

alresfordgolfclub

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Looking around the course it is good to see the benefit of the extensive works carried out through the winter starting to be more evident. This time of the year, with spring approaching, we must enjoy a feeling of optimism as the sunshine, early flowers and the song of some of the rare migratory birds combine to enhance the round. (if not the match!)

I must congratulate Linda Glynn for submitting the Ladies Section item at all, despite being in Australia! On time, all correct, well done!

Tony Gard
'Fore Info' Editor

Management Corner

Sub-Committee Memberships

As a result of the AGM held last November and the subsequent Management Committee meeting in January, the following management sub-committees have been approved.

Bar & Catering: Simon Freemantle (Chairman), Trevor Nice, Liz Thorne, John Murray (Bar Manager), Social Committee Rep, David Maskery, Carbeck Catering.

Greens: Harry Dhand (Chairman), George Clelland, Dennis Jones, Paul Wager, Derek Myers, Lyn Travers, Brian Wright, Malcolm Scott (Professional), Steve Privett (Course Manager).

House: Eddie Martin (Chairman), Di Peisley, David Turner, Gill Freemantle, David Maskery, Paul Batty (Technical Advisor).

Planning & Development: David Pain (Chairman), Keith Monkhouse, Ron Beal, Mike Dickens, David Maskery, Andrew Frearson.

Alresford Watercross Festival.

The Planning and Development Committee has booked a stand on West Street for this event which takes place on Sunday, 15th May. The objective is to promote the Club and, hopefully, obtain new members. Nearer the time volunteers will be sought to help man the stand.



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Golf Club

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John Dillon
Club Captain



Mail on Sunday Team

This photo of the gallant Mail on Sunday team should have been included with my report last month, so here they are from left to right; Matt Blake, Grant Thorne (Capt), Merv (the swerve) Fullbrook, Ben Unsworth and Ashley Wilmott.

As winners of the 2015 Cooper Foursomes, Ashley Wright and Steve Drake were entered as our team in the National Daily Mail Foursomes competition. Luck was on their side at the draw because, not only did they manage to miss an away draw, but received a bye in the first round. Good luck to them both and let's hope they get a home match in the second round, to be drawn after 21st March.

The Hants 2016 annual Professional Golf Association meeting took place at Weybrook Park on the 12th February. A friendly stableford round was followed by an excellent dinner of beef wellington. All our pros were present, supported by myself, and 11 other AGC members, making up the largest club contingent by some margin. Philip Bryden received the Hants Match play Trophy and, not surprisingly, we did well in the raffle!

The annual AGC Men v Hants Men's team scratch match play competition was held on the 14th February. It was bitterly cold and, although the sun shone, the old current bun did nothing to raise the temperature but at least it was dry! After the heady heights of last year when we managed to win 3 of 10 matches, we returned to earth with a bump losing 9-1. However our players gave a good account of themselves, two of our pairs managing creditable halves, while there were 4 other close results. I had the pleasure of playing with Merv Fullbrook against the County Captain Martin Young (who plays off +3) supported by Andrew Frearson. Merv and Martin slugged it out for the first 6 holes, after which Martin opened his shoulders and demonstrated how good you have to be to play for Britain and Northern Ireland.

The Club team challenge was played on Sunday the 21st between teams from our Ladies Stoneham cup squad led by Mandy Overton, our County 7s team led by Grant Thorne and the Gales Hockley team under the guidance of Ken Mills. This match is designed to sharpen the skills of our match play teams, so ensuring that they are prepared for their first competitive matches. Last year's game was almost a washout, but the gods were more lenient this year with a dry day and balmy temperature of 14° C. Twelve players from each pool played a three way match play against each other, the Gales Hockley players winning by a comfortable margin to recover the Trophy from the County 7's team.



Presentation of club team challenge Trophy

I attended the Gales Hockley Draw with Ken Mills on the evening of the 26th February, where the beer was only £1/pint for the evening. Isn't it always the same when you are driving! Although we didn't get a bye in the first round, we did get a home match against Wellow. If we win that we play Burley away and, if still successful, will have home advantage in rounds 3 and 4, which is followed by the semi finals, which pleased Ken Mills.

