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As I begin to prepare this Bulletin, the weather has a real hint of Spring to it - so let's all hope the worst of the winter is now behind us and we can look towards the start of the golfing season with optimism.

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

SPRING TEXAS SCRAMBLE

Sunday 23rd March

**18-HOLE FUN COMPETITION WITH DRAWN TEAMS
SHOTGUN STARTS AT 8.30am & 1.30pm**

Entry Fee: **£10** per team (£2.50pp) payable on the day

Closing Date: Monday 17th March

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7 DAY MEMBERS**



from the Club Captain



Alresford lost a Mail on Sunday tie versus Corhampton on February 9th. The team of Grant Thorne, Mervin Fullbrook, Robin Irving, Josh Evans and Karl Evans put on a good show and only lost 3-2. They commented on how true, firm and pacy the greens were for this time of year. Grant won his match along with Mervin in his first match for Alresford also won. So that's us out of that competition of another year.

The annual men's match versus the County team took place on a sunny Sunday. Twenty of our better golfers play against 10 of the Hampshire county team with 10 of our higher handicappers in a scratch better ball competition. A better result than normal meant that we only lost 7½ to 2½, we historically get smashed in this. We do need to boost the confidence of the Hampshire men's team before their year of country wide fixtures. I walked around the course and watched some great golf from all the players, even though the greens were a little bumpy.

I attended the Hampshire PGA dinner at Hayling Island Golf Club with at least 20 other AGC members. The speaker was former premiership referee Rob Stiles. I have never listened to a ref. for so long, normally I just ignored them. Unluckily I was not able to play the golf but I understand that the course was playing particularly tough in a strong wind.

The annual triangular match between the three AGC county representative teams on the 23rd February. The result was: 1st The county 7's team; 2nd The Gales Hockley team; 3rd The Stoneham Cup team. Thanks to Peter Spreadbury and Keith Monkhouse for sorting out the cards and doing the scoring. I was starter for the day and we had copious amounts of sandwiches and chips afterwards. The trophy was awarded to stand-in captain Alex Cooper (who had a hole in one on the 13th the day before) as Grant was ill, also another player pulled out at the last minute, so I was frantically ringing round at 8.30am on a Sunday morning looking for replacements so thanks to Derek Myers and Lewis Wooding who came in at the last minute and happened to win both their matches. A highlight for me was witnessing our ladies captain Charlotte having her first hole in one on the 10th, the beer was thankfully received, you could say we had an "ace weekend"!



Les Thorne
Club Captain

The draw for the Gales over 50's club knockout was held at Hockley on Thursday 27th and we got a bye in the first round and a home draw in the next so hopefully we will do well this year.

It was race night at the club on the 1st March, the numbers were great with over 60 punters all losing money. A great event organised by the Social Committee who hired a very professional outfit with proper printed betting slips and modern horse racing films. I did win the owners race at the end so had a nice pay out which made the cold walk home all the sweeter. We raised over £250 split between the captains' charity and Alresford Golf Club 125 years anniversary fund.

Sunday 2nd March saw the annual visit of the Hampshire junior team to Alresford. They did go easy on us this year with only 3 of the 16 players having a scratch handicap even though the highest was 6. On a very wet and cold afternoon we got well and truly trounced by them losing ½ to 7 ½, I didn't play but was there offering my support from behind the patio doors.

I have had a good response to my highlighting of slow play at Alresford and I look forward to some constructive comments after the medal in May. A great help to me would be if some of you could time some rounds for me in the next few weeks, whether they are 2 balls, 3 balls and 4 balls, competitions, friendlies. All data will be greatly received and you can e-mail me on les@noturningback.co.uk

The sheet for the men's matches is still up in the changing room so feel free to put your names down for some of them, Terry will be starting to post the line ups on the notice board and I look forward to seeing some new faces at these events.

The last thing is that the my number in the club diary is for my workshop, if you need to get hold of me urgently about something feel free to call me on my home number 01962 734082 (not too late though please) see you all soon I hope.





Charlotte Bass
Ladies' Captain

At last it seems as though the very wet conditions are fading, and we begin to see some signs of spring. Let's hope we're heading into a more gentle spell of weather.

