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Spring appears to be just round the corner and the golfing season is getting into full swing and with the Masters to watch this coming weekend I'm sure you will all feel like getting out on the course.

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

## Come and Join In with the Girls' Competition!



Three of our junior members Jenny Myers, Millie Jonathan and Harriet Riches are putting on a competition which will take place on Saturday 18th April as they wish to raise money for victims of Ebola (via British Red Cross).

Club Captain, Terry, and Ladies Captain, Carol, are more than happy for this to take place and are supporting the cause.

The competition is a 12-hole, 3-ball Texas Scramble over the Academy Course.

Entry fee is £2 each (£6 a team).

Start times are available 9-9.30am; 10-10.30am and 11-11.30am.

The girls are also running a raffle around the clubhouse over the Saturday lunchtime.

The winning team will receive a "home-made Victoria sponge" made by each one of the girls.

We do hope that you can participate or at least support the raffle.



### Trolley Clamping!

Trolleys and bags should never been seen, Upon our precious putting greens!

## from the Club Captain

The Mail on Sunday team did us proud this month. The first weekend in March saw them take on a tough draw at Hockley GC, who are notoriously difficult to beat on their own course. Despite five very tight matches, Alresford secured a 3-2 victory on the last green. Well played to all of the team: Grant Thorne, Ben Unsworth, Matt Blake, Kevin Peel and Paul Wager.



The 3rd round was played three weeks later against Corhampton and this time it was a home draw. A comprehensive 5-0 victory, saw the club through to the 4th round. Well played again, this time to: Paul Wager, Ash Wilmott, Grant Thorne, Matt Blake and Kevin Peel.

The Gales Hockley over 50s team played their 1st round match this month. It was a home draw against New Forest GC and Ken Mills' team of Paul Wager, Richard West, Mick Grant, Bill Ragan, Graham Marshallsay, Ray Grainger, Brian Overton, Neil Flowers and Dave Fox ran out 6½-2½ winners. Another excellent result.

On Friday 13th (a good day for it!) the first of the County Finals to be held at AGC this year took place.

This was the HLCGA – Winter Scratch Knockout. Kerry Smith, from Waterlooville, and Georgie Mundy, from Corhampton, battled it out to the 17th when Georgie just missed a 25 foot putt for birdie which Kerry, from 6 inches inside her, immediately holed. A fabulous putt to win the trophy.



Our first Men's match was away at Alton where they haven't lost at home for 16 years, or so I thought until Keith, their Captain, informed me that they lost one match three years ago! Six pairs competed on one of the better days, weather wise, during the month but Alton maintained their home record and won the match 4½-1½ in revenge for last year's defeat at AGC by a similar score. The Alton players were extremely welcoming and a good day was had by all.

The Famous Grouse greensomes was an early start, too early for me, and that was reflected in my game. Ash Wilmott and Sean Yeates took the trophies with an excellent score of 66, which won on count-back from Matt Blake and Peter Sly. Thanks to Torquil Jack for organising the event.



**Terry Glynn**  
Club Captain

It was a good turnout for the Spring Texas Scramble despite gale force winds, driving rain and the clocks moving forward before an 8.30am shotgun start. Only one player heard the starting rocket go off while loading his clubs into the car and then realised he had forgotten the clocks changed. Inexcusable really as it was for the afternoon round! I suitably fined him at the prize giving afterwards. Thanks to Mary Rook for doing the cards in the morning and Peter Spreadbury for doing them in the afternoon.

On the social front, Kit Neilson delivered his, now famous, questions at the Club Quiz for the 36th year in succession and to a packed clubhouse. I was delighted because there were two science questions this year out of the 117 questions, one more than last year, so I doubled my personal score on the night. Thanks to Fiona and Roger Corkhill for doing all the scoring and thanks to Kit for an extremely successful evening.

There was also a good turnout for the Meet 'n' Greet evening. This is an opportunity for members who have joined since this time last year to meet the committee and other members of the club in a social environment. More than half of the recently joined members attended and, judging by the conversations I had and overheard, most had plenty to discuss and met some new potential playing partners. Our sponsors for 2015 were also invited to this and one or two attended. It gave me a chance to thank them in person for their support this year which has enabled us to run all the 125th Anniversary events and make it a memorable year.

