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This week brought the very sad news of the passing of Arnold Palmer. Nicknamed 'The King' of golf, his legacy cannot be equalled, as his ascendance came at a time of burgeoning interest in televised sport and that coincided with his series of major wins – he is a huge loss and he was a truly epic professional.

We too at Alresford Golf Club have experienced recent losses and those friends will be remembered by their affability, skill and courteous play. It is both humbling and sobering at the same time.

We will now continue to play, to enjoy the game and to embody their sportsmanlike spirit into our play, in response to their contribution and in recognition of their achievements. We will remember all of them.

Tony Gard
'Fore Info' Editor

Management Corner

Catering franchise.
Final interviews have taken place.

Planning Application for Hassocks Copse.
Several months ago a planning application was submitted to Winchester City Council seeking outline planning permission for a 'glamping' facility in Hassocks Copse which is the wood adjacent to our 4th and 7th holes. The Club, several individual members, Southern Water and members of the public objected. The application has now been withdrawn by the applicant.

Hire of the Dining Room for Private Functions.
ManCom has approved a new fee structure for the hire of the Dining Room, a £25 refundable deposit for members' private functions. Please check with the Office regarding available dates.

Winter Memberships.
The Management Committee has approved a trial scheme suggested by the Planning & Development Committee which it is hoped will increase subscription income and, perhaps, result in more 5 and 7 day playing members. The scheme offers a limited number of winter memberships for play between 1st November 2016 – 31st March 2017 at between £295 - £320 each. These special memberships will include unrestricted play, eligibility to acquire or retain a CONGU handicap, play in competitions and roll-ups (but not winter knock-outs), full access to clubhouse and practice facilities, a member's bar discount card, ability to bring guests on the member's guest green fee rate, and waiving of the first year's Entrance Fee if the member joins as a 5-day or 7-day member on or before 1st April 2017. This trial is limited to 30 such memberships on a first come, first served basis. Members who have friends or family members who are interested should contact the Office as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.



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Although Fore Info contributors have been asked to trim their submissions, I have to mention a young man playing with the police team captain against Tony Stanton and myself recently. Playing off 4, it was clear he could hit a ball a long way, but it wasn't until the 5th when he drove about 350 yards that we realised we might have a problem. Our concerns were reinforced when he would have driven the 8th, but for the top couple of inches of the lip of the front bunker! He subsequently drove the far side of the 14th green but best of all, with a 3 wood off the 15th; he fired under the tree to the right of the tee box and over the coppice, the ball coming to rest close to the 14th tee! Fortunately his short game was not quite as good, and a couple of great putts by Tony and my extra shots saw us home 2 up.



John Dillon
Club Captain

On the golfing front in general, thank you to all those members who have taken the time to provide their views on holding the club championships over two days rather than one. We are examining all possibilities, including running the men's and ladies' championships in parallel to make it a more social event for spectators and to have the best men and ladies players finishing at around the same time. So if you have a view on this proposal, please send them to either myself or George Clelland so that they can be taken into consideration.

For the anoraks amongst you, have a look at the 'Pace of Play Guidance Manual' on the R&A Web site. This issue is being taken seriously by the golfing world in general because of the declining number of people playing the sport, caused, no doubt in part, by the pressure modern living places on leisure time. Solutions vary from the usual, playing ready golf on the tees, selecting your next club whilst waiting for the hole ahead to clear and not marking cards on the green, to sophisticated systems to penalise slow golfers! Establishing the ability to obtain a handicap over 9 holes was a direct result of the desire to make golf a quicker game so who knows what will come next?

I hope that those who were able to play enjoyed the Captains day. As you can imagine, it is a major exercise arranging everything, from choosing what you hope are attractive prizes, arranging for assistance checking players in, checking score cards and arranging the half way house so that the last players have as much choice as the first.

