



## alresfordgolfclub

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As the incoming editor of 'Fore Info' I would like to take this opportunity to thank former member and previous editor Mike Gould for his excellent work in producing the Alresford Golf Club Members' eBulletin. Indeed for the last few years he has lived away from the area yet has continued to produce our monthly newsletter showing both generosity and skill. Well done Mike!

Thanks also to our many contributors without whom this publication would be impossible. Items and reports that have been submitted over the past year manage to keep club members both informed and entertained.

The newsletter content does provide information and is a source for congratulations (or occasional commiserations) so please look over each of the sections - even if they may not appear to be appropriate to your particular interest area within our club.

**Tony Gard**  
'Fore Info' Editor

### Management Corner

The Management Committee would also like to thank **Mike Gould** for several years' service as Editor of the e-bulletin and **Nigel Pascoe** for his efforts in project-managing the final phases of the new car park with help from the Treasurer, **Geoff Procter**.

**Eddie Martin** has been appointed *Interim Chairman of the House Committee* and **David Pain** has been appointed *Interim Chairman of the Planning & Development Committee*. Both positions are subject to ratification at the next AGM on 27th November.

The three new TV sets - one each in the Bar, the Ladies Changing Room and the Men's Changing Room - have been provided at no cost to the Club. Under the control of the Secretary, they will display information about forthcoming social events, advertise the Club's services to members and visitors as well as welcome visitors on a weekly basis.

There will also be a digital "fly thru" of the course displayed. In addition advertising will appear under contract between the advertisers and the supplier of the sets. Live sporting events such as The Open golf, Wimbledon tennis, the Rugby World Cup and Final Score can also be shown via Freeview TV channels for members' benefit when the Bar is open.



**Alresford**  
Golf Club

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The Hampshire Mens Seniors played the last round of their regional matches at Alresford against Kent Seniors. Hampshire were the winners of the match which also clinched victory in the South East Counties League so they now go on to the final in October.



**Terry Glynn**  
Club Captain

On probably the best day weather wise this month, the Kindred team travelled to Lee-on-the-Solent for the finals day. The first semi-final was between Petersfield, who had knocked out the holders in the previous round, and Bognor. It was a resounding 5 – 0 win for Petersfield. The second semi-final, between Alresford and Meon Valley was closer but, unfortunately, went to Meon Valley 3 – 2. I definitely didn't bring my "A" game for that one! AGC won the 3rd place playoff against Bognor 4 – 1 and Petersfield won the final 3½ -1½. It was an excellent day and a very good performance by the team all year. Pictured here at Lee-on-the-Solent are Steve Drake, Ashley Wright, Neil Hunter, Merv Fullbrook, Matt Blake, Sean Yeates, Ash Wilmott, Ben Unsworth and Kevin Lane. Kevin Peel, Paul Wager and Richard West played in earlier rounds to get us to finals day but unfortunately couldn't play that day. Thanks to all for a good run this year.

On the same day, a team from Alresford went to Romsey to defend the Francis Holmes Shield. AGC were 4th out of 4 with Romsey running out the winners by a considerable margin. John Dillon presented them with the trophy on my behalf.

Captain's Day, the following Sunday, seemed to go down well with everyone. The Mexican Banditos theme was carried throughout the day: Liz & Les at the check in, Carol with her 'marguerita' sunglasses and all the helpers at the half way house. The Sol beer, the marguerita cocktails and the tortilla chips at the halfway house completed it with Steve offering a Mexican buffet afterwards.



170 of you turned out for the day and your contributions raised £866 for the Captains Charity, not to forget the 3 euro cents also contributed.

Thank you all. The team winners were Francis Moore, Hennie Muller, Steve Glass and Jane Glass. Hennie Muller took the Captain's Prize as overall winner. Thank you to all the helpers on the day: Liz & Les Thorne, Carol Roe, Mary Panter, Lesley Martin, Ruth Webb and Carol Middleton. Also, especially, to Linda for baking all week to put on the half way house spread, not to mention the original poster!



We have played one men's match, since the last eBulletin, at home to Army GC. A hard fought match ended with a 3½ - 2½ victory to the Army.