The club has entered a new competition being run by the *Daily Telegraph* in conjunction with Old Mutual Wealth. The winner of the Millennium Medal on May 10th will be entered onto a regional leader board where the top 24 will compete in a regional final at the London Golf Club International course. The top eight across the country will then receive an expenses-paid trip to the grand final at the stunning Old Head Golf Links in County Cork. Good luck everyone.

The "friendly" matches (despite being fiercely contested) start in earnest in April with men's matches against Royal Winchester, Rowlands Castle, Hockley and Corhampton and a mixed match against Tylney Park. There are still opportunities available to play in these so please sign up on the sheet in the men's vestibule or on the mixed notice board in the entrance hall.

I look forward to seeing you all at the club as the weather improves; really, it is going to improve eventually.

## ladies' section

On 12th March, Sally Willis and Rosie Hallis represented Alresford in the first regional round of the Daily Mail Foursomes at Meon Valley. The ladies met tough opposition from Meon Valley and lost the match. Commiserations to you both and thank you for your efforts on behalf of the club.

The opening match of the friendly season started with a home meeting between Alresford and Hockley on 13th March. Despite fears of rain, we had a dry and mild day. Unfortunately, despite our best attempts Alresford lost 3-1. The Hockley ladies commented how much they enjoyed playing on the course, particularly, the lack of wind. However, all players remarked with wry smiles how fast the greens were. They had been ironed in preparation for the Hampshire Ladies County Scratch final. This match went before the friendly match and was won by Kerry Smith.

The winners of the Ladies Winter Foursomes knockout competition were Lyn Travers and Gill Pratt. Mandy Overton and Sue Masser were the runners-up. Congratulations, ladies.

On the 17th March, the Ladies Section ran the first of our two annual coffee mornings. This has always been a very popular event and this year was no exception. It was a very successful day with 78 ladies from different clubs attending.

On March 19th, the Ladies Captain's team played the Stoneham Captain's team. The format was matchplay with eight players on each side. This event was founded in 2014 to give the Stoneham squad a start to their season. The Ladies Captain played against the Stoneham Captain and despite being given 15 strokes lost 2-1. The Ladies Captain team lost 7-1. An excellent event, enjoyed by all and well managed by Mandy Overton.

Our second friendly match of the season was played away at Bramshaw on the Forest course on 23rd March. The Forest is a quirky course which requires a lot of attention to where you place your ball. However, we were fortunate to be playing against ladies who were determined that we enjoyed our game. They gave us plenty of hints and help with the local rules to deal with a small herd of bullocks, damp areas and dry cow poo. The match ended with an honourable half.



**Carol Roe**  
*Ladies' Captain*

This year the club has entered the Old Mutual Wealth Golf Challenge, sponsored by the *The Telegraph*. The competition is open to male and female club members in England, Scotland and Wales. The ladies section will be represented by the winner of the medal round at the Spring Meeting at one of four regional finals being staged at nationally renowned golf clubs. The top two players, male and female, from each region will qualify for an all-expenses-paid trip to Old Head Golf Links, Ireland. They may even have the chance to play with Sam Torrance. So get practicing, ladies, IT COULD BE YOU!

On a very windy day on April 1st (whatever happened to March coming in like a lion and out like a lamb?) we played our third friendly match of the season against Royal Winchester away. Between the wind and a very challenging all-angles course and despite our best efforts Alresford Ladies were beaten 3½ to ½. However, our hosts showed us wonderful hospitality and from the noise in the dining room, it was an event enjoyed by all.

### Looking ahead

7th & 11th April	Age Concern Stableford
14th & 18th April	EG Medal
16th April	Vets and Ladies Breeze Up
22nd April	Stoneham Cup Match against Worldham (home)
24th April	Friendly match against Blackmoor (home)
25th April	Mackenshaw Trophy (open to men and women)
28th April	Spring Meeting.

So, ladies, there are plenty of opportunities for you to participate in competitive golf at home as well as across the county. Play well enjoy your golf. My best wishes to you all for success.