The club triangular match was held on 23rd February, between the Stoneham team organised by Mandy Overton, Gales Hockley and County 7s. It was a great occasion played on a dry but very windy day. The Stoneham team put up a good fight. The County 7s won the day. Mary Rook was the Stoneham team star winning both of her matches. I had the excitement of a hole-in-one on the 10th witnessed by Les Thorne and Ken Mills who were watching the matches through the turn.

On 24th February we held the final leg of the Winter Triple at home. We battled hard but could not overhaul the eventual winners, Corhampton, who also won on the day. Each club won one round. We came third overall and reluctantly had to hand over the trophy we've held for the past two years. Well done to Corhampton who turned in a good score on every leg. We were again fortunate with the weather, only the last few matches getting wet for the last few holes.

Coming up in March:

- Lifeboat charity medal on Saturday 1st and Tuesday 4th.
- Lady Captain's team vs Stoneham team Thursday 6th.
- Stableford Saturday 8th and Tuesday 11th.
- Qualifiers Liz Thorne and Lesley Martin in the first round of Daily Mail foursomes knock out at South Winchester Sunday 9th.
- Friendly match against Hockley away Friday 14th.
- Ladies Coffee Morning Tuesday 18th.
- Friendly match against Bramshaw at home Monday 24th.
- Ping 4BBB Tuesday 25th and Saturday 29th.
- Diana Hampton and Fiona Corkhill in the first round of the Knight Cup against Liphook at home Monday 31st.

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



Decision 18-2a/21

Player accidentally moves own ball in playing wrong ball

Question: In stroke play, a player plays a wrong ball from a bunker. In making the stroke, his club accidentally moves another ball nearby, which was not visible before he played and, in fact, turns out to be his ball. The player incurs a two-stroke penalty under Rule 15-3b (Wrong Ball) for playing a wrong ball. Does he also incur a penalty under Rule 18-2a (Ball at rest moved by player) for accidentally moving his ball in play?

Answer on later page





Andrew Frearson
Vets' Captain

Don't miss the following:

The sign-up sheets for the knock-outs and the Fred White Foursomes are available in the pro shop and the draws will take place at the end of March – less than three weeks now.

The sign-up sheet for the Vets Captain v. Vice-Captain match (to be played on 12th March) will be closed by the time this Bulletin is available but if anyone missed the opportunity and would like to play, please give me a call and I will sort something out wherever possible.

Those who have signed up, please pay your £10 to Dennis or the Office. The team sheets will have a menu option with one of the options being the default choice, so please make your choice by mid-day on Monday 10th March when I will be giving numbers to the caterers.

Also on 10th March is the first qualifier for the year in the form of the Over 60's Stableford – a good start to making sure your handicap remains “active”.

Selection for the first “friendly” matches, against Corhampton and Petersfield, will be made on 11th and 13th March respectively and the team lists will be posted shortly thereafter. It is my intention to make them available on the club website also.

Slow Play

Over the next few months I will be reminding our already knowledgeable members of ways to speed up play without having to run around the course or feeling pressurised in any way.

Last month's tip – positioning of trolleys around the green.

This month: If possible get to your ball and be thinking about your next shot whilst other players are taking theirs. This will help you, when it is your turn, to make swift club selection and play your shot.

Match results

Congratulations once again to our Wessex Senior Winter League teams who, on 5th February, away beat Corhampton 2.5 to 1.5 and on 20th February at home, triumphed over Royal Winchester also by 2½ matches to 1½.

The final results were:

Hockley	18 points
South Winchester	16 points
Alresford	15 points
Royal Winchester	9 points
Corhampton	8 points

A very creditable performance. Well done to all participants.

House committee

The House Committee regret the current predicament with the shower area in the men's changing rooms. This was necessitated by the need to investigate the source of an accumulation of water under the flooring, which it was thought had come from holes in the heating piping system. Fortunately tests undertaken suggest that this was probably not the cause, so we are now waiting for the clubhouse insurers to confirm that we can have the flooring relayed and more securely sealed, to prevent a recurrence of the problem. As this may take a little time to complete, old adhesive has been removed from the floor and some mats placed by the shower tray, to enable the showers to be used in the meantime.

