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Welcome to the first bulletin of 2014 - Happy New Year to all, hoping you have a good golfing year to come. Following on from the last edition, the Vets Captain's report to the AGM is included 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.

Mike Gould
Editor

Alresford Golf Calendar 2014

If you haven't collected your 2014 diary, no doubt you soon will. This will contain those club events which are known to the Secretary when the diary is sent to the publishers in November. You can also view the full club diary on our website and, because this can be amended easily, the website also lists events which are booked after the paper diary is published, such as society matches, which might impact on your desire to play at a specific time. In addition, the events page on the website has "pop-up" messages that give further information on individual events, and if it is a major event, there is usually an attachment that provides the same information that you would see on our notice boards. Therefore, if you have a computer and access to the Internet, this is the best method of keeping in touch with what is happening at the Club.

Many of you may now have "smart" mobile phones and these can be used to access the club diary via our website. However, it is possible to combine the Club Diary with your own diary by importing a CSV file (a specially formatted text file) to your phone. How this is done will depend on your phone and computer software but this is usually provided with your phone or on the phone manufacturer's website. If you want to give this a go Ken Coburn has provided the CSV file ([agc_diary_2014.csv](#)) in the General Documentation section of the Members Area of our website.

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





Les Thorne
Club Captain

I was informed that nothing much happens in December golf wise, and it was with great regret that I was unable to take part in the Vets Texas Scramble due to a broken toe. The lunch was fantastic as normal and not one player pulled out apart from me and I was the youngest there. Thank you to Andrew Frearson and his team for the invite and especially for the donation of £100 to the charity, also everyone who said that I should have been wearing safety boots at work was fined a pound.

The draw night was once again a huge success with the Social Committee coming up trumps again with some fantastic prizes before Malcolm had his pro draw, this was all following a dinner of belly pork, ribs and wedges. Phil, the pro, showed off another of his talents playing Christmas carols on his clarinet and we all had a good sing-along. The profit from the draw goes towards the many social events throughout the year as well as club projects so always worth supporting.

The weather put paid to an event that had been organised by Malcolm for the children that come to the group lessons but has been re-scheduled for January. These are the youngsters in the orange shirts that can be seen at the club on some Sundays. Some of these may be future stars so I am looking forward to the Texas Scramble with them.

Congratulations to all the winners in the Turkey Trot. I was lucky to come first on the Saturday and rib-eye from Evans was absolutely gorgeous. Good job I didn't play on the Sunday though as there were much better scores with John Goodacre scoring 41 points winning on count back from Alex Cooper who shot the equivalent of a one under par gross score

of 68. I would have thought that the conditions must have been better on the Sunday!

Boxing Day saw the annual Pro versus the Captain match at the club. Players turned up and signed-up for myself or Malcolm and off they went into the fog. It's always great to see so many friends and family of members turning up to play and in all we had 20 fourball matches go out with myself and Malcolm going out last. Luckily the fog had cleared by the time we went out and our match was finished in bright sunshine. This year I was lucky enough to come out on top 11½ to 9½, so good luck to Terry for next year. The small entry fee of a £1 per person and a ball draw meant that we raised another £100 for the charity and thanks to the Social Committee for supplying us with some free drinks and nibbles.

New Year's Eve is always a good event and this was my fourth in a row. Once again Meryll and Dean put on a great spread and a lot of people thought that the buffet starter was worth the money on its own. We danced the night away to some great tunes from the disco and the New Year was greeted with fireworks. Special mention must go to Katie and Lesley behind the bar who with a "man" down and a broken glass washer did us all proud.

As forecasted New Year's Day was a wash-out so the annual roll-up never took place, a complete contrast to last year when the day had been bright and unseasonably mild. That's two things to fall foul to the rain in a space of a couple of weeks. A couple of years ago I jokingly called John McIlree Captain Noah after a number of cancellations early in his tenure, I really hope this doesn't come back to haunt me.

