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With the continuing wonderful summer, I hope you are all enjoying probably the best golfing conditions for several years. Everyone at my present course say the fairways and greens have never been better than they have been for the last month or so and I'm trying to make the most of it personally.

Unfortunately, Peter Spreadbury has been so busy with the Men's Invitation Day he has been unable to produce a report and results for this issue and they will be included in next month's bulletin.

If you have an anecdote you would like to share, an item of interest, photograph or a suggestion for inclusion in the eBulletin please submit by email at [mpgmagwin21@sky.com](mailto:mpgmagwin21@sky.com).

**Mike Gould  
Editor**

#### A Golfing Poem

*If only I could play that hole again  
I know that I could shoot a better score  
That drive I hit was rather short and right  
A second chance would let me make a four.*

*Instead my second shot is from the trees  
It travelled only fifty yards at best  
And left me feeling sick and ill at ease*

*I'm sure if asked my teacher would agree  
With all the skill I have but have not shown  
I should be lining up a putt for three.*

*Instead I have a tricky wood to play  
A side-hill up-hill lie around a bend  
A perfect shot would show that I'm okay.*

*My swing is perfect but the ball went wide  
It disappeared from sight and was not found  
Nothing I can do will turn the tide.*

*Instead of two I'm on the green in six  
My second putt lips out my score is nine  
Bad luck it is that put me in this fix.*

*I'd really like to play that hole again  
To show off all my talent and my skill  
My partners think my attitude is great  
But check my chance to make a par as nil.*





**Les Thorne**  
*Club Captain*

Representing the club around the county is one of the jobs that I take on as Captain, and we have had a few events lately in which we had a team participating. The first was the Waterlooville Cup where a team of low Alresford handicappers were joined by my Vice-Captain, Terry Glynn, and myself. We did ourselves proud by not coming last and in fact we managed to come second in the Captain and Vice event. The food was fantastic, and never complain about too many trees at Alresford until you have played down there, at one point I thought that they were jumping out in front of my shots; I have also been to Brokenhurst and Hayling. What is always satisfying when you go to these clubs is the fantastic comments that I hear about Alresford, we should be very proud of our club.

I had an invite to play in the Hampshire Past-Captains' event this year at Alresford. The Captain of the past-Captains (yes I know it sounds strange) is none other than our very own Ken Mills. A violent thunderstorm did bring everything to an end prematurely but I understand that the fixture is to be re-arranged. Ken is also our Captain of the Gales Hockley squad, this is our over 50's team who play in a knock-out competition against other Hampshire clubs. They had a great campaign in reaching the 4th round after beating Lee-on-the-Solent and Liphook before losing narrowly 5-4 away at Rowland's Castle. Ken was unable to play this year but he was ably assisted by David Pain in the organisation of the team, so a huge vote of thanks go out to them and the team.

The Promethean Trophy at Royal Winchester is an annual event for the Captains and Vices. This is a better ball competition, and this year we came 4th. We seem to have been just off the pace a few times this year, we even came 3rd at Hockley only to find out there were only two prizes. Then it was up early the next day to go and play an Invitation at Pyecombe with Liz. This golf course is on the South Downs Way, near Brighton, and if you have not played it before it is very hilly and on a huge acreage. A friend of mine once asked a member what the course was called that he could see on the horizon, only to be told that it was part of the one he was playing.

We did end up as winners, we won some shop credit, I wanted to spend it all on Mars bars but Liz wouldn't let me, a course I thoroughly recommend to all of you.

The Pro Clubhouse Knock-out is, as far as we know, a unique event. Superbly organised by Malcolm - a large group of players assemble in the clubhouse on a Friday night clutching their nine hole cards. The format is match play and you get drawn against other players, your card is pitted against someone else's to see who wins. At one point the eventual winner, Grant Thorne, had to give Annie Beale around 30 shots, great banter and a brilliant evening.

We hosted the Hampshire Under 14's at the club towards the end of July. I had the job of starter and trophy presenter for the day. These are the juniors that are coming down in handicap, the shots down the first were fantastic as were the scores with over 40 points not uncommon. They changed into their jackets and ties to have sausages, burgers, chips and then ice cream, these are the stars of the future, and even Justin Rose played Alresford years ago so you never know.

