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I would like to take this opportunity to thank Casie McDonald Wood for her sterling efforts and thorough knowledge of the rules of the game. She has provided her copy on time every month, sometimes very early and her contribution has been accurate, well researched and entertaining. Well done and I do hope that we see Casie back in Alresford playing golf from time to time.

I would like to thank Ian Jones who has responded to my request for images of the Autumn course with some fine pictures appearing in these pages.

Congratulations to the new club officers who will be making their contributions to 'Fore Info' for the coming year.

I am quite sure that you will provide your copy on time... Oh yes you will!

Tony Gard
'Fore Info' Editor

Management Corner

AGM. On Friday, 25th November the following took place in the presence of 102 voting members:

1. Mary Rook was re-elected unopposed as Chair of the Management Committee for another 3 year term.
2. Ray Panter was elected unopposed as Treasurer for a 3-year term.
3. Mark Tiplady was elected unopposed as Chair of the Green Sub-Committee for a 3-year term.
4. Brian Wright was elected unopposed as Vice-Captain.
5. David Harrison and Keith Monkhouse were re-elected unopposed as Land Trustees.
6. Simon Freemantle, Eddie Martin, David Pain, George Clelland and Gill Freemantle were ratified for a further year as Chair of the Bar & Catering Sub-Committee, Chair of the House Sub-Committee, Chair of the Planning & Development Sub-Committee, Chair of the Match and Competition Sub-Committee and Chair of the Social Sub-Committee, respectively.
7. The Ratification of amendments to Club Rules and Bye-Laws was carried unanimously.
8. By a large majority the Management Committee was given the authority to proceed with refurbishing the locker rooms subject to the VAT refund being received from HMRC.



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Andrew Frearson
Club Captain

As my first submission to Fore Info, I will try and set my tone for the future and be brief and to the point. My thanks go to those who have gone before me and to everyone for your expressions of support for my forthcoming year. My best wishes go to Jean and Mary in their positions of Ladies Captain and Vice-Captain, Geoff and Chris as Vets Captain and Vice-Captain and to Henry Glanville as Juniors Captain. I hope you all have a successful year.

The Club Dinner was held on 12th November. The room was beautifully prepared by Gill Freemantle and her helpers, which added to the high quality of the evening. It was our new caterers, Chris and Kelly with chef Adam's first major event for us and the excellent food and service augurs well for the future. Magician Peter Wardell was not only highly proficient (he relieved me of my telephone and my watch) but he was a great entertainer also.

Congratulations to all those involved in the delivery of a great event.

The Captain vs Ladies Captain was a 12 a side battle which was narrowly won by the fairer sex. I daresay Jean will be far more effusive than I can bring myself to be! Congratulations Ladies.

After an afternoon's hard graft (polishing) the trophy presentations took place on the evening of the 18th November. Thanks are due to the polishers. The evening was well managed by George Clelland, ably supported by Malcolm and Jane Scott. I understand that, in order to get the supporting glassware in time for the event, Jane had to go off to an assignation in the Dummer Golf Club carpark - well done Jane. Congratulations go to all the winners especially Club Champion Ben Unsworth, Ladies Champion Kelly Travers, Vets Champion - best gross George Skayman and best net John White and Junior Champion Will Briggs.

The AGM passed peacefully and my investiture will remain a memorable occasion for me. As will the Captains Drive-in on 27th November which was organised with the usual flair of the Social Committee with the indoor proceedings, stage managed by Dave Sault, being somewhat more successful than those outdoor. Congratulations and thanks go to Mary Rook for raising a magnificent £830.00 for Prostate Cancer UK - the Captains' Charity for this year - a very good start.

On a personal note, a group of members and their wives, totalling 26, had a very enjoyable evening at the club with a three course meal provided by the new caterers at a very reasonable cost. I would be happy to recommend using the club as a venue for this type of function.

Andrew Frearson





Jean Coveyduck
Ladies' Captain

2016 started off at a gentle trot and gradually gained momentum until this last weekend which came and went like the final gallop home at the Derby. After the Club AGM on Friday evening, we started Saturday morning bright and early with our own AGM where we said goodbye to Linda who has been such a knowledgeable, hard working and inspirational Ladies Captain. I would like to thank her in particular for her strength of leadership and all the help she has given me over the last 12 months to ensure my taking office goes as smoothly as possible. I know she has a big building project at home already in the planning so will not find herself bored with life as a retired captain.

We also said goodbye to 2 extremely conscientious committee members, Mandy Caldwell, Handicap Secretary, and Marion Bruce, Treasurer. They have made an enormous contribution towards the efficient running of the Ladies' Section and my warm thanks goes to them for all they have done during their time on the committee. I am delighted that Mary Panter agreed to become my Vice and we welcome incoming members Elaine Capp, Catherine Carberry and Barbara Hutcheson who I know will do a wonderful job.