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



Decision 7-2/5.5

Player finds ball and hits it to player who lost it

Question: As A was playing the 13th hole, X, who was playing the adjoining 14th, was searching for his ball on the 13th fairway. X could not find his ball and walked off down the 14th. A then found X's ball plugged in the 13th fairway and called to him. X requested that the ball be returned to him. As X was out of throwing range, A hit the ball to him with a short iron.

In doing so, should A be considered to have played a practice stroke in contravention of Rule 7-2?

Answer on the final page



Charlotte Bass
Ladies' Captain

A Happy New Year to everyone.

2014 has arrived with a lot of rain – it's the jet stream causing it apparently. I hope that this means there will not be so much rain for the rest of the year. Surely there can't be much left up there?

Our first Winter Triple matches took place on 5th December and were played at Lee-on-the-Solent in a very strong wind. The format is St Andrew's greensomes, with the best 3 of 4 pairs' Stableford scores to count, and the aggregate score over the three events determining the winner. Alresford came third in this first event, so we have work to do to retain the trophy. The second match is at Corhampton in January and the third at Alresford in February.

On December 10th we enjoyed our Christmas Texas Scramble and lunch. We were very fortunate in having a lovely day, calm and dry without frost, so all went ahead according to plan. 76 ladies played 9 holes Texas. The winners from the front nine were Lyn Travers, Clare Monkhouse, Celia Batten and Jean Coveyduck, and from the back nine were Di Peisley, Vikki Cousins, Liz Scoble-Hodgins and Heather Burke. Another nine ladies joined us making 85 for a fabulous Christmas lunch.

I was also pleased to present some other prizes. The eclectic was won by Lyn Cowser for the second year running with a net 59, the Turkey Trot by Cathy Hilton with 37 points, the par tree by Jean Coveyduck with 27 pars, and the birdie tree by Lyn Cowser with 11 birdies.

The Boxing Day match between the Club Captain's team and the Professional's team was, as usual, well attended. The morning started off rather foggy so that on the second, players had to shout as they left the green to let the players on the tee know that it was safe to tee off! The mist soon lifted and it was a good day to be out. The Social Committee who had organised the lovely Christmas decorations kindly provided some drinks together with sausage rolls and mince pies which went down very well! There was a great atmosphere in the clubhouse with standing room only.

The New Year's Day roll-up was not well supported. I can't think why. In fact no-one arrived, except for a few people collecting their cars which had been left on New Year's Eve. It was an opportunity for a coffee and a chat while we looked out at the horizontal rain.

This is the time to put things in the diary, especially those events which need guests. The Ladies' Invitation is on July 22nd – I hope you will phone a friend and be there. The Mixed Invitation is on August 31st and is another great event as you'll know if you've played in it before, and if you haven't why not give it a try this year?

On 4th and 7th January we held Stableford competitions. We also have a number of fun Tuesday roll-ups. These are good opportunities to meet new members and to play with different people. Lots of us will also be playing our 9 hole league and Winter foursomes matches. I look forward to seeing you out playing (when the rain stops) and wish you all a good golfing year in 2014.

Ladies' section competition results



Ladies Turkey Trot 3rd and 7th December:

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|------------------------|--------|
| 1: Cathy Hilton | 37pts. |
| 2: Sue Morton | 36pts |
| 3: Gunnel Berry | 35pts |

Jane Hendry

Ladies' Handicap Secretary





Andrew Frearson
Vets' Captain

The Texas Scramble and Christmas Lunch, our last, and probably most prestigious, event of the year, took place in cold conditions on 11th December. I was not able to play on the day and turned up at the club at about 10.30 expecting to find the frost had delayed things but I was delighted to see that everyone had heeded warnings and had come along prepared to carry and that the whole starting procedure had gone without a hitch. My thanks to Bev Sewell and John Cronshaw for doing a terrific job in signing people in and getting them out on the course.