October is the last month for the Captains Charity Teaser. I have been studiously recording the scores from every competition all of the Captains and Vice-Captains have played since the beginning of March. If you haven't already made a guess at the total score (have another go even if you have) please give it a try. Your entry fee goes to an excellent cause and you could still win the prize. Entries in the book at the bar and your donations go into the charity bottle. Thank you.

October also sees the last of our matches this year with games against Waterlooville, Ryde Pirates, Weybrook Park, Lamberhurst, Hampshire Schools and Stoneham. Players are still needed for some of these so please sign up on the board or call/email John Dillon if you would like to play.

Finally, the last golfing event of our 125th anniversary celebrations is on October 24th. It is the competition for the 125 Medal, open to men and ladies, and is played as a stableford competition. I hope you will all enter to compete for this new trophy. See you on the day.





**Carol Roe**  
Ladies' Captain

Welcome to new editor...

This is an auspicious occasion being the first bulletin with our new editor, Tony Gard. Welcome onboard, Tony. You will also note, we have a new name, Fore Note.

*(actually it is 'Fore Info' but that was not quite as bad as an alternative version from another one of our members! - Ed)*

### **Parkinson's Charity Day...**

On August 28, I was invited to join a team by Tonny Maxwell to play in the Parkinson's Charity Day, organised by the Chantry brothers. There were two other players, Linda Glynn and Carol Clark. Fortunately, the day was dry until we had completed our 27 holes. It was an excellent day with over £900.00 collected for the charity. This is a very enjoyable event and I would recommend our readers to participate next year.

### **Eclectic Matches...**

It was rather a busy start to the month with three eclectic competitions following hard in the heels of one another. On the 1 September, Lyn Travers, Mary Panter, Victoria Mackintosh and Fiona Corkhill represented the section in the Corhampton Centenary Shield. The team tried their best but finished in the bottom third of the field. My commiserations to the team.

On the 3 September, Linda Glynn, Lyn Jones, Lesley Martin and Sarah Thorne represented the section in the Hayling Eclectic. The team played well and came a creditable sixth, winning £20.00. Well done! The ladies committee will discuss how best to spend this money to benefit the section. Then finally on the 8 September, Mandy Caldwell, Mandy Overton, Annie Beal and Mary Rook represented the section in the Hockley Centenary Trophy. The ladies gave a good show and finished fifth out of nineteen clubs. Well done to the team. We still have one more eclectic to play. This time at Broadstone Golf Club. I will let you know how our team fares in next month's bulletin.

### **Friendly Matches...**

The section played three friendly matches this month. The first on 7 September was a home match against Southampton, resulting in a 3:1 win. On 17 September we played an away match against The Park, Avington. This ended in an honourable half and culminated in a very tasty post-match meal at the Plough. On 23 September, the last in September, we played away against Farnham, The Sands, Golf club and Alresford won 2:1. This brings our friendly match playing record to 8 wins, 5 halves and 6 losses.

Linda Glynn, Ladies Vice Captain and friendly match organiser, must be feeling relief that we are almost at the end of our friendly match campaign with only two matches remaining to be played. The first against Brokenhurst on 5 October and the last on 20 October against Worldham.

### **Autumn Meeting...**

The Autumn Meeting was played in the season's standard of heavy rain on 22 September. This competition is a four ball better ball with partners being drawn. Each pair comprises of a high and low handicap player. There were 48 players took part and we were joined by a very welcome Babs Nielson for the buffet.

I was fortunate enough to go out first and my group enjoyed the benefit of seven holes in the dry. However, we did experience some heavy downpours. It was agreed by all that the buffet Meal was not only welcome but also excellent. The winner of the longest drive in the 26-36 handicap group was Catherine Carberry and Tina Over won the nearest the pin on the 13th in the 0-25 handicap group. The winners were Sandra Hooker and Carol Roe and runners-up were Tina Over and Gunnell Berry.

### **Still to Come...**

*The Daily Mail Foursomes - 26 & 29 September*

*Vets vs Ladies - 8 October*

*Ladies Breast Cancer Medal and Cake and Produce Sale - 27 & 31 October*





Alternative approach to the 18th

Carol Roe and Sandra Hooker won the 4BBB competition at our wet Autumn Meeting, with an excellent 43 points.