The fitting of the new walk-in fridge in the kitchen has resulted in an old fridge and a freezer to become surplus to requirements. They apparently still work after a fashion, so if a member would like them for a beer fridge or perhaps for a student going into digs, please let David Maskery know and, arrange to take them away.

We also have three wooden tables that used to be used in the meeting room that are no longer needed. One is currently in the secretary's office, whilst the other two are in the men's changing rooms, stowed upside down on top of the hanging sections. Once again, if you would like one (or more), please let David know and arrange to collect them.

Finally, we are still one member short on the House Committee, so if you would like to have a say in the way the clubhouse and its environs are managed, please contact myself either by phone or by e-mail.

John Dillon Chair: House Committee (john.dillon1048@gmail.com) 01420 543660

match committee report



The first qualifier of the year is on Saturday: a men's Stableford and the following week on Monday 10th there is an over 60's Stableford.

The Annual Review on 14th February looked at a number of handicaps, those which were considered meriting an adjustment were duly adjusted and the relevant members contacted. The new handicap list is now on the board. You will notice that the "i" does not feature against those who had inactive handicaps. Handicaps are no longer "inactive", they are merely handicaps indicating that those members have a handicap and what it is. There is a (c) after those handicaps of members who have a "competition handicap"

At the beginning of the week we did the draws for the summer knock-outs: i.e. the Rotherham, Cooper, Ross and Wessex and the draw sheets are on the notice boards (rather temporary sheets until I have managed to ask Ken to produce his smart ones). The draw for the Company Cup will be done next week.

Our Captain is keen to try and reduce slow play. As he correctly says those who are guilty of this do not realise that they are the culprits. So we would like everyone to try and take measures to ensure it is not them! Several things come to mind:

On the tee, unless playing match play, the one who is ready to play could tee off first even if they do not have the honour, in fact, it may be sensible if the shorter hitters played first so that the longer hitters did not have to wait so long for the group in front to get out of range. In stroke play competitions there is no penalty for playing out of turn unless it is done to gain advantage.

Also having finished a hole cards could be marked at a convenient time, perhaps on the next tee but you do not have to all stand around marking them together, they can be marked while another is taking their shot.

I have always been impressed when going to watch the Seniors Masters how quickly they walk to get to their ball, even if they take a little while over it. I don't think most of us are good enough to spend much time deciding on the club and shot after they have approached their ball, we can do this while walking up to it.

With the start of the season let's hope the weather improves so that we can all have some good golfing.

Peter Spreadbury
Match Secretary

"Thought for the Month"



SLOW PLAY? Its not me, it's everyone else!

Slow golfers do not believe they are slow. They just tuck their head under their shell and continue to display poor pace of play etiquette on the golf course . Slow play is just bad manners.



ON THE TEE

- Be ready to hit when it is your turn
- Have tees and ball in your pocket ready to go
- Limit practice swings to one or none
- Play "ready golf" i.e. if it's not a competition, take the honour on the tee if you are ready to play!
- Mark your card on the tee whilst other players are hitting
- Watch your opponents balls until they stop rolling to minimise lengthy searches
- Play a provisional ball whenever your ball may be lost (It saves on considerable time to play a second shot that is not needed than to walk back five minutes later)

news from the greens



The first shoots of spring have arrived and with them, golfers are emerging from hibernation and the volumes of rounds played are increasing. However, conditions underfoot remain wet and the Green's staff request that obvious pinch points be avoided or circumvented to prevent routes becoming mud trails. An example is the walkthrough area from the 1st to the 2nd, which crosses with the route from the 8th to the 9th; this has become quite worn where people have ploughed the same furrow and hence some care here would be really helpful.

The winter programme is now giving way to summer maintenance and over the coming weeks, expect to see some tining on the tees and fertilisation/brushing/cutting of the greens. The 17th green will be hollow tined in the next couple of weeks as it has been holding water, so there will be some disruption from this in the short term. We will be hiring in machines to grind out tree stumps and to remove the root balls of the downed trees.

Observant members will have noticed new tee markers incorporating the club logo and the other tee furniture has also been re-furbished and cleaned. The practice bay extension has been virtually completed and ready for the artificial turf to be laid.