Although I mentioned them on the day, I would like to publically thank David Maskery for helping me to arrange the day, my Jenny and Marlene Coburn for procuring and managing all the food and drink at the half way house, Patricia Frearson for helping on the day, Ruth Webb, Elaine Spreadbury and Ruth Howdle for cooking lots of the lovely cakes and savouries, Terry and Linda Glynn for checking in the morning players, and Ken (I wish I had brought my lap top) Coburn, (alias Keith) for helping me check in the pm groups and checking score cards. Thanks are also due to all of you that took part, and even some who did not, for raising slightly over £1100 for this year's charity.

Finally, congratulations to Malcolm Hoar for winning the overall competition, Leslie Martin and Lee Cheong for winning best man and lady prizes and, last but by no means least, Jenny Myers for winning the best junior's prize. Lastly, thanks to Steve Privett and his team for presenting the course in such great condition.



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Linda Glynn
Ladies' Captain

Strangely, for 2016, the ladies managed to play an event, our Autumn meeting, on a good weather day. The day was of course brilliantly organised by Jean Coveyduck and Di Peisley with our wonderful handicap secretary Mandy Caldwell managing the cards and results. Talking of results, the winning team was Jane Hendry, Elaine Spreadbury and Jennifer Clelland with 79pts, very closely followed by Sandra Hooker, Romy Parsons and Joan Stopp with 78pts. Liz Petheram won the longest drive and Sandra Hooker, with her expertise, won the nearest the pin. Well done to all.

Most of you have been 'got' and have generously entered the 'win the visor competition'. The winner of the visor signed by Charley Hull was Pete Sly and gorgeous he will look wearing it.

Although we have no new lady members this month I am very proud to tell you that three of our juniors have gained full handicaps and I am sure that you will make, Harriet, Jenny and Cara very welcome when they enter our ladies competitions. I have no doubt they will be winning many.

The Alresford Cup is always a special day. It is truly an honour to be able to watch such talented young ladies from all over the South play wonderful golf on our lovely course. I would like to thank John, Club Captain, for starting and our amazing pink ladies, ably managed by Mary Rook, for being so generous with their time. This year Kent won; full details and photographs on the HLCGA website.

Congratulations to all the competition winners for September.

September Competition Results

Munroe Spencer Bowl

Winner Lyn De Mestre	nett 68
Runner Up Lyn Travers	nett 69

Daily Mail Foursomes

Winners Lesley Martin & Debbie Wills	35pts
Runners up Liz Thorne & Gill Freemantle	32pts

September Medal

Division 1 Diana Hampton	72
Division 2 Clare Monkhouse	70
Division 3 Jean Coveyduck	77

September Stableford & Macmillan Spoon

Division 1 Pat Palmer	39pts
Division 2 Viv Pain	32pts
Division 3 Romy Parsons	33pts



36 Hole Competitions

The sign-in process we adopted for the Bill Young and the Centenary Cup seemed to be reasonably successful, so this will be continued for the 36 hole competitions next year.

Harry May – Two Generations Trophy

A reminder that the Harry May – Two Generations Trophy takes place this month on Sunday 23rd October. This competition is open to 7 and 5 day members with Competition handicaps. The relationship must be parent, grandparent, step-parent, step-grandparent with child or grandchild; both players do not need to be current Alresford members. If one of the pair does not have a handicap, then while they are welcome to play they are not eligible to win the trophy although in this competition they are eligible to win a prize.

The sign-up sheet is on the notice-board in the Entrance Hall. The closing date is Monday 17th October with the draw being made on 18th October.

Competition Results

10th August Mid-Week Stableford

Division 1

1st Steve Hopkins	41 pts
2nd Drew Fielden	39 pts
3rd Richard Prescott	39 pts

Division 2

1st Richard Bass	40 pts
2nd Tony Collins	40 pts
3rd Peter Harwood	39 pts
4th Geoff Colwill	38 pts

2nd Sep Over 60's Medal

1st Brian Wright	66
2nd Paul Harrison	67

4th Sep Men's Stableford

1st Martin Cornforth	39 pts
2nd Simon Freemantle	37 pts
3rd Bob Moore	35 pts

10th & 11th Sep Centenary Cup

1st Dave Seager	40+43 = 83 pts
2nd Steve Drake	33+39 = 72 pts
Best 1st Round Jim Bulloch	36 pts
Best 2nd Round Barry Norgate	39 pts

Competitive Status of Handicaps

One of the changes introduced this year by CONGU was to make the handicap year coincide with the calendar year. Consequently, the handicap year for 2016 will end on 31st December. To make sure you maintain the competitive status of your handicap you must submit at least 3 qualifying scores each handicap year. In the next week or two I will post a notice in the changing rooms of those players who have submitted fewer than 3 scores. Your handicap must have competitive status if you want to win Club competitions, play in Club matches or enter competitions at other clubs.