The Husbands and Wives (aka The Divorce Cup) was played on a very hot Sunday afternoon. A brilliant day put together by Debbie and Simon Wills, who got the job after winning last year. The choice of liver on the menu was a big hit, surprisingly nearly a third of the field ate it, so with Steve and Jane Glass winning this year we can look forward to Pease pudding served with boiled ham. The biggest cheer of the day normally comes from the pair that comes second, I made sure that we didn't win by being rubbish, Liz and I scored very badly but didn't lose a ball which is always a result.

One of my regular playing partners at the club recently retired from his career, that I think I am right in saying he did as man and boy. This will hopefully mean he will get to play a little more golf as he goes from being a hack to hacking it around the course. I hope you have many happy times and lots of lie-ins Kit.

This is where I sign off, you know where I am if you need me.





**Charlotte Bass**  
*Ladies' Captain*

One of the highlights of my year has to be Lady Captain's Day on 15th July, with 81 ladies playing a Bowmaker and individual Stableford. My four "pop up sisters" Sandi, Sue, Candy and Celia, Richard and eight non-playing ladies made up 94 sitting down for lunch. It was a very warm day, and Angela Peel's gelato provided a cool interlude at the half way house, along with many home made savoury and sweet contributions from lady members, very much appreciated. To add a bit of excitement we had six greens with the dreaded black flags (double points), as seen at the Captains' charity day, although on different greens. I enjoyed the day very much, and was overwhelmed by all the kind words, good wishes, cards and gifts. Les kept Richard company for a while in the morning, and they were starters and official photographers for me! The winning team were Elaine Capp, Sandra Hooker and Debbie Wills – under their name of the Hookers and Slicers, and the Captain's prize for the best individual score was won by Cynthia Mariner.



The Mixed Open took place on July 5th on a fine day with a full field of 98 pairs, six more than last year. Everything went very well, with many working hard to make it all a success – including the Ladies' Committee, Les, Terry, Elaine Capp and Paul Wager as starters, and lady members and social members who ran the halfway house and raffles morning and afternoon. We also had two standby teams who kindly gave up their time in case anyone didn't turn up on the day – Liz Thorne and Richard Bass, and Mike and Sandra Hooker. In the event everyone arrived. Malcolm provided a splendid prize table. A visiting gentleman achieved a hole-in-one on the 13th and the Pro Shop generously gave a tankard I presented to him. He has subsequently generously sent us £100 for the Captains' Charity. We've had several messages of appreciation since.

The Ladies' Invitation took place on 22nd July on another wonderful sunny day. A total of 34 ladies plus their guests took part in the 4BBB, and then we all enjoyed a buffet lunch. My guest, Celia Frank, and I were delighted to win the event on count-back from Annie Beal and Jo Pavey.

The Royal Winchester Promethium was held on July 16th, and Les and I played well together. Our score was combined with Terry and Carol's, and Alresford finished fourth overall, a great result and a fun day.

Carol and I played in Hockley Ladies' Centenary celebration on 17th July. A Hockley member played

with each pair from clubs all over Hampshire, and we all agreed there had probably never been so many Lady Captains and Vice-Captains in one place at the same time! It was a great format and very enjoyable. After the game we enjoyed a buffet meal, and a chance to chat with our opposite numbers from many clubs.

On 31st July I was invited to join the Alresford Past-Captains in their annual competition and lunch. I had a very enjoyable game with Jane and Fiona.

### **Friendly matches**

We played against Stoneham at home on 7th July and won the match 2½-1½. On 28th July we played Corhampton at home - they won 3-1.

### **Stoneham Cup**

We found ourselves in the fantastic position of knowing we were through to the quarter-finals with two matches still to go. Still very determined to win, we beat Bramshott Hill away on 21st July 4-3. We were, however, defeated by Royal Winchester 5-2 when we played there on 30th July. We await the opponents, venue and date for our quarter-final.

### **North Hants Trophy**

We were defeated away at Burley, with the last putt on the 18th. Well done to the team for getting this far in the competition, and thanks to Jane Scott for organising it this year.

