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It is with a touch of nostalgia that I put together this, my last eBulletin, having enjoyed producing it over the last few years. It is also my fervent hope that someone in the Club will feel able to continue to edit and put together a bulletin as I feel it is much appreciated by the membership. If you feel you would like to take on this I'm sure Secretary David would be pleased to hear from you.

Mike Gould
Editor

Only a few
more
weeks
to go!!

Shorts/Skorts compulsory



As announced at the AGM, shorts or skorts are compulsory on the course from May to September 2015.

£1 in the Captains' Charity gives an individual exemption for the year.

Happy golfing

**Car Park
is now
re-opened**



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Terry Glynn
Club Captain



The Men's Invitation was full this year, the first time for a few years, and everyone had a very enjoyable day. Matt Blake and his partner, Rob James from The Park GC, took the top prize with excellent scores in both the morning and the afternoon. Thanks to Peter and Elaine Spreadbury for organising and running an excellent event.

Phil Bryden and I competed in the PGA Pro-Captain challenge at Blackmoor. It was not one of my better days of golf. Our score of -1 was not, unfortunately, good enough to get us into the prizes, or indeed the finals in Turkey.

The Stewards Cup, played between the Management team, the Social team, the Staff team and the Captains team had to be postponed due to holidays. This is always a fun event and another date, now looking like October, is being sought to rearrange it.

Ten clubs play annually for the Centenary Trophy, held at Hayling GC and Army GC in alternate years. The Captains of the 10 participating clubs are pictured here. This year the event was at Army GC where our team of 8 put in a strong performance to finish second. Well played to Brian Overton, Grant Thorne, Torquil Jack, George Clelland, Dennis Jones, John Dillon and Tony Stanton.



Forty-eight players arrived for the Mixed Invitation in pouring rain. The only hope was that as the rain had started earlier than forecast it would stop earlier too so that we didn't get too wet. In the event, 20 minutes before the first tee time (mine!) it was still throwing it down and everyone was preparing to don their waterproofs. Abruptly the rain stopped, I tee'd off in the dry and not another drop fell all afternoon. The sun even broke through for the last few holes of the final groups. What a result.

The winners were John Ellerby and Eliza Ellerby, from Mitcham GC, with a score of 44 points, exceptional considering how wet the conditions were. Thanks to George and Jennifer Clelland for organising the day.

We have played two men's matches this month, losing to both Meon Valley at home and Bramshaw away. We have also played three mixed matches, losing away at Hayling and at home to Alton but winning away at Bramley.

The Kindred Trophy finals day was on Sunday, September 6th, at Lee-on-the-Solent GC. AGC were playing in the second semi-final in the morning, against Meon Valley. Whatever the result of the semi-final we played again in the afternoon either for the trophy or in the 3rd/4th place playoff.



The notices are up in the clubhouse for Captain's Day on Sunday, September 13th; many have signed up already. The day is open to all members, both 5 & 7 day, and I hope many of you will play. It has a Mexican theme, Captain Tel's Banditos, to reflect the abuse I receive regularly, and not just at Alresford. Do come and compete for one of the individual prizes or the team prize; or just come to enjoy the day. I look forward to seeing you.





Carol Roe
Ladies' Captain

A brief report this month which has been rather busy. We have had the anticipation of watching the development and progress of the much needed work on the car park. We have also been intrigued by the suggestions in the Hawtree report about how we might develop the course over the next 10 years so that we can ensure that our wonderful course continues to offer excitement and challenge to members in the future.

On the golf front in the Ladies' Section, we have had mixed results. In our friendly matches, we won against Petersfield at home but lost to Waterlooville away. However, currently, our success record for this year is 6 wins, 5 halves and 6 losses. Not to be sniffed at!

Disappointingly, our team was knocked out of the North Hants Trophy. Jane Scott, Becky Scott and Sarah Farthing represented us in the quarter-final away match against Basingstoke. Mandy Overton had a wonderful regional round in the Old Mutual but her score was not enough to get through to the final round. Lesley Martin and Mary Panter played in the County Centenary Foursomes. They finished with a creditable 34 points. The winners had 38 points. We owe gratitude and congratulations in equal measures to all of the ladies who represent the Ladies' Section in competitions.