We were pleased to welcome our new Club Captain Les Thorne who was due to play as a guest but was overcome by the thought of having to play with the oldies, so dropped a large piece of wood on his foot and spent the day surrounded by well-wishers. We were also pleased to have Steve Privett, Malcolm and Jane Scott, David Maskery and Melissa Panter as guests.

Steve acquitted himself well and assisted Pete Dowse, Ron Beal and Ron Markwick to the winning post on the back nine with a net score of 25.8. The front nine was claimed by Robb Cragg, Charles Kydd, Geoff Jenkins and Dave Tink with a net score of 26.7. Congratulations to all eight of you. This will be Dave Tink's last appearance as a member as he will not be renewing for 2014. We wish him luck and record that he will be leaving space for others on the leader boards of many of our formal and informal competitions.

The golf was followed by an excellent lunch and I would like to reiterate my thanks to everyone who helped make a great success of this event.

The roll-ups start again on 15th January and whilst thanks are due to those who have already signed up for bagman duty, there is still space for more.

The match fixture list is on the board so, before deciding on exotic holidays, please ensure they do not clash with fixtures you want to play in!

Match results:

The Wessex Senior Winter League continues to cause us problems with the opposition fielding stronger teams than we are able to muster.

Scores to date are:

Versus Corhampton home, drawn 2–2
Versus South Winchester away, lost 3–1
Versus Royal Winchester away, lost 3–1
Versus Hockley home, lost 3–1

I wish our teams greater success in the remaining four matches and thank them in advance for turning out in conditions at this time of year that are not often conducive to good golf.

I wish everyone at the club a very Happy New Year.

match committee report

Our first committee meeting is in the next few days and we will be setting a date for the annual review of handicaps which we are required to do each year before the 1st March. If you genuinely feel your handicap should be reviewed please drop a note into the competition box to that effect.

The first club qualifying competition is not until a Stableford on Saturday 8th March. However, the entry sheets for the summer K.O. competitions are due to go up shortly; please do not enter your name if you will not have a realistic opportunity to play by the play-by-dates.

The winners of the Turkey Trots who were not present at the Christmas Draw night but who were able to collect their vouchers from the Pro-shop were:

£33 - Les Thorne, Mick Travers, Kevin Lane, Chris White, Paul Over; £31 - John Goodacre, Alex Cooper; £22 - Laurie Clark; £20 - Matt Smith, Mel Exton, Tony Parker, Kit Neilson; £16 - Alan Bruce, Roger Gadsby, John Allen.

Peter Spreadbury
Match Secretary

With the arrival of a new year, the Planning Committee (a sub-committee of P&D) begins the detailed planning of the events and activities for 2015. It will be quite a task in an already crowded diary to avoid conflict with existing events at Alresford and even more so when other clubs' diaries have also to be considered.

It is planned that "special" events specifically associated with the 125th anniversary will take place throughout 2015 in conjunction with "normal" events such as monthly medals. However, even "normal" events could be given a 125th Anniversary feel where possible.

It is, however, proposed that one week in 2015, Wednesday to Wednesday, could be set aside for highlight events of the anniversary. The possibility of making use of a marquee is being considered for such a week and proposals will be sought from the Social Committee and by the members of the 4 club sections (men, ladies, vets & juniors).

The next meeting of the 125th Planning Committee will take place on Wednesday, 12th February when proposals for the special events will be considered. Any club section, or club member, is invited to submit proposals to the 125th Chairman before 12th February. The precise format of an event need not be specified at this time; the aim is to obtain, at this early stage, a balanced spread of events which can be accommodated in the diary.

John McIlree

social scene



Thank you to all members that supported the social events during 2013. We hope that this will continue and grow in 2014.

Our thanks must go to those who purchased Christmas Prize Draw Tickets. The profits from this enable us to support the club and this will become more significant for the 125th Anniversary Celebrations in 2015. Gill Male and Gill Freemantle did an amazing job in organising the Club Draw. Les ensured a smooth running of the actual draw. But what about Alresford's Assistant Golf Professional Philip Bryden . . . who knew he could play a clarinet so effortlessly and in tune? Thank you so much for your time Philip, it was a delight to see you perform and I hope you are able to display your talents at other events.