The final event the month was the annual Men v Hampshire County U18s. Note the new county team name from the old longer version of Hants IOW and Channel Islands. Although the rain stayed away it was a bitterly cold day with a biting easterly wind but we all survived with the help of extra layers. It is a delight to see these youngsters thump the ball straight and long with a wonderful touch around the greens. Despite such attributes, the men's team demonstrated how old age can overcome youth and skill by drawing the match.

Finally for our male 7 day members, we are still short of players for the match against Alton at home at 1200 on the 19th March (casual meal). if you can play please put your name on the signup sheet outside the changing room.



What a start to the golfing season, wins for the ladies in the inaugural match of the Maple Leaf Trophy and winning the Winter Triple. After much weather watching the intensely awaited day of the inaugural match of the Maple Leaf Trophy dawned clear, and so to the tee of battle marched the Alresford and N. Hants teams. Alresford won the first match, N. Hants the second. The third match went to the home team - us. We were now 2:1 up and the next match might swing the win of the first leg to Alresford. It became very tense, as the next two matches reached the 18th and then had to climb up to the 1st. Our gallant ladies played their hearts out and we won 3:2.



Linda Glynn
Ladies' Captain



As you can see from the photograph and the big grins, the players and caddies took the opportunity to celebrate the new competition, and our win, in appropriate style with a glass of something fizzy. We are now looking forward to the second match in our group against Blacknest, away, on Friday March 18th.

In the Mail on Sunday competition we yet again had an away draw, which was played at South Winchester in terrible weather. Unfortunately we lost but huge congratulations for such a valiant attempt must go to Lyn Travers and her team of Jan Haring, Pat Palmer, Wendy Pidduck and Gill Freemantle. I hope you have all dried out.

We now marched on to the Club Team Challenge, which is a 3 way match play format with players from our Stoneham Cup team against players from the men's County 7's & Gales Hockley teams. This year's winners were the Gales Hockley team with 50 points, County 7's had 36 points & the Stoneham ladies had a commendable 22 points. Well played everyone and, yet again, so many matches went to the 18th and still we missed out!!! There's always next year and maybe we will try to negotiate a couple more shots but don't tell anyone.

Back to tales of success: I am delighted to tell you that this year we were the overall winners of the Winter Triple. This competition is played between three clubs: Lee on the Solent, Corhampton and ourselves. One match is in December, one in January and the third in February - not always offering us the kindest of conditions. Lee on the Solent have won four times, Corhampton twice and this year we won for the third time. We came from last after the first leg to win through at the end so congratulations to all team members. If you didn't play this year have a go next year as we try to hold onto the trophy. Again, thank you and well played Ladies.

First Alresford 284 pts
Second Lee on the Solent 274 pts
Third Corhampton 263 pts

Now on to the monthly stableford and medal results. Well done to all the winners especially Kathryn and Joan who are setting the pace for the coming season.

February Stableford Results Feb Medal Results

Div 1 Kathryn McLaughlin 32 pts	Div 1 Kathryn McLaughlin 75 net
Div 2 Mary Panter 33 pts	Div 2 Lyn Jones 75 net
Div 3 Joan Stopp 25 pts	Div 3 Joan Stopp 81 net

Mad March is upon us and this year it's an early Easter Have you noticed that Easter is always either early or late so I am not sure what constitutes a normal Easter but I digress, back to golfing matters. We, the ladies, organise the Bank Holiday Mixed on Monday 28th March so there is plenty of time to sign up for that too. This is a great opportunity to practice your mixed golf, which is a form of golf that can sometimes test your patience, as my mother always said 'good for the soul'.

Our friendly matches begin this month, these are a fantastic opportunity for everyone to join in, whatever your handicap. In March we are playing Hockley and Bramshaw so sign up online or in the changing rooms. Talking of signing up, check the notice board for the Ladies/Vets Breeze Up as the sign up notice will appear on the board soon.

