activities, of course, and these will include in-house events for all sections of the club as well as invitations and opens. The Club has already agreed the hosting of certain County events during 2015. Alongside the golf, there will be a number of social events and we have just started to explore the possibilities of liaison with some of the 51 Clubs who share the same foundation year as Alresford.

The logistics are quite formidable and we have begun to assess the "can-do's" before deciding on the "will-do's". Maintaining a close eye on the costs will be important and budgets will be carefully managed. We also recognise the need to protect members' interests during 2015 to avoid any adverse impact on their own use of the course and its facilities.

A programme of liaison with local media has begun with a view to augmenting the publicity and PR operation and a target list of possible sponsorship opportunities is planned.

There will be much to do over the next 18 months and I hope you will join with the Club in contributing as much support as you can to make the anniversary celebrations a success.

John McIlree

Jo and David Pain win the Harry May Trophy



The two generations Harry May Trophy competition held recently unfortunately had to be reduced to 9 holes as the weather was just too wet.

The competition had a great entry with the youngest player being just eight years old! Having returned to the warmth of the Clubhouse, competitors were able to enjoy a great selection of sandwiches and cakes.

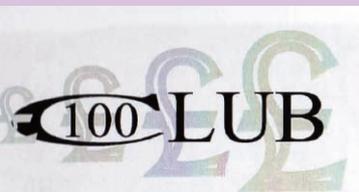
Congratulations to the winners Jo and David Pain, with Eliza and John Ellerby in second place followed by Wendy and David Nightingale third.

rule answer



Answer: There is nothing in the Rules permitting a player to press his ball lightly into the sand or ground to make it remain at rest. Accordingly, in either case, since the player could not place the ball in conformity with the Rules, he should proceed under the stroke-and-distance option of the unplayable ball Rule (Rule 28a) or, in equity (Rule 1-4), drop the ball, under penalty of one stroke, outside the bunker, keeping the point where the ball lay directly between the hole and the spot on which the ball is dropped.

The same principle would apply if a player is proceeding under any Rule and the ball will not come to rest in the bunker at a spot not nearer to the hole than the appropriate reference point.



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

£100 - Ron Markwick

£50 - Melissa Panter

£32 - Robin Good

£32 - Sally Willis

£32 - Chris Brandon-Trye

£32 - Tim Chandler

Congratulations to the winners. The next draw will take place on Monday 4th November ... look out for fireworks!

You will receive a statement of the 100 Club's finances included in the notice for the Club AGM. We have spent £2746 on projects this year and paid out £3336 in prize, but still a healthy balance in the bank which enables us to respond reasonably quickly to most requests for funds which meet the Club's criteria.

Not a member of the 100 Club?

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

George Clelland

Lost in Wales!

In September 12 good men and true set off for Cardiff, South Wales, for their annual four-day golf tour.

On the third day, six cars set off from the hotel in convoy to travel the 4 miles (15 minutes) to Cardiff Golf Club. Each had clear written directions, in addition to SatNav and the sun was shining. What could possibly go wrong?

Five cars duly arrived, with half hour to spare before tee-off time. The sixth car, driven by a well known West Ham fan, with dodgy knees, and navigated by a retired Head Teacher, with a penchant for planting trees just where I drive my ball, took a little longer (an hour and a half longer in fact!) only to find that the rest of the party had teed off and were already well into their golf round.

However, this was not to be a sad ending, as we have just learned that the said West Ham supporter has just received a traffic fine for **speeding** on that ill-fated journey!!!!

God may not be a golfer but He sure has a sense of humour!

Alan Hansford

Tour organiser, currently recovering in a psychiatric ward.

PS. I did not think it right to name the driver but being a West Ham supporter in Alresford should narrow it down to one!



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