## Ladies' section competition results

### March Stableford

Div 1	Sue Pearce	34pts
Div 2	Viv Pain	36pts
Div 3	Joan Stopp	37pts

### Winter Foursomes

**Winners:** Lyn Travers and Gill Pratt  
**Runners-up:** Mandy Overton and Sue Masser

### Ping 4BBB

**Winners:** Lyn Travers and Claire Gould 41pts  
**Runners-up:** Rox Dhand and Amanda Caldwell 35pts on countback from Lisa Kilmister and Lynne Cowser 35pts.

**Mandy Caldwell**  
*Ladies' Handicap Secretary*



**Stuart Slater**  
*Vets' Captain*



With the Winter League concluded our "summer" season started with the Vets Captain vs Vets Vice-Captain match. The draw for teams was random and led to a very exciting match in which 56 players took part. The result was decided in the last game to finish where the Vice-Captain's pair of David Voy and Geoff Procter beat their opponents on the last putt to clinch a 1-up

victory. A half would have been gentlemanly and resulted in an overall draw!! However, their success meant a win for the Vice-Captains team by 7.5 to 6.5. The individual prizes for nearest the pin were awarded to Len Lochrie and Phil Cartwright and the longest drive to Geoff Jenkins using his brand new driver (money obviously well spent!).

The winter eclectic has now concluded and I am proud to say that both first and second place were taken by current Vets Section members. First place went to Geoff Jenkins (money definitely well spent!!) and second place to Mike Garton. Well done to both of you.

Our summer friendly matches are now well under way. We have played four so far. We halved against Corhampton at home and narrowly lost to Petersfield away 4.5-3.5, Hockley away 3.5-2.5 and Waterlooville at home 4.5-3.5. It is interesting to note that all three losses went down to the last hole and in the match against Petersfield 7 out of 8 games were won, lost or halved on the last putt! I am pleased to say that, so far, 44 different players have been selected for matches. There are 35 matches left to play so please sign up if you wish to play.

Our next tournament is the Vets and Ladies Breeze Up. The draw has now been made and we have 60 participating. Results in next month's bulletin!

Looking further ahead the sign-up sheet for the Vets 125 Competition Day will be posted in the first week of April. This promises to be a really enjoyable days golf as part of our 125 Year Celebration. A reminder - we have invited a pair from each of the teams we play against throughout the year. They will play as a pair in a Stableford Competition over 18 holes off full handicap with both scores to count. In addition, in order to add a fun element to the day, there will be several other competitions running at the same time using your scores.

There will be a two tee start. Each visiting pair will play alongside a pair from Alresford.

Prizes will include: 1) Best visiting pair; 2) Best home pair; 3) Best four- visiting pairs will be teamed up with the home pair playing off the opposite tee and combined scores count!!! You sit together at the meal afterwards - no pressure then!!; 4) In the spirit of the 125 occasion each pairs individual scores on holes 1, 2 and 5 will be added together. Prize awarded to the best visiting pairs' score and to the best home pairs' score; 5) Individual skill prizes - Longest Drive, Nearest the Pin and Nearest the Pin in 2.

The cost will be £20 per head for all players and will include a formal two-course meal, wine at table and coffee. The Vet's funds will cover the prizes. We need at least 40 Alresford players so please sign up so that we can make the final arrangements.

Two months ago I mentioned the possibility of putting Supplementary Cards in and playing off the yellow tees in order to maintain a handicap which reflects your general playing standard. I base this on the assumption that all of us wish to compete in competitions and roll ups on a "level playing field" where our handicaps realistically reflect our ability. There is also the possibility that, if you are playing better than your present handicap, you can submit a card to the handicap committee for their consideration. In this case there is no need to sign in the pro shop first! If the committee receive several cards over a limited period that suggest that your general play is better than your handicap suggests they can make an adjustment. To that end there will be an opportunity in some of the future roll ups for those participating to complete a card and have it submitted to the committee. Be assured that one good card will not cause a reduction in your handicap!

We have been very lucky with the weather for our first four matches. Hopefully the worst of the weather is now over and we can look forward to some warmer days.  
Happy Golfing.





Last weekend, I ventured into the bumpy, moss-ridden, weed patch, which is otherwise known as my garden. Small half-choked filaments of grass occasionally squeeze through the moss mattress and the tangle of weeds, but from experience, I know that these will soon have the life choked out of them and I will be left with a barren desert, which even the rabbits ignore. This despite a king's ransom of fertilisers, moss-killers and herbicides which have made Hilliers very rich people. Our rich verdant rolling landscape at the golf club, however, cannot be in starker contrast.