Lastly, be aware that the coffee morning is on Tuesday 15th March so the first tee will be closed in the morning from 10:00 to 12:15. What a start to the golfing season, wins for the ladies in the inaugural match of the Maple Leaf Trophy and winning the Winter Triple



The Annual Review of handicaps for men was carried out on 19th February by the Committee and adjustments were made to a number of member's handicaps. The adjustments will be effective from 29th February and those members affected have been notified by email or by letter if the club does not hold an email address for them. A list of those affected has also been posted on the handicap noticeboard in the Changing Room. The Master Handicap list has also been updated and will be changed after every qualifying competition. You can also check your handicap by using the computer screen in the Entrance Hall.

The draws for the Summer Knock-Outs have been done and posted on the notice boards as well as on the website together with the play-by dates for each round. My thanks to Ken Coburn for creating the charts and putting them on the website. I would like to draw competitors' attention to the fact that both parties in a tie have equal responsibility for arranging the match within the time allowed and also for ensuring that the result is written on the board by the relevant date otherwise both parties will be disqualified.

The handicap year is being changed to the calendar year so this handicap year will be slightly truncated and run from 1st March till 31st December 2016, so the next Annual Review will be in December. To maintain a competitive handicap, indicated by the letter 'c' after the number, players must submit at least 3 qualifying scores in the handicap year.

The Men's Winter eclectic is drawing to a close and finishes on Sunday 20th March but as that's Texas Scramble day, its effectively Saturday 19th March by which you can get your 10 rounds in. The latest leaderboard is in the Men's changing room, but as at 25 February the top of the leaderboard was as follows (number of rounds played is shown in brackets):

1st = 58.5 Nick Duncan (8) and Karl Evans (6)

3rd = 59 Ashley Wright (7)

4th = 59.5 Phillip Cartwright (9) and Ben Unsworth (5)

and lots of others close on their heels!

George Clelland



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!

13-4/18.5 Pine Cone Falls from Tree and Comes to Rest Behind Ball Lying in Bunker

Question: A pine cone falls from a tree and comes to rest behind a ball which is lying in a bunker. Under the principle in Decision 13-4/18, may the player remove the pine cone without penalty?

Answer on page 5





Geoff Jenkins
Vets' Captain

I concluded last month's Fore-Info article mentioning that the AGC Vets team had started the year very well by winning our first Wessex Seniors Winter League fixture, an away match against Hockley. I'm delighted to say the success has continued with an away draw at Corhampton followed by wins against SWGC and RWGC.

"So what does that do for our position in the league and chance of the title?" I hear you say. Well you may ask. There are still some matches yet to be played, but AGC Vets Team are in an unassailable position with 19pts and hence The Winners and new Title Holders of the 2015/2016 Wessex Seniors Winter League. This success is a first for AGC and has broken the monopoly of Hockley and South Winchester, one or other of whom has had their names engraved on the trophy every year since it was inaugurated in 2008. So great result, fantastic start to the year and congratulations and well done to all AGC players who contributed.

Continuing on the theme of inter club matches, the Summer matches are soon to start with Request For Players (RFP) notices having already been posted for the first two fixtures, Corhampton (H) and Petersfield (A). Team selection will be completed within the next few days and selected teams posted by Friday 4th. If you are a new member of the Club and would like to participate in the Vets matches, please don't hesitate to add your name to the RFPs when posted. The Summer Inter-Club matches, unlike the WSWL are not part of a competitive league and have a more relaxed, but still competitive, nature to them and all players with a competition handicap are welcome. A list of fixtures can be found on the right hand side of the Vets notice board.

At time of writing there are approximately 50 Vets signed up and entry fee paid in readiness for the draw for Vets Captain v Vets Vice Captain Competition on the 9th March. The draw and tee times will be posted on the Vets notice board on Wednesday 2nd March.