The final event of 2013 was the New Year's Eve function. This was as always, well attended and once again fantastic value for money. The food was absolutely first class. The starter buffet could have sufficed for the entire meal in itself.

My personal thanks goes to Merryl and Dean for their superb service and quality of food. It is always nice to see a busy dance floor and this event was no exception. There was an eclectic mixture of music and I hope something for everyone's taste. We have already booked the DJ again for this year.

Up and coming events include the sold out Burns Dinner and Race Night on Saturday 1st March. More details of this exciting evening to follow shortly. Please see notice boards for further information on all social events.



James Stewart
Chair, Social Committee



The Atlantic storms continue to hamper the winter programme and the greens staff are stretched merely coping with fallen branches, clearing leaves and attending to muddy walkways. The sheer volume of rain (5" in the first week of January!) has given some drainage issues across the course and members are asked to be careful with their footing and to minimise wear as much as possible, as the water table is likely to remain high for some time. Excess water in the bunkers is also an unfortunate consequence of the weather as they are not able to drain as fast as they are being filled. Try and avoid them!

Staying on the theme of bunkers, the Greens Committee will be conducting an in-depth review of all the sand traps and will be walking the course with this in mind on 10th January. Bunkers are high on the agenda of members at virtually all golf clubs and since I took the chair, I have had a number of discussions with officials and members of courses, not only in this country and abroad. Rather intriguingly, the most virtriotic response I got on this subject, was from a member from the PGA National in West Palm Beach where they hold the Honda Classic (sorry to name drop!) and many of his comments totally mirrored those which I have heard here. To put it in perspective though, his green fees were \$25,000 a year and it highlights the fact that it is not just a question of throwing money at it. For us, it is always going to be a compromise between playability and resources – both physical and financial. If there were an easy answer, it would have been adopted years ago. There will be further thoughts/conclusions on this in the next bulletin.

Prior to Christmas, the fairway bunker re-modelling on the 5th was completed, the bank on the left of the 18th was levelled and both have been turfed pending being brought into play in the spring. Between the weather fronts, the greens were treated with fertiliser, fungicide and lightly top dressed to keep them playing well through the winter. Several members have remarked how much faster the greens are playing than normal for this time of year.

Assuming we eventually get some respite from the rain, work will start on the right-hand bunker on the 16th and, as previously reported, the winter programme of tree and bush removal/pruning will continue as the weather dictates. In addition, we will be tinning all the greens through the winter months to aid aeration, water movement and help root growth, ready for whatever the spring weather brings. Remember also, that on the days where the greens staff are unable to venture outdoors, there is a programme of on-going of machinery maintenance, much of which is carried out in-house rather than being sub-contracted, thus keeping the costs down and all of our subscriptions lower!

As always, send any comments/suggestions to greens@alresfordgolf.co.uk and a reminder that the next open forum will be at 12.30 on the 10th January, in the clubhouse bar, if you wish to discuss any specific issue in person. It would be helpful if queries could be emailed beforehand to the greens committee.

Harry Dhand
Chairman of Greens

Burns Supper 2014

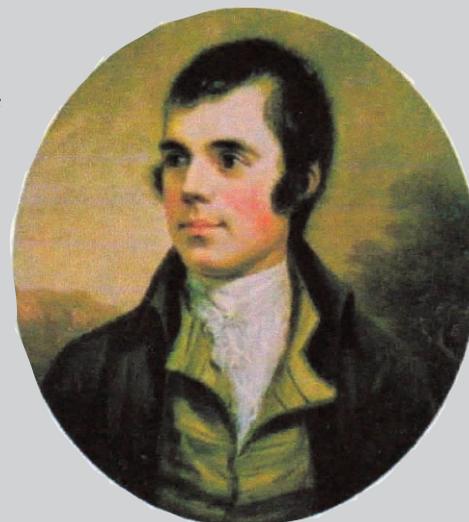
Saturday 25th January 7.00pm for 7.30pm

As testament to the international appeal of Scotland's Bard, this year's event is already sold out. There are obviously many reasons for this ... the uniquely Scottish experience of good company with whisky, haggis, neeps (mashed swede) and tatties, and a light hearted appreciation of Scotland's Bard, and of course, the skirl of the bagpipes.