As always, a lot has happened in March with the last of the scheduled winter tasks, some well needed early growth and of course spring maintenance.

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

- The sheep have now been taken back to their summer home, so sadly, we shall not see them again until late autumn. Yet again, they have nibbled their way through the dead thatch in the rough, exposing bare patches where the wild flowers can flourish without getting swamped by coarse grasses. We have also planted additional yellow rattle seeds – these attractive endemic plants effectively restrict the roots of these coarse grasses, thus impairing their growth further. It will take a few years until these establish themselves. Although it all looks a little scalped just now, I can already see the first shoots bursting through and I will report on some of the particular species of plant (and possibly insects!) to note as we drift through the spring and summer (see below).
- Look out this month for the primrose and cowslip display, which in previous years has been particularly impressive between the 2nd green and 3rd tee. Keep an eye out too for the hedgerows where the hawthorns are already in full blossom. These flowers also herald the first sightings of butterflies such as the brimstone – this is unmistakably large and bright yellow with a distinctive slow flight. These early insects will have hibernated over the winter, so the nectar from the first flowers is most welcome.
- For those of you who have not played in the last few days, the winter rules have now been lifted and balls can no longer be lifted cleaned and replaced except on greens.
- The trees to the south of the car park along the hedge line have been removed as advised by the planners and will facilitate the next stage of the car park refurbishment. A by-product will be that the putting green will now receive much more light and this will improve the surface over the summer.
- Hawtree & Co have now visited and surveyed our course and we expect their report in the next few weeks. This will form the basis for our 10-year course improvement plan. They were very complementary about the course as it stands (particularly the lack of drainage issues!) but equally felt that from an architectural point of view there was a lot we could do. We await their recommendations with eager anticipation. As stated last month, this will be presented to members in due course.
- Finally, on the greens, spring maintenance took place on the 23rd and 24th of March – scheduled slightly earlier than last year to maximize the period during the main playing season where the greens will be at their best. They were cut, dressed with sand (over 40 tons across the greens on the course), hollow tined, fertilized, seeded, brushed and rolled. The greens staff worked hard to achieve this in such a relatively short time, working long hours to minimise disruption to the members. Assuming we get a run of warmer weather now (as forecast), these should recover quickly.

Last week, I overheard someone say “Oh no, he's tined the greens again!” Hopefully, most members will be aware that all the work that needs to be done to maintain a high standard, is done for a reason. No course can be identically perfect 100% on every day of every season. It is compromise between maintenance and playability and you need to break eggs to make omelettes.

If you need convincing, come and have a look at my garden.

Finally, the next greens forum will be from 12 noon on Friday the 10th April 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 with Steve Privett, myself and other members of the greens committee. We are keen to hear any constructive suggestions and will do our best to answer any of your queries.

**Harry Dhand**  
Chairman of Greens  
[greens@alresfordgolf.co.uk](mailto:greens@alresfordgolf.co.uk)



## social scene



*Chris Chapman decided last month that he could not continue as Chair of Social Committee for personal reasons and has tendered his resignation. I am delighted to announce that Gill Freemantle has taken on the role and, I am sure, will do an excellent job. Please support her and the Social Committee.*

*Thanks to Chris for all the work he put in.*

**Terry Glynn**

Well done to all those who participated in the successful quiz evening on March 14th. Thank you again, to Kit Neilson, for hosting another brain teasing event.

Places are filling up fast for the Chinese evening on 25th April. Tickets are £16.50 per person. Please ensure you reserve your place by signing up on Social Notice Board.

The Social Committee are always discussing and planning future events and welcome any suggestions.

**Gill Freemantle**

*Chair, Social Committee*

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## a look at rules supplied by Casie McDonald Wood



### Decision 18-2a/7

#### Ball Moved by Wind Replaced

**Question:** In stroke play, a competitor's ball was moved by wind. Since wind is not an outside agency (see Definition of "Outside Agency"), he should have played it from where it came to rest, but he replaced it. What is the ruling?