If you've been away in sunnier climates and missed the entry cut off (29th Feb) there may still be an opportunity to participate should there be any last minute "drop outs". Please let Wynne Tufnell or myself know if you fall into this category and would like your name added to the reserve list. Please remember in order to participate and have the potential to win a prize in any Vets Competition you must be a paid up member of the Vets Section, have a competition (c) handicap and entry fees must be paid by entry closure date. (Vets subs can be paid in the office or to the Bagman at Wednesdays Vets Roll Up)

AGC were recently approached by Northcroft Golf with a view to buying two of their products. The first the Tee-Up Foldaway (TUF) and the other the BAMP2 (Ball And Marker Placement/Pic-up). Both these products are ultimately designed to make the life of the golfer (of any age) with physical limitations that restrict knee, hip and back movement, less restrictive and to help facilitate a more enjoyable round of golf. The TUF facilitates placing the tee and ball in position while standing upright. The ball and tee can also be picked up, again while standing upright. The BAMP2 consists of two entities, an attachment for your putter to retrieve balls once holed which is magnetically attached and can be easily removed so that the magnet can be used to retrieve the (metal) ball marker. We have not purchased either of these products but have arranged to secure demo models of both the TUF and BAMP2 on a 'try before you buy' basis. Northcroft Golf have a web site at <http://www.northcroftgolf.com/> where video demo clips of these products can be seen. Both these items will be available in the Pro Shop for you to view and test should you wish from Wednesday 2nd March.

Answer: No. The principle in Decision 13-4/18 is applied only in cases in which the lie of a ball has been altered as a result of an act by another player or caddie, or by a spectator or other animate outside agency. In this case, the lie was altered through natural causes.



(i) General

At last we have a break in the wet weather and we will be able to crack on with the completion of the winter projects. The mild winter has been a mixed blessing, but it might be wrong to write it off just yet. There may yet be a sting in the tail!

Key points to note this month:

* From the diary you will see that spring maintenance is scheduled for the first week of March and hopefully by the time you read this, it will have been done. This winter, the greens have taken a hammering not only from the consistent and copious rain, but also from the fact that the mild weather has resulted in much higher than normal footfall. In normal years where we have more frost, the use of temporary greens spreads the wear and also keeps golfers at home nursing mugs of hot cocoa. The greens have therefore become quite compacted. To combat this, they will be dressed with up to 4 tons of sand (per green!) and tined to a depth of 14" with solid tines. The sand will then be brushed in before the process is repeated with smaller 5" tines, which will close up the larger holes and result in a quicker recovery. This will get air to the roots and hopefully minimize the amount of surface thatch – the nasty stuff that harbours disease, holds moisture and makes the surface bobbly.

* Another curious consequence of the lack of a prolonged period of frost has been the prevalence of sticky mud on the course. Almost every ball landing on the fairway seems to attract a smothering of dense clay-like soil, which has to be cleaned off to avoid eccentric ball-flight. Although golfers bemoan the presence of frost as it means trolley bans and temporary greens, frost actually helps to create structure in the soil. Particularly during a wet period, soil coalesces into lumps where the interstitial air spaces become filled with water. The freezing of this water in a hard frost, breaks up the soil into smaller powdery pieces and in general improves the surface structure so that water can drain more easily. This means less mud sticking to the ball and anecdotally, this has already been observed following the frosts last week.

* No doubt, you will be as excited as us to see that the 10th hole is fully turfed and therefore essentially now complete, subject to the turf bedding in. Our worst-case estimate is for the hole to be fully open by 30th April, but it may well be done before this, if we get a good run of weather. Certainly, consideration will be given to temporary access for board competitions, but this will be judged on a case by case basis at the time of play.

* The next priority after the spring maintenance will be the work on the 18th bomb hole. Again, assuming a reasonable run of good weather, this will be completed over ten days or so and will require the periodic use of a temporary green. We hope to be able to turf this area just as the main growing season starts which will minimize the time it will remain GUR. As far as I am concerned the longer the better as I have been lifting my ball regularly out of the marked area. Quite often I hit it straight back in!

* The tree maintenance programme, as highlighted in the last issue of Fore Info, has continued apace. All of the work so far, has been done in house, but some of the larger trees, particularly around the 3rd green will require specialists. It is intended to complete all the felling, removal and stump grinding by March 18th. Following that, any damage will be made good and seeded. The extent of work being done this year is part of a two year project and the proposals for next year will be included in the 10 year presentation (see below).