This year the principal speakers will be Martin Sleight who will propose the Toast to the Lassies to which Ladies Captain, Charlotte Bass will give the Reply, and leading off the speeches will be George Clelland who will propose the Immortal Memory and also, before the main course of the meal, he'll give the Address to the Haggis.

The cost of the evening will be £26 per person and includes the meal and a glass of your favourite tippie for the toasts after the meal. Please make sure you make your payment to the Office before the event.

Contact **John McIlree** or **George Clelland**
for further information.



Dress: Black Tie



New Members

Welcome to the following new members who have all joined the club starting in December and January so far: Amedee Mieville (5 day), Michael Oliver, Mervin Fullbrook, Derek Lintott and Norman Parker (7 day), Jennifer Berger and Gillian Mylne (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.

Pace of Play

Once again it is becoming apparent that some members are not aware of the rules/etiquette regarding "pace of play" and "calling through".

This is the single most written about "moan" in golf and affects us all at some time every season. With less hours of daylight over the winter it is essential that we all play quickly and don't spoil the day for others.

How players can minimise round times:

- Be aware of your position with regard to the group in front and keep up with that group.
- If you feel that your group is losing ground, tell the other players in your group.
- If your group is behind, try to catch up.
- If you lose a clear hole or are delaying the group behind, or if there is no group in front of you and you are delaying the group behind, invite the group behind to play through. This is relevant whatever the number of players in the group (1,2, 3 or 4 and men, ladies or mixed groups !)There should be no discrimination and is based entirely on the speed of play of the group. If the group behind is playing quicker than you LET THEM THROUGH.
- Be ready to play your shot. While exercising due consideration for other players in your group, put your glove on, check your yardage, pick your club and line up your putt while others are playing.
- At the green, speed up your exit by positioning your bags on the way to the next tee.
- Move off the green as soon as all players in your group have holed out and mark score cards at or on the way to the next tee.
- Play a provisional ball if your ball may be lost outside a hazard or out of bounds.

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 2014. Over the course of the season bring either 6 guests for £108 or 10 guests for £180. These will be available ONLY from the Secretary in advance (not the pro shop). Please be aware that all "visits" must be used by 31st December 2014. No refund or extension will be given on unused "visits". Normal restrictions apply.

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 are changes.

JANUARY

Wednesday 15th - 10.30am
Wednesday 22nd - 10.30am
Wednesday 29th - 10.30am

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 5th - 10.30am
Wednesday 12th - 10.30am
Wednesday 19th - 10.30am

Sunday Lunch Carvery

12 January 2014

9 February 2014

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

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 list of dates when the bar will be closed earlier.

Friday 10th, 24th and 31st January, Friday 14th, 21st and 28th February.

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

David Maskery
Club Secretary



Outgoing Vets Captain's report presented at AGM 2013



My year started quite quietly, a little golf with the Roll-up, some meetings with the other new Captains, Jane Scott and George Clelland. We arranged to have a combined organisation to raise monies for one charity only. The Air Ambulance will receive a sum that is much higher than expected. The Vets dug deep in their pockets all year to pay and play for a worthy cause. My thanks to all those that took part.

Just when you think things are quiet, along comes the Wessex Winter League. And gosh! This is tough combat. Four pairs, home and away, fighting hard for a win every time. John Adams has done an excellent job of running the competition for the last two years. He has been assisted by a number of Match Managers and Captains for the Day, including Peter Spreadbury, George Hand, Jack Moody. Thanks to all of you. The result for the Winter League was a 3rd position, a very creditable performance.