*Answer on a later page*

*I found a wood*   
*that can lower my score.*

 *It's called a pencil!*



## match committee report

### Count-back rules

A few issues ago I mentioned how count-back rules were applied in the event of a tie and said that there were a couple of ways of resolving the tie in the case of medal competitions (i.e. not Stablefords). However, it was noted that I did not state which one we apply here at Alresford. So to prevent any confusion the following is used. With the last nine, last six, last three holes scenario used, one half, one third, one sixth, etc., of the handicaps are deducted from the score for those holes.

### Laming Cup

Although I mentioned this last time, may I repeat that the Laming Cup is on Saturday 6th June not on the 13th June. This is because the 125 celebrations will involve both the clubhouse and the 18th hole being closed for part of the 13th.

### Eclectic

My thanks to Richard Bass for looking after the Eclectic Competition. I have included the top results below and the full results are on the notice board.

## Competition results

### Winter Eclectic:

1 Geoff Jenkins	59–18–50
2 Mike Garton	69–27–55.5
3 George Clelland	62–12–56
3 Ian Mackintosh	63–14–56

### 7th March Stableford

Div 1	1 Dave Seager	37pts o.c.b.
	2 Henry Glanfield	37pts o.c.b.
	3 Mick Travers	36pts
Div 2	1 Peter Tandy	40pts
	2 Brian Underwood	36pts
	3 Christian Bottomley	35pts

### 9th March Over 60's Stableford

1 Ian Johnson	38pts o.c.b.
2 David Varrall	38pts o.c.b.
3 Terence Hallas	37pts o.c.b.

### 15th March Famous Grouse

1 Sean Yates & Ash Wilmott	66 o.c.b.
2 Matt Blake & Pete Sly	66 o.c.b.
3 Kevin Peel & Richard West	67

### Club Systems V-1

In the middle of this month we are getting updated software from Club Systems and the Match Committee are getting training on it on the 17th. Hopefully the change from our present software will be fairly seamless and not cause any problems but if there are please be patient while we sort things out. This brings me to the problems we had with the results of the Linnets competition this weekend. On Saturday a number of the competitors handicaps became totally muddled, why we do not know. However, the problem has now been sorted and the results posted.

The *Daily Telegraph* is running a competition where the winner of one of our competitions may have the opportunity to go on to a regional final at Celtic Manor in August and possibly a grand final in September. We have nominated The Millenium Medal for this. Terry tells me he will also be talking about this in his report.

**Peter Spreadbury**  
Match Secretary

### Spring Texas Scramble

a.m.	1 Peter Tandy, Ken Hood, Dave King , Martin Pratt	59.4
	2 Trevor Pearce, Mary Panter, Pete Dowse, Amedee Mieville	62.6
	3 Neil Flowers, Pat McGovern, Lee Cheong, David Robertson	64.7
p.m.	1 Brian Overton, Terry Glynn, Liz Thorne, Carol Young	63.6
	2 Merv Fullbrook, Sandra Hooker, Ken Miller, Marion Bruce	63.9
	3 Paul Wager, Elizabeth Hesse, Chris Chant, Gill Freemantle	64.8

### 3rd April Linnets Rd 1

Best 1st round Gill Freemantle

### 4th April Linnets Rd 2

Best 2nd round Peter Sly

### Linnets Cup Overall

1 John Allen	66+69=135
2 Nigel Pascoe	72+66=138 o.c.b.
3 Kevin Peel	67+71=138 o.c.b.
4 Lyn Travers	68+72=140

## rule answer

**Answer:** The competitor incurred one penalty stroke under Rule 18-2a, and, before playing his next stroke, he should have replaced the ball on the spot where it came to rest after being moved by the wind. If he did not do so, he incurred a total penalty of two strokes – see penalty statement under Rule 18.