We have also now finalised our policy on personal single-seater buggies. In future, these will be classified in the same way as the two-man golf carts available for rent from the pro shop. Hence, if there is a buggy ban on the course, these will not be permitted, as it is felt that the wear on the course caused by them is significantly greater than a trolley. Obviously, if there is a trolley ban, neither these, carts or trollies will be permitted.

Finally, as a result of all the fallen trees over the winter, there is a large surplus of quality wood by the storage sheds, which would be ideal for open fires and stoves. Any members wishing to avail themselves of this free resource should contact Head Greenkeeper, Steve Privett. In common with tradition, a small donation for the staff Christmas fund would not go unappreciated!

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 25th April, in the clubhouse bar, if you wish to discuss any specific issue in person. It would be helpful if queries could be emailed beforehand.

Harry Dhand
Chairman of Greens

Google+



Alresford Golf Club now has a "Google+" page

- what's that? you may ask...

Google+ (pronounced and sometimes written as Google Plus) is a social networking and identity service. Google has described Google+ as a "social layer" that enhances many of its online properties, and that it is not simply a social networking website, but also an authorship tool that associates web-content directly with its owner/author. It is the second-largest social networking site in the world after Facebook. 540 million monthly active users are part of the Identity service side, by interacting socially with Google+'s enhanced properties, like Gmail, +1 button, and YouTube comments.

We have a page as a verified "Local Business" – so people searching on Google (try searching Google for "Alresford Golf" yourself) can see a link to our Google+ page. On that they will see details such as where we are, what are our opening times, an overview of the Club and a link to our main web site etc.

This is at a fairly rudimentary stage, but we can build on what's there. The videos showing the course and clubhouse on the web site's "About" page have been transferred to be part of this Google+ page - they were previously stored under a different YouTube channel and could have caused confusion. There's also a few photos, from the web site, to get us started.

The more this page is used, particularly if reviewed, followed or given a "+1", then the better our Google search rankings will become.

So, if anyone already has a Google+ account – please take a look and review, follow or +1 if you can. A Google+ badge has been added at the bottom of the right sidebar on the club web site.

(Note – if you have the "Adblock" addon/extension enabled, the badge won't show. Disable it for this site please).



Thanks - **Ron Beal** (who actually loathes social networking but did this anyway)



New Members

Welcome to the following new members who have all joined the club starting in February and March so far: Martin Henderson, Mary Andrews (7 day), Christine Grevatte-Ball and Derek Lintott (5 day). 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 MEET 'n' GREET

Friday 28th March - 7.00-8.30pm

An opportunity for all new and current members to meet the Captain's and Committee Chairman.

- Find out what's planned for this year
- Find new playing partners
- Learn about the forthcoming social events
- Ask any questions you may have about the club and its operation

ALL WELCOME - Please let the Office know if you intend to come along.

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.

MARCH

Wednesday 5th - 10.30am
 Wednesday 12th - 9.45am (due to Vets comp)
 Wednesday 19th - 10.30am
 Wednesday 26th - 10.30am

APRIL

Wednesday 2nd - 11.00am
 Wednesday 9th - 11.00am
 Wednesday 16th - 10.45am (due to Society)

Catering

Members can now enjoy a 10% discount on food purchased with their member's card. The discount applies to anything from the daily menu, specials board or Sunday lunches. It does not apply to match meals, function and events food.

Sunday Lunch Carvery

Mothering Sunday (30th March)

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 7th, 14th and 21st March.

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

Team Golf

Team Golf starts on 24th April this year. Details and Team entry forms were posted on the Social notice board on Monday 3rd March. Anyone interested in finding out about Team Golf is advised to read the notice and/or to contact Roger Corkhill on 01962 883701, in person or at roger.corkhill@btinternet

David Maskery
 Club Secretary





Although there was an initial slow uptake on the race night evening, we finally had 66 guests. I have personally never been to a race night, but I was pleasantly surprised by how smooth it went. This was mainly due to the skills of Gill Male and Gill Freemantle. By the end of the night they were able to process bets with their eyes shut. Although not a massive amount of funds were raised, the profits will be split between the captains charity and the 125th anniversary fund. Thank you to all of you who supported the event and I hope you enjoyed the evening as much as I did.