## Munro Spencer

Winner: Lesley Martin 69pts

## September Stableford & Macmillan Spoon

Div 1 & Winner overall: Elizabeth Thorne 37 pts

Div 2 Gill Freemantle 34 pts

Div 3 Jean Coveyduck 30 pts

**Mandy Caldwell**  
Ladies' Handicap Secretary

## Ace's Corner

**Keith Cooper** has now had his first hole in one in the 40 years he has played the game! Keith used an 8 iron on the 10th.



## Match Committee Report

## Fore Info

The "Cock & Hen" is a mixed drawn competition to be held on 4th October. The results will be announced as soon as possible after the last competitors come in. There is an option of a meal after prize giving..

The Harry May Trophy for Two Generations will be held on Sunday 25th October. The entry form is on the mixed board together with the rules. The closing date for entries is 16th October to allow members to contact their partners.

The notices about the Winter Leagues Mixed Winter foursomes and Mens Lombard 4BBB are on the mixed and mens' boards and the entry sheets are in the Pro-Shop.

**Peter Spreadbury**  
Match Secretary

## Competition results

### 29/30 Aug - Bill Young Trophy

1st Steve Glass 39 + 39 = 78  
2nd Neil Hunter 40 + 33 = 73  
3rd Simon Wills 43 + 30 = 73

### 19/20 Sept - Centenary Cup

1st David Reid 39 + 35 = 74  
2nd Ron Markwick 38 + 35 = 73  
3rd Dave Seager 37 + 34 = 71

## ...a look at rules

## Fore Info

### 2-4/3 Player Lifts Ball in Mistaken Belief That Next Stroke Conceded

**Question:** In a match between A and B, B made a statement which A interpreted to mean that his (A's) next stroke was conceded. Accordingly, A lifted his ball. B then said that he had not conceded A's next stroke. What is the ruling?

Answer on page 7



**Stuart Slater**  
Vets' Captain



*11th Fairway Alresford*

By the time you read this bulletin there will be just one more match to play in the summer friendlies - that's just one more match to qualify for the Captain' Tankard Competition! We have played five matches since the last report with wins against RWGC 5 1/2 - 2 1/2 and Hartley Wintney 5 1/2 - 2 1/2, halves against Basingstoke and Test Valley and losses away to Farnham 3 1/2 - 4 1/2. In addition, the Bagman Trophy was won by Stuart McCullouch - many thanks to those members who have volunteered to do Bagman over the year.

Coming up we have the Vets vs Ladies on Thurs 8th October and the draw for that event is on the notice board. We have the Vets Secretary's Cup to be played over 36 holes - a stableford round on Fri 2 Oct and a medal round on Fri 9th Oct. Both are qualifying rounds so please make the effort to play. You will be able to sign up for both days in the pro shop on the 2nd.



*A view of the Weybrook Park course*

I am pleased to say that we have sufficient numbers for the Captain's Away Day at Weybrook Park on Mon 12th Oct. This promises to be a fun day out and, if it is enjoyed by all, I am sure that Geoff will continue the new 'tradition' next year. Let's hope the weather will be kind to us!

Looking ahead further we have the Vets and their Partners Dinner on Thurs 22nd Oct - please sign up on the notice board and annotate your food choices so that I will be able to forewarn the caterer - and I am hoping that the Vets/Ladies/Juniors fixture will go ahead on Thurs 29th Oct.

The Wessex Winter League is about to start and the request for players for the first match against Corhampton at home on Thurs 5th Nov is already posted. Please note that the WWL matches are not in the paper diary but they are posted on the electronic diary so make sure you keep checking the diary and the notice board!

Finally, next month's e-bulletin will be my last before the AGM on Wed 11th Nov. Expect tears (would that be of joy or sadness I wonder!)

As I write this the weather is glorious - make the most of it. Happy golfing.

Stuart Slater



*Corhampton Golf Club*



We are promised an Indian summer and a little drier weather will be welcome after a number of very wet weeks during which some of the rain has been torrential. This has made it difficult for the greens staff to get on with their normal autumn tasks, not least as the grass has continued to grow quickly and a lot more time than normal has been spent mowing. However, the greens remain in great shape - when I played in the Golf Foundation Stapleford on the 25th, they were running fast and true. I had some comments from members who felt they could be set even faster, but also some from several who felt they needed to be slower. All of which yet again goes to prove the point that you cannot please all the people all of the time...a situation which will become even more apparent when, as Greens Committee, we start to put forward our 10 year Course Development Plan arising out of the Hawtree Report. More on this below.