# ALRESFORD GOLF CLUB 125 JUNIOR INVITATION



## SUNDAY 14th JUNE 2015

18 HOLE PAIRS COMPETITION (AGGREGATE STABLEFORD)  
FOLLOWED BY

The Paul Barrington Golf Trick Show

**OPEN TO ALRESFORD JUNIORS  
(with handicaps)  
Collect entry form from the Office**

- Part of the 125 year celebration week
- Only £15 per person
- Competition open to boys, girls or mixed pairs under the age of 18 years on 1st January 2015 with active handicaps
- A 2-course lunch will be served after play
- Prize table
- **Free entry** to the Paul Barrington Golf Trick Show
- Limited entries – applications on a first come first served basis
- Closing Date Friday 15th May 2015

Please send the completed entry form and cheque for £15 per person (£30 per pair) to:  
Alresford Golf Club,  
Cheriton Road,  
Tichborne Down,  
Alresford,  
Hants. SO24 0PN



**TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE FOR THE PAUL  
BARRINGTON TRICK SHOW SHORTLY**



## New Members

Welcome to the following new members who have all joined the club starting in March and April so far: Tim Wotton-Beard, Stephen Hopkins, Raymond Owen, Michael McGrath, Alan Green and Peter Botterill (all 7-day), Tony Hutt (Country) and Hilda Carr (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.

## Practice Range

Now that the spring/summer is upon us, we will be changing the range balls to the "summer quality" ball. To help us with this process, there will be a **BALL AMNESTY** on all winter balls that may be lurking in golf bags and car boots. These balls are dark yellow and marked **Dura Range**. Please do not hit these balls on the range should you have them – bring them to the pro-shop and you will be given a token for the approximate equivalent number of balls.

As an example we have had over 275 summer balls returned during the winter (Nov-Mar) which then have to be sorted from the winter ball, washed and stored.

### Q. Why do we bother to change the balls?

A. The winter ball is harder and more durable for the frost and low temperatures experienced over the winter. The summer ball is slightly softer and better for all round practice which most people will do in the summer. It deteriorates quicker in the winter temperatures and so costs us to replace sooner. Using two types of ball also spreads the wear and tear on the balls, gives us an opportunity to thoroughly clean and store the balls ready for next time whilst removing any split or damaged balls thus ensuring that we dispense good quality practice balls all year round and not the worn and old balls you may experience at other ranges.

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!

## Members' Guest Green Fees Special Offer

Due to the continued success of this scheme, we are offering the GUEST GREEN FEE DISCOUNT again in 2015. Over the course of the season bring either 6 guests for £120 or 10 guests for £200. 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 2015. 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.

### APRIL

Wednesday 8th – 11.00am  
 Wednesday 15th – 11.00am  
 Wednesday 22nd – 11.00am  
 Wednesday 29th – 11.00am

### MAY

Wednesday 6th – 11.00am  
 Wednesday 13th – 11.00am  
 Wednesday 20th – 11.00am  
 Wednesday 27th – 11.00am

## Saturday 25th April



See Social Notice board for menu and bookings (limited spaces)

Buffet from 7.30pm

## Are you getting the most out of your membership

### COURTESIES & RECIPROCAL

"COURTESIES" are where a local club offers us a tee time when we have a course closure due to a county or open competition here at Alresford. These are posted on the Main Notice board and are booked on a "first come first served" basis via the Secretary's Office. Members should request these slots directly with the Secretary (at Alresford). Members are reminded that individuals are limited to 3 rounds only. The 2015 schedule will be posted on Monday 13th April.

"RECIPROCAL" are agreements between clubs whereby members can play at another club, usually FOC or with a nominal green fee charge, Monday to Friday (subject to availability).

We have several clubs that we have reciprocal arrangements with namely:

BRAMLEY, nr Guildford, Surrey

LEE-ON-THE-SOLENT, Hants

WATERLOOVILLE, Hants

TIDWORTH GARRISON, Wiltshire

YEOVIL, Somerset

SALISBURY & SOUTH WILTS, Wiltshire

RUSHMORE, Wiltshire

Requests for tee times must be made through the Secretary's Office (Alresford) and can be made a maximum of 2 weeks in advance. We are restricted to 1x4 ball from Alresford per week at each club.

This provides an excellent opportunity for members to play other courses during the year and have a "day out".

### **1 year only opportunity!**

The normal reciprocal list is also extended this year due to the 125th anniversary. Details are available on the website or via the Office of all the 125 clubs you can visit and play this year.

They include: Lamberhurst (Sussex), Conwy (Caernavonshire), North Wiltshire (Wilts), The Glamorganshire (South Wales), Wildernesse (Kent).