On the 18th and 20th August, we had the two-day Senior Ladies Challenge. Although the players enjoyed a dry warm day on the Tuesday the second round was rather wet. The winner was Catherine Carberry who not only enjoyed the pleasure of winning but also had her handicap cut by 2 shots. Well done, Catherine.

On 22nd August, I was invited to play in the Mixed Invitation at Basingstoke. The sun shone and we played an unusual format - front nine 4BBB and the back nine greensomes. Like many clubs, Basingstoke is struggling to get numbers to fill the event. They are considering amalgamating a couple of events in the hope to keep it running. In the end, there were six groups of four. We had a lovely lunch and good company but I have to report that my partner and I were not in the prizes.

The following day I played in our own Mixed Invitation. For days beforehand, I anxiously scanned the weather forecasts. It did not look promising and, on the day, I left home prepared for the extremes of weather conditions. We would either have a very wet day - most likely or a dry day - low possibility. What a surprise! We enjoyed glorious sun. The event was organised by George Clelland supported ably by his personal assistant, Jennifer Clelland. Congratulations to you both for an enjoyable and successful event.

Having been successful in avoiding rain in the Mixed Invitation, and optimistically expecting a meteorological miracle my luck did not hold out for the Ladies 125 Invitation. Torrential rain was the order of the day. Everybody managed to tee off, but about 1.5 hours into the match, play was suspended. At this point, I deemed that the competition was abandoned.

However, we had 50 representatives from 25 clubs and 25 Alresford ladies who had come to enjoy a competition. In order to entertain, whilst we waited on lunch, we organised a putting competition, a chipping competition and a golf related quiz. The games seemed to be enjoyed by everyone and the quiz certainly had them concentrating. The results were as follows:-

Quiz: 1st Avington team - Barbara Hadfield, Jane Bellamy and Clare Monkhouse - 131pts
2nd Basingstoke team - Pat Dominey, Joy Butler and Fiona Corkhill - 125pts
3rd Weybrook Park - Dorinda Tanner, Caroline Shipp and Angela Peel - 120pts.

Putting Competition: Winners Bramley team - Sue Knight, Marie Brown and Charlotte Bass

Chipping Competition: Winners Shanklin and Sandown - Anne Corby, Chris O'Brien and Jennifer Clelland

Although we are fast approaching the end of the summer, there are a number of events for us still to enjoy. Coming up is Captain's Day and El Tel is looking forward to seeing many senioritas taking part. There is also the Millennium Medal competition, open to men and women, the format of which is a stableford. Sign-up sheets will be on the notice board for the Autumn Meeting and the annual Vets against Ladies tournament. So, please take the time to read the notices and to add your name to the lists. You will be guaranteed to enjoy an excellent game in good company.

Ladies' section competition results

Three ladies have particularly excelled in the last month and their handicap reductions are noted in the results below. Congratulations to them and all the winners.

Chetwode Trophy

Winner:	Victoria Mackintosh	39pts
2nd:	Karen Fox	37 c/b
3rd:	Amanda Caldwell	37

Victoria's win triggered an exceptional scoring adjustment to her handicap and she is now playing off 18.

Esme Norris

Winner:	Pat Palmer
Runner-up:	Lyn Travers

Medal Winners Trophy

Winner:	Debbie Wills	nett 61
2nd:	Lyn Travers	nett 71
3rd:	Elizabeth Thorne	nett 71

This resulted in Debbie receiving a cut of 4.0 and her new playing handicap is now 24.

August one-day Medal

Div 1:	Lyn Travers	69
Div 2:	Di Peisley	71
Div 3:	Nancy Brooke	71

Senior Ladies Challenge

Winner:	Catherine Carberry	nett 144
Runner-up:	Charlotte Marsh	nett 148

Committee Cup

Winner:	Cynthia Mariner
Runner-up:	Gill Male

Summer Salver

Winner:	Julia Parker	40pts
2nd:	Mo Brooking	30 c/b
3rd:	Rita Robinson	30

Julia's handicap was cut by 4 and she also received a further exceptional scoring reduction. Her playing handicap is now 24, from 30.