Key points to note this month are as follows:

\* Following the softening of the slope to the path up to the 1st tee, the adjacent slope will be graded and seeded shortly. This path is now much less steep and I, for one, am not quite so wheezy when I arrive at the summit.

\* We are starting to prioritise our winter projects. Last year we spent relatively little on course development in anticipation of the Hawtree report, but we took the opportunity to repair paths and turf large areas of wear around bunkers and at points of high traffic. In addition, we undertook a significant amount of tree and hedge management, the benefits of which have become evident this year, especially in terms of speed of play. There has also been a difference associated with the amount of light getting on to tees and greens that were previously in shade; the recovery of the playing surface on the 8th tee has been particularly dramatic. This is an on-going project and again will be conducted in accordance with recommendations from the Hawtree Report. Additionally, we wish to re-lay the 6th tee (particularly the lower tier), which has become a little uneven.

\* We will also be removing the large oak tree to the right of the 3rd green. Although this is an attractive specimen tree and one that Hawtree recommends we keep, it is rotted through and it represents a danger to both golfers and the 3rd green, where a falling branch could take the green out of play for an extended period.

### The Hawtree Report and the Ten-Year Plan

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 which will 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 about 30 emails on the report and we have held two presentations/interactive sessions, which over 100 people attended. In total therefore, over 25% of the membership have expressed their view and overwhelmingly, the feedback has been both positive and constructive. On the basis of this feedback, the Greens Committee is about to begin a series of meetings to formulate a ten-year plan for the development of the course. It is not too late to add to the debate and any members wishing their voice to be heard should write to me at the usual email address below. This plan will be presented to members in due course – possibly not until spring where we will seek approval to any material changes proposed. However, not wishing to miss the window to begin some works this autumn/winter, both the Greens Committee and the Management Committee have approved unanimously, to implement changes to the 10th, 18th and to a limited extent the 9th green surrounds. In addition it was agreed to selectively remove the trees the right of the 1st and 4th fairways and to the left of the 7th. The member feedback to these Hawtree proposals was strongly supportive. The scope of works approved is as follows:

#### 10th Hole

The pictures below from my presentation explain this better than I can in words. The intention is to remove the two 'sentinel' trees to the front (left and right) of the green, together with the sand bunker. The small depression short of the green will be extended and the resulting spoil from this (and from the 18th) will be used to create a landscape of bumps and hollows around the green. Some other trees will be removed to allow additional light on to the green, whilst re-creating much more of a downland feel.



10th before



10th after

#### 18th Hole



18th before



18th after

The intention is to extend the bomb hole further around to the front of the green to produce a graduated depression, which starts shallow but increases in severity the further right you hit. It has been described by Brian Young, who many of you know championed the extension of the course from 9 to 18 holes, as the 'Alesford Valley of Sin'! Additionally, the back bunker will be replaced by a swale and re-landscaped.

**9th Hole:** This primarily involves the removal of the back bunker with a little associated landscaping.

#### Logistics

The work on these holes will require not only the use of an external contractor, but also we would wish to use Hawtree as consultants during this very key first stage. A large part of the work will also be done by our own greens staff who may be heavily committed over the works period and hence will require some slack from the members. We are still finalising estimates, but believe that this work, together with tree work on the 1st, 4th and 7th could be completed for not much more than the amount which would normally have been budgeted over a two year timespan, bearing in mind we did nothing last year. We are still working through the logistics, but it hoped to commence work at the beginning of November and is estimated to take 3-4 weeks. This is obviously dependent on weather. During this time, there will be temporary greens on the 9th and 18th and, for a longer period, an entirely new temporary hole on the academy course, to replace the 10th. For the duration of the winter and spring, newly turfed and seeded areas will be GUR and we will provide ball retrievers.