* For those who remain unconvinced about the strategy we are adopting in managing our trees, have a look at the following clip.

<http://www.usga.org/videos/2015/11/05/dave.oatismanagingtrees-4598316629001.html>

Also, I have put an article on the noticeboard, which was issued by the USGA entitled 'The Right Tree in the Right Location'. Although this is a long article, it encapsulates perfectly the reasons why we are doing what we are doing. If anyone would like a pdf copy of this, please let me know and I will email it to you.

* Finally, as part of the safety improvements on the course, we will be placing a bell on the left side of the 1st fairway just short of the green. The idea is obviously to ring this bell to alert golfers on the tee, that it is safe to drive. This bell has been kindly supplied and paid for by the Vets Section to whom the Greens Committee wish to express their thanks. The observation

tower by the starter's hut will be relocated, to the 3rd tee, where we hope it will be used more often than it is at the minute.

(ii) The 10 Year Road Map - Update

The remit of the Greens Committee is to distil the Hawtree report into a 10 year development plan for eventual consultation with members. The Hawtree report itself probably contains well over 200 individual recommendations, architectural themes, safety considerations and general layout changes designed to maximize the efficiency with which we use the landscape.

As I have said many times to date, this portfolio of options is not intended to be applied verbatim and our job is to sift through the proposals to sieve out those actions which will have the maximum effect in improving the course without destroying its character, within sensible funding constraints. Also, about 10% of the members of the club have been kind enough to read the report and give us their views; this has been extremely useful in helping us determine the overall straw-poll sentiment.

At times it has felt like a three dimensional puzzle, but early on we decided that it would be ill-advised and practically difficult, to try and commit AGC members to a definitive programme over a 10 year timescale. During such a long period, changing membership attitudes, amendments to the constitution, developments in golf equipment, the actions of the local competition and availability of finance, will all have a bearing on the long-term ethos of the club. Consequently, whilst a 10 year plan will still be produced, it is intended to ask members to commit only to a definitive two year plan with the remaining years to be in the form of a 'roadmap'. It is intended that this roadmap is reviewed every two years and renewed approvals gained from the committees and the membership at these intervals. This will ensure that development is evolutionary but within a framework which is laid out now.

We have adopted a methodology to achieve this by deconstructing the Hawtree Report into its constituent parts on a hole by hole basis. We have then considered each component in turn and listed them into one of three categories, these being:

I. Changes proposed for 2016/2017 and 2017/2018. Some of these proposals will be approved within the remits of Greens and Management Committees whilst other more fundamental changes, will require member mandate by way of a vote.

II. Changes to be considered within the following eight years. We will provide an indicative timeline on these, but these are for information only and subject to change and amendment by future committees and membership meetings as described above; and

III. Those changes this committee believe we should NOT do, as they either adversely affect the character of the course, or where the benefit/cost is low. Members will be surprised to note that there are a large number of proposals in this category.

We hope to complete this preliminary work in the next few weeks before presenting our findings to ManCom. Depending on how this is received, we will cost out the proposals and hence be able to provide as much information to the members when we present, probably in late May.

If there are any members with Photoshop expertise who would be prepared to help in producing some of the presentational material, it would be much appreciated. Please contact me if you can help.

(iii) No change from last month !

We still have a sizeable number of unfilled divots, on both tees and fairways. Some have been exceptionally large as a result of the soft conditions. A reminder that even though we are under Winter Rules, divots still need to be replaced on the fairways and even in the rough; please use the seed mix provided on the tees. Also pitch mark repair on the greens is even more crucial at this time of year as recovery is much slower. Some areas of the course look very scrappy and it's down to the membership to cover its own tracks.

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

Harry Dhand
Chairman of Greens

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new members who have all joined the club so far in February:-Stephen Morgan, Tony Wright and David Tye-Reeve (7 day), Ian Mercer and Tony Smyth (5 Day) . We hope that your time at the club will be a long and enjoyable one for all of you.

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.