The next social event is the annual Alresford Golf Club Quiz on Saturday 15th. We are delighted that Kit Neilson will once again be our quiz master. Food is available on a pre-order basis and tickets are available from the Secretary. Max teams of 4 persons. Entry is £3 p.p. and collected on the night.

Roger Corkhill is kindly organising Team Golf this year on behalf of the Social Committee. Roger did a fantastic job last year and I hope that members will continue to support this popular social competition. Team Golf will begin on 24th April through to Finals Night on 10th July.

Details and an entry form were posted on the Social Events Board on Monday 3rd March. Entries close on 9th April and the entry fees of £7 per adult (£35 in total) is requested before the competition starts.

James Stewart
Chair, Social Committee



Alresford Golf Club in 2015



The latest meeting of the 125th Committee took place in February and I am able to report on a number of developments in the planning process. One of the first tasks was to create a logo for the club which would mark the anniversary during 2015 and beyond. A scroll will be added to the club badge to display the 125 years, flanked by the dates 1890 – 2015. This logo will be used on the Club flag, on the course flags and on stationery and merchandise. It will be ready in good time to be used on our 125th Anniversary materials and distributed to our suppliers for use at the start of 2015. We plan to fly the flag throughout 2015, starting with a flag raising ceremony on New Year's Day, 2015.

I did mention in my last eBulletin update that a "Celebration" week could be a possibility and the committee has decided to go down that route. This does not mean that everything has to be fitted into this one week but a variety of events would create a focus point for the celebrations. This is where we will make use of a marquee to create more capacity for some of the events. It will be erected on Tuesday 9 June 2015 and operate for 7 days. We already have a number of ideas for five of these days and this includes a Summer Ball.

Outwith these dates, there will be various events within the sections, most of which were put forward to the 125th Committee in February; an original idea for a fun 125th competition is also being developed. The idea of a celebration medal will rest with the 2015 Captain and we are working on the possibility of staging a golfing dinner. I appreciate that I may be dangling carrots but I would like, with the committee members, to make sure we are securely in place with the arrangements before making any detailed announcements.

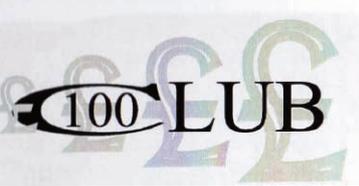
We normally are fortunate to attract a Hampshire County event most years but for 2015, we have managed to secure the hosting of two county events. We have also decided to run one event which will be targeted at other clubs who share the same anniversary as ourselves. 1890 was a busy year for new clubs in the British Isles with more than 50 still in existence today. The format will be explained in good time but I would like to make it clear that Alresford members will be involved in equal numbers.

There is still much for the 125th committee to complete and we will be sure to keep you informed as the months go on. If you think there is anything you would like us to address or if you have any proposals to put forward, please don't hesitate to bring it to the attention of a 125th committee member.

The 125th Committee: John McIlree (Chair), Terry Glynn, Carol Roe, Gill Freemantle, Keith Halls and Keith Monkhouse.

John McIlree





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

£100 - Carol Middleton	£50 - Ken Coburn
£32 - John McIlree	£32 - John Goodacre
£32 - Dennis Jones	£32 - Gareth Rees

Congratulations to all the winners especially Carol Middleton who has won the top prize for the second month in a row, though a different number this time round. The next draw will take place in the week beginning 31st March ... look for the list of winners on the Secretary's notice board.

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.

Member's Photograph

The picture was sent to me by Ray Grainger on Wednesday 12th February

John Harmes, Roger Gadsby and I had lunch today at Alresford through the storm blowing dogs off chains. Around 3pm the clouds abated briefly to reveal this scene of the 18th



rule answer

Answer: No. As the player's ball was not visible before he made a stroke at the wrong ball, it was not reasonably foreseeable that his ball could be moved by that stroke; therefore, he is not penalised for moving his ball. He must replace his ball in play, and if necessary, the lie must be re-created. If the ball is not replaced correctly before he makes his next stroke, the player incurs a penalty of two strokes. As the failure



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