Competition Results

This month's results include the full result from the Mid-Week Stableford on 10th August as I omitted the Division 2 winners from the September issue of Fore Info. My apologies to those concerned.

14th Sep Mid-Week Medal

1st Philip Armstrong	65
2nd Steve Hopkins	67
3rd Robert Kirk	70

23rd Sep Golf Foundation

1st Kevin Peel	37 pts
2nd Robert Kirk	35 pts
3rd Geoff Jenkins	34 pts

24th Sep Golf Foundation

1st Christian Bottomley	40 pts
2nd Philip Campbell	40 pts
3rd David Fox	38 pts
4th Brian Wright	37 pts

8-1/13 Player Giving Opponent or Fellow-Competitor Instruction During Round

Question: During a round a player tells an opponent or a fellow-competitor that he is overswinging. Is this giving advice in breach of Rule 8-1?

Answer on page 5



Geoff Jenkins
Vets' Captain

At the time of writing this article there are only 40 days of my term as Vets Captain remaining and people are asking me "Have you enjoyed your year?" I guess the best way I have found to answer the question would be by saying "If had I known when asked to become Vets' Vice Captain and subsequently Vets Captain, what I know now, I would say, Absolutely". That doesn't mean the year has been perfect because there have been some frustrating moments and yes I have even less hair now than when I took up office! However, for the vast majority of the year it has been a very enjoyable experience. From a personal perspective it has permitted me to play lots of golf on many different courses, meet many different people from many different backgrounds, enjoy the socialising and, as something of a bonus, enjoy some golf as well. But, more importantly, it has, along with the endeavours of the rest of the Vets Committee, helped to facilitate a huge amount of enjoyment and pleasure for all those Vets who have participated in matches and competitions. Long may it continue!

So what remains outstanding for the final 40 days? The Vets v Ladies, or should I say Ladies v Vets(?) on October 6th. Always a hotly contested event, but probably more so this year as I understand the Vets have been the victors in recent years more often than the Ladies would like! So the challenge for the Vets is to continue the trend, whereas Linda, the Ladies Captain, and her team will be making every effort to halt it! They do have the advantage this year of choosing the format and hold the 'joker card' which, needless to say, when played will be to the disadvantage of the Vets. Not that I'm making excuses of course. So watch this space!

On October 13th, the Vets and Partners Dinner will be held. So why not come along? The sign-up sheet and Menu choices are currently displayed on the Vets notice board. Cost is £20 per person for a three course meal, wine and coffee to follow. Great value and an excellent opportunity for the 'non-playing' partners to enjoy a very enjoyable evening out!

Should you be wondering why the event is being held a week earlier than historically, it's to help with catering arrangements for a Ladies Pro-Am event. This takes place on the 21st, the day after the date on which Vets and Partners Dinner would historically have been held. Now you know.

In order to help better understand the trends we are seeing in attitudes to various aspects of Vets Club Golf, we will be issuing a short questionnaire. This will be sent via email or available as hard copy from the office and we would ask all Vets in the club to complete it. This information will be of enormous value in helping the Vets Committee understand and plan the year ahead in keeping with your expectations.

Finally, don't forget that the Vet's AGM will be held on November 9th, so look out for the Agenda etc. which will be appearing on the Vet's Notice board in the next few days. As usual the Vets Roll Up will take place in the morning but there will be the added dimension of playing for the Vets AGM Tankard, won by Mel Elford in 2015. Will he be able to retain his title this year or will there be a new title holder?!

Answer: Yes.



* The course is holding up extremely well and we have had very complimentary comments from the many guests who have visited this month, especially those playing in the Pro-am and club matches.