## Coming up in the next month:

- Friendly match v Foxhills (A) Thursday 7th
- 100 Club comp and dinner Friday 8th
- Medal and medal winners Saturday 9th and Tuesday 12th
- Friendly match v Waterlooville (H) Friday 15th
- Wilkinson Trophy medal Saturday 16th
- Senior Ladies Challenge Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st
- Ladies Championship Tuesday 19th
- Summer Salver Tuesday 26th
- Friendly match v Petersfield Thursday 28th
- Alresford Show Trophy Saturday 30th
- Mixed Invitation Sunday 31st
- Munro Spencer Bowl Tuesday 2nd and Saturday 6th September
- Friendly match v Southampton (A) Monday 8th September

## Ladies' section competition results

### *Cecily Leishman Platter (Bogey format)*

<b>Winner:</b>	Sue Pearce	2 under ocb
<b>2nd:</b>	Wendy Pidduck	2 under
<b>3rd:</b>	Jenny Dillon	1 over

### *Chetwode Trophy*

<b>Winner:</b>	Linda Glynn	42pts
<b>2nd:</b>	Lyn Travers	41pts
<b>3rd:</b>	Mary Rook	40pts (ocb)

**Jane Hendry**  
*Ladies' Handicap Secretary*

## Ladies' Past Captains' Golf and Dinner

On Thursday 31 July, the annual Ladies Past Captains golf competition took place which was followed by a very enjoyable meal. Sixteen ladies played in the competition with a further four joining in with the meal – Joan Ogilvie and Jan Robinson joined us for a quick drink prior to the meal. It was a pleasure to invite Charlotte Bass, current Ladies Captain to join in too.

The standard of golf was good with the ladies achieving 11 birdies between them! (I wonder how many birdies the men achieved when they played their recent Past Captains competition?!)

The overall winner of the Trophy for the 2nd year running was Mary Rook who scored 38 points.

**Jane Scott** *Immediate Past Captain*



*Sally Willis, Esme Goodacre, Pat Palmer, Pat Bell, Clare Monkhouse, Jennifer Good, Rosie Hallas, Carol Middleton, Carole Young, Mary Rook, Tony Maxwell, Elizabeth Hesse, Lynne Cowser, Jane Scott, Jan Robinson, Fiona Corkhill, Charlotte Bass, Carol Clark and sitting down – Dorothy Coombs, Joan Stephens, Babs Neilson and Joan Ogilvie*





**Andrew Frearson**  
*Vets' Captain*

Our Vets' Invitation is nearly upon us and the draw took place on Monday 4th August. Please note that payment of £50 per pair is due by 7th August and you are urged to meet this deadline to assist our Treasurer. We have 33 pairs to date and we are looking forward to a good day. Let us ensure our guests receive the normal warm Alresford welcome.

We had a smaller than usual turnout for the Vets' Past Captains' Day due to other events on the same day. It was an enjoyable day though and the honours went to Duncan Webb.

We were pleased to have Jim Ottway with us for lunch, especially so as he sadly passed away the following weekend. Jim had been a member for 20 years and had been Vets' Captain. Whilst he was no longer playing golf, he attended the club from time to time and his presence will be missed by many.

A few of the oldies took part in the Husbands and Wives competition for which there was an excellent turnout – excellently managed by Simon and Debbie Wills – last year's winners. Ron and Annie Beal were the best of the Vets pairings and the winners were

Jane and Steve Glass. Congratulations to them and best wishes for the arrangements for next year's fixture.

### **Friendly match results:**

We continue to potter along and results to date are: matches won 9, halved 4 and lost 13.

Between now and the end of August we have five club matches, our Vets' Invitation and the Vets' Captain's Flag Day which runs with the roll-up on 20th August – this is a fun event which proved a great success in the past.

### **Next events:**

- Basingstoke away (1st)
- Vets Invitation (14th)
- Farnham home (18th)
- Vets' Captain's Flag Day (20th)
- Sandford Springs away (22nd)
- Tylney Park away (26th)
- Weybrook Park away (28th)

Greens maintenance in the week beginning 4th August – everyone grin and bear it!

**a look at rules** supplied by **Celia Batten** email: [celia@celiabatten.vispa.com](mailto:celia@celiabatten.vispa.com)



### **Decision 8-2a/1**

#### **Club placed on ground to align feet**

**Question:** A player places a club on the ground parallel to the line of play to assist him in aligning his feet properly. Is this permissible?

*Answer on later page*

*If you drink, don't drive. Don't even putt. - Dean Martin*



## Free Junior Membership for 12 years old and under



### Announcing a new junior membership category

From August 1st 2015, juniors aged 12 and under with a direct family member (parent/guardian or grandparent) who is either a 5- or 7-day member may join Alresford GC at no additional charge.