## "Opens"

The club receives numerous "open competition" posters and entry forms from clubs in Hampshire, Surrey, Sussex, Berkshire, Dorset and beyond, advertising ladies, men's, mixed and juniors competitions. These are filed in the Ladies Changing Rooms (Ladies & mixed) and under the TV in the bar (Men's, Seniors, Mixed and Juniors). Once again these provide an excellent opportunity for members to play competitive or social golf at other member clubs, which will have been prepared in tip top condition for the day, at a vastly reduced price. Many will include food.

Here is a selection of recently sent "open" invitations:

Calcot Park Golf Club\* – Charity Open (Team), 24th July

Wellow Golf Club - Seniors Spring Rally, 14th May

Rushmore Golf Club – Seniors Open, 26th June

Hockley Golf Club – Seniors Open, 1st September

West Wilts Golf Club – Mixed Open, 20th September

Puttenham Golf Club\* – Seniors Open, 9th July

Burley Golf Club – Mixed Open, 5th July

Bramley Golf Club – Seniors Open, 3rd June

The Drift Golf Club\* – Mixed Open, 19th July

Farnham Golf Club – Ladies Open (Team), 30th June

Worthing Golf Club\* – Mixed Open, 28th June

\*Course highly recommended by the Secretary!

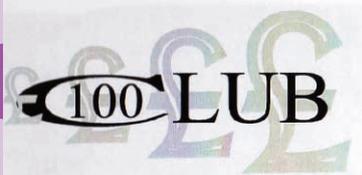
## SLOW PLAY ? Its not me , its everyone else !

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.

### SPEED ON THE GREENS (love 'em then leave 'em)

1. Never mark your scorecard on the green. Not only is this dangerous as a golfer playing a blind approach could hit you but it is also a total waste of time. Do the paperwork on the next tee.
2. By all means take time to line up your putts but do it whilst the other players are putting out. You only need to stand still, out of eyeline during the actual putting stroke. This tip alone can cut tens of minutes off a 4-ball golf round.
3. Park trolleys and buggies efficiently. The best place is usually to the rear of the green on the same side as the next tee. It's not Rocket Science!!! Look for directional signs or where the group in front has gone.
4. As a matter of routine mark your ball on the green with a ball marker. Always carry another to mark a playing partner's ball to save them walking across the green if it will speed things up.
5. We have all seen when your partner hits a bunker shot through the green and it is still their honour. To save time offer to rake your playing partner's bunker debris and repair any pitch mark , this will save time and allow them to get to their ball quicker.

**David Maskery**  
Club Secretary



The winners of the 100 Club prize draw for April were::

<b>£100</b> - Brian Overton	<b>£50</b> - Brian Young
<b>£32</b> - Harold (Chubb) Young	<b>£32</b> - Richard Bass
<b>£32</b> - Gareth Rees	<b>£32</b> - Ken Miller

Congratulations to this month's winners ... it's 6 months since we last had an all male list of winners. The next draw will take place at the beginning of May and in time for publication in the May ebulletin ... look for the list of winners on the Secretary's notice board.

### Not a member of the 100 Club?

The objective of the Alresford Golf Club 100 Club is to raise funds for projects and items requiring capital expenditure that will enhance the Golf Course and/or the Clubhouse. Such projects would generally be considered as 'extras' and not necessarily be within the Club budget. The 100 Club was launched in 1987 to raise funds to augment the Centenary celebrations of the Golf Club in 1990, but at the request of the members, the 100 Club has continued to raise funds for items such as the provision of patio furniture, the pneumatic shoe and trolley cleaner, and the Starter's Hut on the 1st tee.

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.

**George Clelland**

## 2015 Hampshire County Championship Brokenhurst Manor GC Friday 5th to Sunday 7th June

With Easter and the Masters upon us the 2015 golfing season is now officially underway. This year's men's Hampshire Championship is being played at Brokenhurst Manor Golf Club in early June. Brokenhurst Manor is one of only a handful of Clubs celebrating its Centenary this year.

Friday (5th June) is for the low handicappers with the 36 hole County Championship Qualifier. Saturday (6th June) gives higher handicaps a chance to play at Brokenhurst in either an 18 hole individual stableford or a 36 hole foursomes competition.

On Sunday (7th June) there is an 18 hole medal.

If you'd like to play in any of the weekend's events please download an entry form from the Hampshire Golf website.  
[www.hampshiregolf.org.uk](http://www.hampshiregolf.org.uk)



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