* Some members may have noticed some unusual worn areas on the greens. These are as a result of an unusual fungal disease called anthracnose, which attacks the crowns of the Poa plant. Happily a combination of a specific fungicide and extra fertiliser, seems to have sorted the issue. After a few mild winters, we need a brutal cold spell.

* As previously advised, I will be coming to the end of my three-year stint as Chairman of Greens at the AGM this November. We are still seeking a volunteer for my replacement. Sadly, we are also losing Brian Wright (who is off to become Vice-Captain), Dennis Jones (as Vets Representative) and Paul Wager. To all of them, my warmest thanks for their hard work – particularly in respect of the 10 Year Plan. Jon Capp will be joining the committee with immediate effect.



NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new members who have all joined the club starting during September and October so far; Norman McDowell (7 day) David Mason (5 day) and Christine Canning (Social Extra). 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.

CLUB 'ROLL UP'

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 5th ~ 11.00am
Wednesday 12th ~ 11.00am
Wednesday 19th ~ 10.00am (due to golf society)
Wednesday 26th ~ 11.00am

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 2nd ~ 10.30am (winter times start)
Wednesday 9th ~ 10.30am
Wednesday 16th ~ 10.30am

FORTHCOMING EVENTS YOUR DIARY

Sunday 23rd October

TWO GENERATIONS – Harry May Trophy

A Foursomes competition, the relationship MUST be parent, grandparent, step-parent or step-grandparent with child or grandchild only. Non-members welcome to play. If one of the pair does not have a handicap then they are welcome to play but not eligible to win the overall trophy.

Sign up on Mixed Noticeboard – closing date 17th October.

Saturday 29th October

SOCIAL EVENT – Race Night

Races start at 7.30pm, Tickets £10 includes 1c meal

Tuesday 1st November

LADIES COFFEE MORNING & XMAS BAZAAR

All members are welcome and invited to come along and visit the craft stalls. Stalls open until 2.00pm

Saturday 12th November

CLUB DINNER

TROPHY WINNERS 2015

Would all trophy winners please start to return their trophies to the club for engraving and re-presentation at the Trophy Evening on 18th November. Trophies should be returned by Friday 7th October.

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.

HEALTH AND SAFETY ON THE COURSE

You will shortly see some new directional signage and safety information located around the course and on the tees. Please keep to the signed and marked routes over the winter periods. In particular please abide by the safety instructions on holes which are crossed by public footpaths – please display due care and attention.

Winter means poor weather and deteriorating conditions. Please consider your personal safety at all times especially when using steps or walking on slopes / banks in wet weather and when the ground underfoot is wet or icy.

Frost Policy – Greens.

When a surface frost or deep ground frost is present, flags will be removed from the affected greens by the greens staff and temporary greens will be used. Flags will only be returned onto main greens when the surface frost has cleared and any deeper ground frost has thawed from the deepest roots (around 6 inches).

Temporary greens will be prepared well in advance of possible use to present a reasonable surface on occasions when the main greens are out of commission.

Course in General

There are two levels of restriction that will apply to the course in general.

1. Trolley Restriction will apply to both trolleys and buggies.
2. Buggy Restriction (buggies include single-seater vehicles). A trolley and buggy restriction will predominately apply where there is surface frost present. In these circumstances, the situation will be reviewed periodically and if the appropriate conditions are met (ie when the frost melts), the restriction may be lifted.

Buggy restrictions will apply when the ground itself is frozen for both course protection and safety reasons. In this instance, it is unlikely that a restriction imposed in the morning will be lifted, except in exceptional circumstances.

David Maskery
Club Secretary

FACEBOOK



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

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

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

£100 - Richard Tallon

£50 - Tim Chandler

£32 - Tom Bechelet

£32 - David Nightingale

£32 - John McIlree

£32 - Rita Robinson

Congratulations to the winners. The next draw will take place in the week beginning 31st October.

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 standing order. 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 by email: george.clelland@btinternet.com or telephone: 01962735008 george.clelland@btinternet.com or call in to the Secretary's office.

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