Mandy Caldwell

Ladies' Handicap Secretary

match committee report

There seems to be some confusion about No Returns (N/R). The CONGU Unified Handicapping System states that: "In common usage a 'No Return' is applied in a Medal Stroke Play competition in which the player has failed to record a score at one or more holes and consequently does not have a score in a Medal Stroke Play competition." You will notice that it specifically says "Medal Stroke Play" and this does not include Stableford or Par/Bogey competitions. For instance, if playing a Stableford competition a score on the last one or two holes is so high that no points can be scored then usually no score is entered for them. However, this does not count as a "No Return". The CONGU Manual does state that if a player has walked in after playing only a few holes then the club would be justified in refusing to accept the card or record a "No Return". However, the number of holes to which this should apply is not stated. If a player has had to abandon the round due to illness then this should be clearly stated on the score card so we can make a sympathetic judgement on the matter.

The Mixed Invitation was ably run by George Clelland and Brian Overton with assistance from David Robertson, Gill Freemantle and Jennifer Clelland for which many thanks. The results are recorded below.

The Scratch Medal which we tried to run concurrently with the "Open Pro-Am" unfortunately did not go ahead. This was because the production of a combined entry sheet fell between two stools. However, we have decided to try again and to run it with the Men's Medal on 3rd October when I will try to make sure that the entry sheet is O.K.

Peter Spreadbury

Match Secretary

Competition results

9th Aug

Cornhill Trophy

1st	Josh Evans	40pts
2nd	James White	38
3rd	Lee Cheong	38

12th Aug

M/W Stableford

1st	Len Lochrie	38pts
2nd	Barry Young	38
3rd	Matt Blake	38

15th Aug

Wilkinson Trophy

1st	Brian Underwood	83-22=61
2nd	John Ellerby	81-17=64
3rd	Mick Travers	78-14=64

22nd Aug

Alresford Show Trophy

1st	Grant Thorne	42pts
2nd	Terry Hallas	40
3rd	Barry Norgate	40

23rd Aug

Mixed Invitation

1st	John & Eliza Ellerby (Mitcham)	44pts
2nd	Lynne Cowser & Steve Warbrick (Barrow-in-Furness)	42
3rd	Simon Freemantle & Carrie O'Herlihy (Basingstoke)	40



We have played five matches since my last report with a win at home against Farnham 4.5 -3.5, a half against Test Valley and losses away to Blackmore 1.5-6.5, home to Tylney Park 1.5-4.5, away to Weybrook Park 6-2.

In addition, we enjoyed the second leg of our "125th year" friendly match against Tavistock. Having travelled down in continuous, torrential rain the clouds cleared the minute we arrived and the game was played in glorious sunshine with spectacular views of the Devon countryside. Tavistock avenged their defeat at Alresford with a 6-2 win at home! We stayed overnight at the Bedford Hotel and were very well hosted by the home team! My thanks again go to Dennis Jones for organising the event and to Roger Corkhill who organised a game and evening meal on the way home.

The Midweek Stableford on the 12th August saw some good successes from our members. Division 1 was won by Len Lochrie and Barry Young came second, whilst division 2 was won by Tony Shelton-Smith with Peter Harwood second.

The Captain's Flag Competition was played on 19th August in place of the normal roll-up with three different age groups (65-66, 67-74 and 75+) playing for prizes. The winners respectively were Ron Beal, Jonathan Scott and Trevor Brown. The overall winner was Jonathan Scott who had 5 strokes left at the 18th!