Mid March brought us to the first battle of the year, Captain's Team versus the Vice Captains Team. A two tee start for a good field saw a close contest throughout the morning. The Captain's team prevailed by ending two up over the Vice Captain. This was a sign of good things to come.

The month of March also heralds the start of our Summer Season of matches. Commonly known as "friendly" matches, I think the Vets who take part show the true and decent values of the game we all love. We always tried our hardest to produce a win, particularly against some very tough opposition, but not all matches went to plan. It is impossible for the Captain to lead out in every fixture, and I have been assisted by a number of Vets who have stepped into the breach when needed, and sometimes at very short notice. Bill Pescod, Keith Turner, Roger Corkhill and others have acted as Day Captains in this role. I thank you all so much. Our results for the summer season were:- WINS 12, DRAWS 4, LOSSES 24.

The winner of the Captains Tankard, for gaining most points in home and away matches was Dave Cooper. Well done. The Vets & Ladies "Breeze-Up" in April was very well attended. Good numbers turned out for a tight fought 4BBB pairs competition. The win was thoroughly deserved by Phil Huddart and his partner Lyn Jones.

May brought an intense number of inter-club matches, and it was hard going. My highlight of the month was the Club Captain's French Trip. Being a part of the winning team, and taking some very fine wine off of George Clelland was very satisfying. Thankyou George.

May also saw the Knock-out competitions in full swing. These were superbly run by David Pain. It's not an easy job to constantly review and update the boards. And chasing bodies to get their matches played can be a real headache. The outcome of the Knock-out events were as follows:- Winner of the Over 70's Competition was Dave Cripps, The Fred White Foursomes gave us the winning pair of Bill Pescod & John Claughton. The Knock-out Champion of the year was Terry Lane, the runner-up being Dave Tink.

We are into June now with the Captain's Charity Day, and Seniors Open being supported by a good number of Vets. The best event of the month was of course the new Strokeplay Championship. Two rounds of medal play produced fine winners in Tony Stanton, the Gross Champion, and Les Widdicombe the Nett Champion. Congratulations to you both. These new trophies are to be presented at the Trophy Presentation Evening this Friday. This is a first, and shows the growing influence the Vets have within the club. June also saw the retirements of Mary Panter, our long suffering office secretary, and the retirement of Sheena and Robbie our Caterers. All were presented with inscribed salvers, decanters and glasses. They have all served the Vets section with distinction, and our praise of them is just.

The Vets Past Captains day took place in July. Roger Corkhill took the honours on the day. He was kind enough to donate his trophy, a bottle of Bell's Scotch, to the Vets Invitation Raffle. Nicely done Roger.

August was a very busy month with three major events taking place. Firstly, the Vets Invitation was superbly supported, and gave us deserving winners in Ian & David Foden. The requests that I made for raffle donations were answered wonderfully. The tickets bought for the raffle gave us a tidy sum to help run the section. My congratulations to the winners, and thanks go to all that supported the day.

Next came the Captain's Flag Day. This event seems to be a hit with everyone. Great numbers took part, with the overall winner being Mel Elford. He managed to complete the course, holing out on the 18th with six shots to spare. Well done. The Bagman Trophy, also in August, is another new event. This gave a worthy winner in Wynne Tufnel, coming in on 39 points.

The Over 80's Stableford Championship, run by Joe Kitchen, produced a winner in Colin Alderman. Congratulations. Your Captain and Vice Captain, along with Patricia Frearson, represented Alresford GC at the Alton Pheonix Challenge in September. No visiting group won any of the prizes on the day. A bit of a stitch-up I think. You stayed well clear of that one George.

Alresford Vets put out three teams for the Rehab Charity Day at Test Valley. All performed well, with the overall winner coming from Alresford. This is a wonderful event and I hope more of you take part next year.