Junior membership in this category will offer the following benefits:

- Free golf on the 18-hole course after 5pm Monday to Friday and after 4pm on Sundays during the summer period - MUST PLAY WITH AN ADULT MEMBER
- Use of 6-hole academy course at anytime
- Junior Handicap
- Reduced coaching rates at foundation and development level
- EGU funded coaching for AGC junior members
- 25% off private tuition
- Free club hire if needed
- Opportunity to meet other junior golfers and participate in summer roll up junior events

The new membership category enhances AGC's commitment to the promotion of junior golf and, it is hoped, will encourage families with younger children to spend more time at the club.

## social scene



A total of 38 members took part in the Social Golf on the 13th and were again blessed with sunny weather. We decided not to arrange food for this event and everybody seemed happy with this decision. Our next event is the Bank Holiday Mixed, another fun event, where again we have decided not to arrange food. Please sign up at the Mixed notice board. Future events to look out for include the Murder Mystery Evening, which promises to be a welcome addition to our calendar. The format is centred around a small group of actors setting the scene with three 20-minute performances in the intervals between food courses, so you don't have to get into fancy dress, although I'm sure this will disappoint some of the men as they cannot get their best frocks out! Another date for your diary is the club dinner, which is scheduled for November 8th. Happy Golfing.

**Chris Chapman**

*Chair, Social Committee*

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### Team Golf County Finals 2014

Congratulations to Robin Bashford's team representing Alresford narrowly beating South Winchester by two points in the Final at Alresford on the evening of Wednesday the 23rd.

On a glorious sunny evening a tightly fought match with the best four scores to count from the team of six, produced two good scores of 17 points, one from Robin leading from the front, and another from Fiona Corkhill. Two ladies from South Winchester replied with 17 each, however in support they only had two 14's to our two 15's.

Alresford therefore rested the magnificent cup back from South Winchester.

"The Worthies" Team representing Alresford: Robin Bashford, Fiona Corkill, James Riches, Harvey Riches, Steve McWilliam and Norman Parker.



## from the Secretary



### New Members

Welcome to the following new members who have all joined the club starting during July and August so far: Glen Phur (7-day), Jack Skinner and Ben Unsworth (Intermediate), Ian Wilcox (Social) and Bilal Zaidi (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.

### 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.

#### AUGUST

Wednesday 6th – 11.00am  
 Wednesday 13th – 11.00am (Mid-week Stableford)  
 Wednesday 20th – 11.00am  
 Wednesday 27th – 11.00am

#### SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 3rd – 11.00am  
 Wednesday 10th – 11.00am

### Forthcoming events for your diary

**BANK HOLIDAY MIXED ~ Monday 25th August.**  
 Make a note in your diary for the last Bank Holiday golf of the season!

**MIXED INVITATION ~ Sunday 31st August.** Sign-up on Main noticeboard in foyer. £39 per couple, tee times from 12.30pm, 2-course meal to follow.

**CAPTAIN'S DAY ~ Sunday 14th September.** All 5- and 7-day members are welcome to join in AM and PM tee times. Full details to be announced shortly.

**SOCIAL GOLF "roll up" ~ Friday 19th September.**  
 Fun competition from 4pm. Food available afterwards must be pre-booked.

**FACEBOOK** – check out our new Facebook page



<https://www.facebook.com/alresfordgolfclub>

Make sure you "like" our Facebook page and you will link to it and get the regular pictures and updates on what's happening!

**David Maskery**  
 Club Secretary

## rule answer



**Answer:** Yes, provided the player removes the club before playing his stroke. Otherwise, a breach of Rule 8-2a would occur.





### ***Beautiful dry summer weather – great for golfers – less so for greens staff!***

It is not always appreciated, but water is not free. Once we have used up our licensed bore hole allocation of 4000 cubic meters, any additional water we use has to come from the mains supply, which has to be paid for. This can have a dramatic effect on the finances of the club. In a normal year, we would expect a mains water bill of around £3000 to £4,500; in a dry year, our water bill could exceed £6000.