The main event of the month was the Vets Invitation Day on 13th August. The numbers were down on last year but 60 players enjoyed a competitive day's golf with an excellent prize table and a very good buffet meal to follow. The weather was mixed with some rain. However, all matches were completed and the results were as follows:

- 1st. Stuart Slater & Graham Bowerman (Greatham) 45 pts
 - 2nd. Graham Lumb & Trevor Pope (Rowlands Castle) 44 pts Count back 24
 - 3rd. Ray Cook & Mick Timms (Ryde) 44 pts Count back 22
- Best 1-9 off 1st Mick Blackwell & Richard Histed (Cowdray Park) 24 points

Best 10-18 off 10th. Keith Cooper & George Herbert (New Forest) 23 points

Nearest the Pin @ 6th Mike Garton

Nearest the Pin @ 13th Roger Corkhill

Longest Drive @ 9th Graham Bowerman (Greatham) Longest Drive @ 13th Mick Timms (Ryde)

My thanks go to Wynne Tufnell who organised the draw, prepared the cards and collated the results, Ken Coburn whose computer skills again confirmed the results and who gave up his time to help, Patricia Frearson, Lyn Jones, Marlene Coburn and Lyn LeMestre who organised and ran the "half way house" and to Malcolm for producing a fine prize table.

The summer "friendlies" are now almost complete with only six to play. I hear from many vets captains that they struggle to put out teams. Some are intending to reduce the number of pairs and Farnham have reluctantly had to drop us from their fixture list because they feel they have too many matches and not enough interest to fill their teams. Weybrook Park only have 24 matches and struggle with numbers! It is a great credit to our members that we have managed to put out a team for all of our 42 matches this summer! Having lost Farnham, we are now negotiating a fixture with Cowdray Park next summer. Thank you to all the 63 players who have supported the team during our summer fixtures.

I am proposing an "away day" to Weybrook Park on Monday 12th October. This will be open to all players who have a competition handicap and will consist of coffee and tea on arrival, 18 holes of golf and a casual 2-course meal afterwards with coffee. There will be prizes and the cost will be £30 a head. This is not a match - just a day out! So why not come along? I will need a minimum of 12 players and will need to know final numbers by 18th September. Please sign up on the notice board.

I regret to say that the Vets v Juniors event which was postponed has now been cancelled because the juniors cannot raise a team. However, we are anticipating that the Vets, Ladies and Juniors event will go ahead on 29th October. Furthermore, we have the Secretary's Stableford round 1 on Fri 2nd October, Secretary's Medal round 2 on Mon 5th October, the Vets v Ladies Match on Thurs 8th October and our Vets and Partners Dinner on Thurs 22nd October. In addition, the Wessex Winter League starts in November with eight matches to play during the winter months.

There is plenty to look forward to so please keep a close eye on the notice board!

Stuart Slater
Vets' Captain



news from the greens

By the time you read this, the car park will be finished and we will no longer be having to park on the driving range. We were lucky that it was dry for most of the time we were up there, but the rain on Wednesday 26th August did cause a few problems. As part of the scheme the Greens staff took the opportunity to dig out the lower part of the path up to the 1st to reduce the gradient and make it less steep. The cut edge will be graded down and seeded once the summer workload starts to ease off.

Key points to note this month are as follows:

- As some of you may remember from last year, we commissioned an annual "health check" from the Sports Turf Research Institute (STRI), the independent agronomy consultancy who specialize in public amenities including golf courses. This year's STRI report is now in the Member's Section of the website. Yet again we had a clean bill of health although as always there are recommendations made for sustained improvement – particularly on the tees. On Friday August 21st, I personally met the STRI consultant who performed the work and he was very complementary about our greens as a result of our heavy spring maintenance. Indeed in the report he states, "the smoothness and trueness was some of the best seen this year and only followed normal cutting and a single roll".
- The rough continues to visually appeal and as some species decline into autumn, others flourish to take over. My favourite plant at this time of year is the wild carrot, which some people assume is just cow parsley. The roots of this plant are indeed edible and although they smell of carrot, they are white in their wild state. There is a story that Dutch horticulturalists selectively bred this plant, not only to increase the size of the root to make it commercially viable, but also favoured the orange varieties as a tribute to the House of Orange. I'm not sure if it is true though. Only eat them if you are absolutely certain you have the right plant! As can be seen from the photo, the flower heads wilt and fold into a distinctive cup shaped capsule which gives rise to its alternate name of Queen Anne's Lace. The other key identifier is that many of the flower heads are completely white except for a single tiny scarlet floret right in the centre. Curious. Do have a look.
- As reported last month, the Hawtree report is available in the Members' Section of our website and many members have taken the trouble to read it in detail. The report is a comprehensive 50 page document which not only addresses each hole individually, but also looks at the course as a whole. There are a lot of ideas here, but it must be stressed this is not a wholesale blueprint to be implemented verbatim. Rather it represents a portfolio of ideas, which we may pick and draw from, depending on member feedback, timescale and funding. We have received over 20 emails on the report and we have held two presentations/interactive sessions to which over 100 people attended. In total therefore, over 20% of the membership have expressed their view and the feedback has been both positive and constructive.
- We will be attempting to prioritise and incorporate those ideas into a 10-year Course Plan, which will include some rough 3rd party costings. Subject to endorsement from the Management Committee, this plan will be presented to members. Any material changes to the layout of the course or requirement for substantial funds will be subject to member approval.
- Finally, I would also just like to thank Mike Gould personally for all the work he has put into producing the eBulletin over the past few years – a monumental task, given for a large part of that period, he was no longer even a member of the club! Thanks Mike.