The Secretary's Trophy, held over two days in October was a real let down. Firstly, the Pro-shop put out the wrong early starter sheet the night before round one. Early starters played from the wrong tee, and were disqualified. These people had their money refunded, rightly so. Day one gave us a leader in Andrew Frearson with 43 points.

Outstanding. Day two, a medal round gave a real surprise. Andrew could not maintain his lead, and was out of the running. The winner of the event was Bill Pescod.

Our annual battle with the Ladies took place in October also. It was the Vets Captain's choice of format this year. I chose a 4bbb matchplay, with the Vets off the Red Tees, and the Ladies off Whites. What a panic that caused among the girls, moaning and blubbing all over the place. The start hole tees were in the correct positions, but somehow the rest of the round had the reds in the normal yellow positions, and the whites had moved to the normal red positions. The outcome of the event was a tactical retreat by the Vets in favour of the Ladies by two matches. They were lucky!!

My season rounded off with the Vets – Ladies - Juniors three ball Bowmaker at the end of the month. Not enough Ladies entered this event, so a few Vets had role changes. The winning team coming in two scores to count were:- Dennis Jones, Roger Corkhill and Junior Finn. They had a winning total of 87 points.

A brilliant dinner for Vets – Wives & Partners was held on the 24th of the month. The Catering was of a stunning class. The new kitchen team have settled in well, and I thank them also for providing outstanding food to the Vets Section.

I finish my report by offering sincere thanks to Steve Privett and his greenstaff for ensuring the course being in first

class condition throughout the year. One of those never ending jobs.

David and Melissa in the office, and John's team behind the bar, also have my thanks for the support given throughout the year. My Committee of the year deserve wholehearted thanks from me, for all that they have done. Dennis Jones, the Treasurer, keeps a tight hold on our finances. Norman Sheen, our Secretary, the record keeper and note taker of facts. Our Match Secretary John Dillon, who has a strange job of working a year in advance, making sure all the dates in the Club Diary are correct before printing. David Pain, Competitions Organiser. And Roger Corkhill, the Past Captain who has guided me through the maze of Captaincy, making sure I kept on the straight and narrow.

Andrew Frearson, my Vice Captain, now your new Captain. The support he has given me has been of the highest order. When things have got tough inside the club, and outside in my personal life, Andrew has been there to offer all the time and help needed. I look on Andrew as one of my true friends. The Vets Section are going to have a great Captain, you are lucky people.

Now I pass on to Andrew two very precious things. Firstly, a vibrant Vets Section full of great guys, happy, jovial salts of the earth, who have made my year a pleasure. I am truly honoured to have served you all to the best of my ability, and I will always treasure this time together.

The second baton I pass on to Andrew is a genuine Vets Captain Parking spot. Enjoy it Andrew, it could herald the beginning of parity with the other Captains of this club.

Good bye and good luck to everybody here today. I hope to be able to return for the Christmas Lunch. I wont miss that for anything. Play well, and try to keep it on the short grass.

Pete Dowse Vets Captain 2013



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

£100 - Rob Black	£50 - Barbara Woolnough
£32 - Mary Rook	£32 - Patricia Frearson
£32 - David Sault	£32 - John McIlree

Since the deadline for this month's bulletin was a bit later than usual I can also announce the winners of the January draw:

£100 - Wendy Pidduck	£50 - Hugh Smorfitt
£32 - Carole Young	£32 - Peter Baird
£32 - Richard Bass	£32 - Dennis Jones

Congratulations to the winners. The next draw will take place in the week beginning 3rd February ... look for the list of winners on the Secretary's notice board. I know many of you like to mark up your diary with significant dates at the beginning of the year, so the important one this year is **Friday 8th August** which is when we'll have the 100 Club Stableford and Evening Meal. Put it in your diary now as this is the one not to be missed!

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.

rule answer



Answer: No. Since A was acting out of courtesy, there is no penalty



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