#### **Key points to note this month are as follows:**

- We have now received our report from the STRI (Sports Turf Research Institute) that gives a detailed analysis on the technical aspects of the health of the course. This report was produced as a result of a visit by an experienced agronomist who used specialist equipment to assess the condition of the course and samples were taken for subsequent laboratory analysis. A number of recommendations made will be acted upon, but broadly we received a very positive endorsement of our course husbandry. If anyone would like to see a copy of this report, it will be posted shortly on the member's section of the web site.
- You will note from the club diary that the first week of August is Greens Maintenance week, where the greens will be treated prior to the autumn growing season. Depending on weather, it is hoped to complete the bulk of the work during the first couple of days and hence the greens should be reasonable towards the end of that week. The greens will be dressed with 40 tons of sand, solid tinned to a depth of 125mm at a spacing of 35mm and seeded with bent grass. The sand and seed will then be brushed into the holes before finally, the greens will be double rolled with the greens iron. Obviously, sand filled holes and sand on the surface of the putting greens, will be visible for some time and this will initially slow the pace of putting until the grass pushes through the layer of sand. The solid tine holes will be visible for a few weeks.
- The bunkers have all been deep raked this week to remove some compaction which has built up over the summer and extra sand added where necessary.
- We have had a number of requests from members requesting some guidance/training on repair of pitch marks and raking of bunkers. There are lots of instruction videos available on the web, but two which I quite like are as follows:
  - o Pitch Marks: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SB2b4VWjNII>
  - o Bunkers: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZgVyzlVsZp0>

The bunker link ends with the instruction to leave the rake out of the bunker – as you know, our policy at Alresford is to leave the rake in the bunker. If you would like any clarification, of course feel free to ask any of the greens staff; they will be more than happy to show you in person.

#### **• I also have a number of course management and etiquette issues which I have been asked to bring to your attention:**

- o Firstly, please stick to the paths where possible. An example of this is the area to the right of the third green where members tend to park their trollies as opposed to the path. Although this is not an issue when it is dry, it does cause damage when it is wet and hence please get into the habit of using the gravel.
- o The route from the 8th green to the 9th tee is around the back of the 17th green. Although the shortest distance is to walk across the front of the 17th green, over time this will create a worn area. This is not fair on the many folk who run the ball along the fairway and on to this green.
- o Do not take trollies or buggies into the rough. Doing so not only harms the ecology, but flattens the grass, making it even more difficult to locate lost balls.
- o Additionally, for obvious reasons, do not take trollies or buggies between greenside bunkers and the greens.
- o Finally, on the driving range, please do not enter any area beyond the limit of the cut tee area either to retrieve balls or for any other reason. This is partly for safety reasons, but also individuals who pick balls up, deprive the club of income and the ability to recoup the considerable investment made on the facility in the first place.

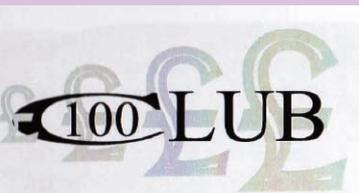
The next greens forum will be at 1.00 pm on Tuesday 16th December in the clubhouse bar. If you wish to discuss any specific issue in person, or even just turn up to hear what others are asking. This takes the form of an informal discussion and Steve Privett, myself and other members of the greens committee will do our best to answer any queries.

## Did You Know

Again, on the subject of water, the greens and tees are obviously the priority and in total there are over 250 sprinklers dotted around the course. These all have to be regularly serviced, the pipework maintained, and the grass around them hand-trimmed. They are operated using sophisticated software which is remotely computer controlled from the clubhouse. There, the greens staff set the timing and amount of irrigation for each individual sprinkler depending on the needs of the course.

Obviously watering takes place at night, but this is not the full story. No matter how comprehensive the system, there will always be some areas which receive less water than required, so the greens staff will electronically check each green with a moisture meter and selectively top up those areas which may need extra. Happy golfing!

**Harry Dhand**  
Chairman of Greens  
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The winners of the 100 Club prize draw for August were:

<b>£100</b> - Henk Ribbink	<b>£50</b> - Nick Male
<b>£32</b> - Barry Norgate	<b>£32</b> - Robin Good
<b>£32</b> - Pat Wallis	<b>£32</b> - Tony Bussy

Congratulations to all the winners. The next draw will take place in the week beginning 1st September.

## 100 Club Stableford and Evening Meal – Friday 8th August

*A last minute reminder of our Stableford competition and evening meal which is on Friday 8th August ... please contact me as soon as possible if you'd like to come for the meal.*

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 £14.50, 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. Payments in advance to the office would be appreciated.

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](mailto: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](mailto:george.clelland@btinternet.com) or call in to the Secretary's office.



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