As always, if you have any comments or observations, please email at greens@alresfordgolf.co.uk

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a look at rules

Decision 18/1 - Ball moves vertically downwards

Question: A ball lying in long grass slips vertically downwards. Or a ball is accidentally stepped on and pressed down, say a quarter of an inch, in the grass or into the ground.

In each case, has the ball moved?

Answer on later page



New Members

Welcome to the following new members who have all joined the club starting in August and September: Robert Blackwell, Timothy Selwood, Margaret Jones, Alison Love, and Jenny Torbett (Social Extra), Izabelle and Thea Hay, Rhys Jones, William Swann, Ralph Bottomley, Alfie Carter, Daisy, Harry and Phoebe Gates (Juniors) and Ian Jones (7 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' 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.

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 2nd – 11.00am
 Wednesday 9th – 11.00am
 Wednesday 16th – 11.00am
 Wednesday 23rd – 11.00am
 Wednesday 30th – 11.00am (due to Alresford Salads sponsors day)

OCTOBER

Wednesday 7th – 11.00am
 Wednesday 14th – 11.00am

Help required - eBulletin editor

As you will have read, our editor Mike Gould is stepping down after many years editing our monthly newsletter. If you are interested in fulfilling this role in the future or know someone who may be interested, please ask them to contact the Secretary for further information.

Trophy winners

Would all trophy winners please start to return their trophies to the club for engraving and re-presentation at the Trophy Evening on 13th November. Trophies should be returned by Friday 2nd October. Failure: Every year we are left with a few unhappy members who either do not have an engraved trophy or a trophy at all, where previous winners have forgotten to return their silverware. PLEASE RETURN YOUR TROPHIES IN PLENTY OF TIME.

Forthcoming events

FRIDAY 9th OCTOBER

Cocktails & Caberet
featuring

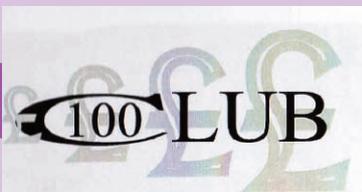






David Maskery,
Club Secretary





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

£100 - Nick Male

£50 - Brian Dunne

£32 - Kate Mills

£32 - David & Mal Hope-Mason

£32 - Charles Kydd

£32 - Wynne Tufnell

Congratulations to the winners. The next draw will take place in the week beginning 5th October.

The 100 Club Stableford on Friday 7th August attracted an entry of 43 members. Even though it had been greens maintenance week the greens were in splendid condition as was the rest of the course. In a very close contest the winner was Clare Monkhouse with 38 points, but then with four players on 37 points the 2nd and 3rd places were decided on count-back which meant that Mary Panter and Viv Pain picked up those prizes with Brian Young and Mike Garton just missing out.

A total of 51 members enjoyed a two-course meal in the evening. After the meal the prizes were presented to the winners by 100 Club Trustee, Robin Good. This year the winner, in addition to the traditional prizes, also received a fine silver salver, presented by Robin and Jennifer Good, which will be known as the 100 Club Salver.



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 or call in to the Secretary's office.

George Clelland



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