There will be a 'Meet & Greet' evening at 6.30 – 8.30pm on FRIDAY 8th APRIL at the club for all new members (joined in the last 18 months). This will give the opportunity to meet the 2016 Captains and current committee members, ask questions about the running of the club and help meet new playing partners. Existing members are welcome to come along and socialise with new members. Please advise the Office if you intend to come along.

SPECIAL MEMBER REFERRAL OFFER

Refer a new 5 or 7 day playing member between 1st Jan and 30th April 2016 and receive an EXTRA £50 credit on your bar card. Speak to the Secretary for more information. (Not applicable to applications already received)

CLUB ROLL UP'S

Fancy a game in the week? All members are welcome to come along to the 'club roll-up' on Wednesday mornings. The usual start time is 11am during the summer and 10.30am during the winter months all timings subject to any advanced tee reservations.

MARCH

- Wednesday 2nd ~ 10.30am
- Wednesday 9th ~ TBA (Vets Capt.v Vets V-Capt)
- Wednesday 16th ~ 10.30am
- Wednesday 23rd ~ 10.30am
- Wednesday 30th ~ 11.00am (Summer time starting)

APRIL

- Wednesday 6th ~ 11.00am
- Wednesday 13th ~ 10.30am (Golf Society booking)

NB: CHANGE TO FRIDAY BAR CLOSING TIMES

Over the Winter/Spring period the Clubhouse will close on Fridays as per the normal week unless there is an event or pre-booked function the current list of dates when the bar will be closed earlier.

- Friday 4th March
- Friday 11th March
- Friday 18th March
- Friday 25th March

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

Book early for the Sunday Lunch Carvery
MOTHERING SUNDAY
Sunday 3rd April 2 courses
£16.50 (members card £14.85)
Book directly with the Kitchen.

FUN PUB QUIZ NIGHT - PRIZES
Saturday 12th March
Entry £2.50 per person payable on the night
Quiz starts at 8.00pm
Food available from 7.00pm (£9.50)
QUIZMASTER - Kit Neilson

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 2016. 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 2016. No refund or extension will be given on unused 'visits'. Normal restrictions apply.

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HELP REQUIRED
Watercress Festival – Sunday 15th May

The club will be attending this year's festival in an official capacity with a 'manned' stall to give out flyers and promote the club activities. We would be grateful for any additional volunteers to help with this during the day. If you would like to help out, please contact the Office.

DON'T FORGET ...
SPRING TEXAS SCRAMBLE
SUNDAY 20TH MARCH
18 HOLE FUN COMPETITION WITH DRAWN TEAMS
SHOTGUN STARTS AT 8.30am & 1.30pm
Entry Fee: £10 per team (£2.50pp) payable on the day - SEE SIGN-UP SHEET IN FOYER

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

£100 - Liz Petheram
 £50 - Dudley George
 £32 - Tonny Maxwell
 £32 - Claire Gould
 £32 - Gareth Rees
 £32 - Peter Spreadbury

Congratulations to this month's winners. The next draw will take place just after the Easter week-end on Tuesday 29th March ... 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 Information Board and Clock on the 1st tee and the Automatic External Defibrillator in the Entrance Hall.

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

MIXED MATCHES

FRIENDLY MIXED MATCHES 2016

As we dust off our clubs (or, more likely, scrub off the mud!) ready for the new golfing season, may I ask all members to consider signing up for the friendly mixed matches that we organise each year?

Anyone is welcome, irrespective of their handicap, and with or without a golfing partner. These matches are played either home or away, on alternate years, and give us an opportunity to play at some magnificent away courses as well as entertaining visiting teams to our course here at Alresford.

The matches are always followed by a great meal!

We have twelve mixed matches arranged this year, starting on Sunday 24th April, away to Tylney Park and finishing on Sunday 10th October away to Lamberhurst.

In between we are playing Petersfield, Corhampton, Hockley, Cowdray Park (a new addition this year), Basingstoke, Royal Winchester, Hayling, Alton, Bramley and Weybrook Park .

The full list, together with dates and whether home or away, can be found on the mixed notice board in the foyer. There is also a list asking for names, together with dates, when available, so it would be good to see some new names as well as those that already offer very welcome support for these matches.

Jan Harring