As always, if you have any comments or observations, please email at [greens@alesfordgolf.co.uk](mailto:greens@alesfordgolf.co.uk)

## New Members

Welcome to the following new members who have all joined the club starting in September;

**Andrew Petley** (7 day)

**Lorely Battison** (Social Extra)

**Jacobi McCowen** (Junior) and

**Michael Mulligan** (PGA 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.

## 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.

### OCTOBER

Wednesday 7th - 11.00am

Wednesday 14th - 11.00am

Wednesday 21st - 11.00am

Wednesday 28th - 10.30am (Winter start time)

### NOVEMBER

Wednesday 4th - 10.30am

## 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 TROPHIES IN PLENTY OF TIME.

## DIARY CHANGES – Last chance...

We are currently compiling the diary for 2016. If any member has moved or changed telephone numbers and not informed us during the year (yes, this does happen!) please check that the Office have your correct details.

## AGM

### & Subscription renewals 2016

We will endeavour to send the majority of AGM papers and subscription renewal notices out to members via email this year. Please ensure that we have your correct email address and pass this information on to any of your colleague's if you think they are not receiving the new 'Fore Info' ebulletin. Any members who we do not have email addresses for will still have these details posted as normal.

### PLEASE NOTE:

#### change 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 current list of dates when the bar will be closed earlier.

Friday 20th November

Friday 4th December

Friday 11th December

Friday 18th December

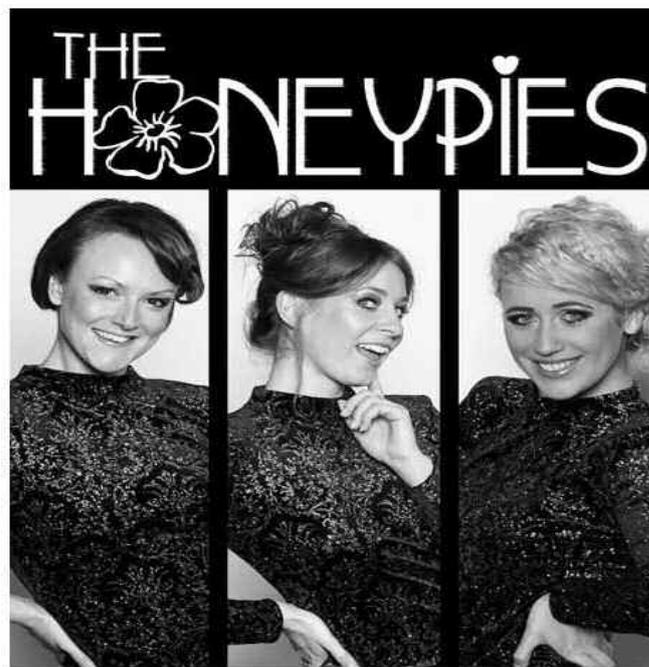
Please check the club website and main noticeboard for changes to these dates.

**David Maskery**  
Club Secretary

## Forthcoming event

FRIDAY 9th OCTOBER

*Cocktails & Caberet*  
featuring



Due to a slightly earlier deadline for this month's issue and holiday on my part, the result of the October draw will appear in the November ebulletin. The October draw will take place in the week beginning 5th October and the result will be posted on the Secretary's notice board as usual.



*18th green from the Clubhouse*

### **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**

## Social Scene

## Fore Info

As the golfing season starts to draw to a close the Social Committee are busy with a number of events. The notice board in the foyer displays details/dates of all forthcoming events and as always we welcome any suggestions. So you don't miss out here are a few dates for your diaries...

**Friday 9th October.** There are a few places left for the cocktail and cabaret themed evening featuring the Honeypies. Tickets are available from the office at £24 including a welcome cocktail and a hot fork buffet.

**Saturday 7th November.** Club Dinner - the sign up sheet for the club dinner will be posted on the notice board on Monday 5th October. Tickets will be available from that time from the office at a reduced cost this year of £26 per person which includes a 3 course dinner and guest speaker.

**Sunday 29th November.** Captains' Drive-in - due to the popularity of the meal following the Drive-in the social committee have suggested that a dining table sign up sheet will be posted on the notice board on Monday 2nd November. Steve and Asia will be serving a traditional 2 course carvery for £15 per person. It should be noted that any previous bookings made for this event have not been transferred to Steve and Asia.

**Gill Freemantle**

*Chair, Social Committee*

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