The Social Committee organised an interesting and amusing drive-in for the incoming captains and my family, who attended en masse, were totally bemused by the strange comings and goings at Alresford Golf Club and some of the bizarre things they learned about my life and activities here. I have some explaining to do.

We are fortunate to have several Winter Members joining our section. I extend a warm welcome to them and hope they will participate in as many of our events as they can. We will do our best to ensure they enjoy their time with us and hope in due course they become full members.

The winter months ahead are a busy time for the Ladies' Section. We have already played the first Maple Leaf match, there is the Turkey Trot on 29 November and the first Winter Triple match is scheduled for 12 December. At the same time, we have the Winter Foursomes as well as the Singles Nine Hole competitions to fit into our diaries. To finish the run up to Christmas there is the Nine Hole Texas Scramble, Christmas Lunch and Carols. The Committee will be hard at work from our very first meeting on 1 December organising and supervising the running of all these competitions.

The Ladies' Committee will again be organising the New Year's Day rollup for those of you still able to hold a club and focus on a little white ball after the previous evening's celebrations. Do come along at around 11 am if you can and join in for yet more fun with a little nourishment and/or hair of the dog to revive you afterwards.

Now all that is left for me to do is to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

November Stableford Results

Div 1 – Linda Wager 37 points

Div 2 – Gill Freemantle 29 points

Div 3 – No players

November Medal Results

Div 1 – Mandy Overton Nett 68

Div 2 – Elizabeth Hesse Nett 77

Div 3 – Liz Petheram Nett 73

...a look at rules

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Decision 13-2/5 Replacing or removing undetached divot

Q. A player's ball comes to rest in front of a divot which is folded over but not completely detached. The divot interferes with his backswing. May the player replace or remove the divot before playing?



Trophy Presentation Evening

Trophy winners and runners-up and Medal and Stableford winners who were unable to attend the Trophy Presentation Evening may collect their glassware memento from the Pro's Shop. Trophy winners who wish to take their trophy home should inquire in the Office. Many thanks to everyone who attended and helped to raise £214.70 for Children in Need. The full list of prize winners is on the main notice board.

Temporary Greens

Now that temporary greens have been marked out for all holes it is appropriate to remind you of the ruling if your ball lies on a temporary green or a main green which is not being used. This is classed as a ball on a Wrong Putting Green (Rule 25-3). The procedure is that you must take relief by lifting the ball and dropping it within one club-length of and not nearer the hole than the nearest point of relief. The penalty for breach of the rule is Loss of Hole in Match Play; and Two Strokes in Stroke Play.

Sheep Enclosures

You will have seen that the sheep have returned for their winter sojourn with us. Remember that the sheep are enclosed by an electric fence, so do not enter the enclosures to look for or retrieve your ball. The enclosures are defined as Ground under Repair – play prohibited. If your ball is in the enclosure or is virtually certain to be in the enclosure, then you must take relief, without penalty, by dropping a ball within one club-length and not nearer the hole than the point at which the ball crossed into the enclosure.

Competition Results

5th Nov Men's Stableford

Division 1

1st Paul Wager	40 pts
2nd Jess Miles	37 pts
3rd Michael Oliver	37 pts

Division 2

1st Dave King	37 pts
2nd Trevor Richardson	37 pts
3rd Glenn Phur	36 pts
4th Bob Moore	35 pts

12th Nov Men's Stableford

1st Brian Wright	38 pts
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20th Nov Men's Stableford

1st Lee Cheong	41 pts
2nd Mick Grant	41 pts
3rd Jim Bulloch	39 pts

16th Nov Men's Stableford

1st Peter Botterill	38 pts
2nd Dave Fox	36 pts
3rd Rob Kirk	35 pts

Qualifying Competitions and Temporary Greens

If more than two temporary greens are in use, then qualifying competition conditions do not exist. So, if a qualifying competition is scheduled and there are more than two temporary greens in operation because of frost then you should not enter or start to play in the competition until all the normal greens are back in play. An exception is that the Men's Turkey Trots on 3rd/4th December will be qualifiers if there are no temporary greens at the start of the day otherwise they will be non-qualifying competitions. Note that Pro's Stableford competitions run during the winter months are not qualifying competitions

Conditions of Competition

In recent weeks, there have been two instances of players removing their names from the Start Sheet of a competition. It is a condition of competition for men's and mixed competitions that players must indicate their intention to play by adding their name to the Start Sheet in the Pro's Shop. If the Pro's Shop is not open then players should use the Early Starter's Sheet outside the Pro's Shop or leave some other indication that they are entering the competition. Once a player has entered a competition they may not remove their name from the Start Sheet under any circumstances.



Ian Jones





Geoff Procter
Vets' Captain

Firstly, I would like to thank Geoff Jenkins for all his hard work over the last 12 months and for a successful year as Captain.

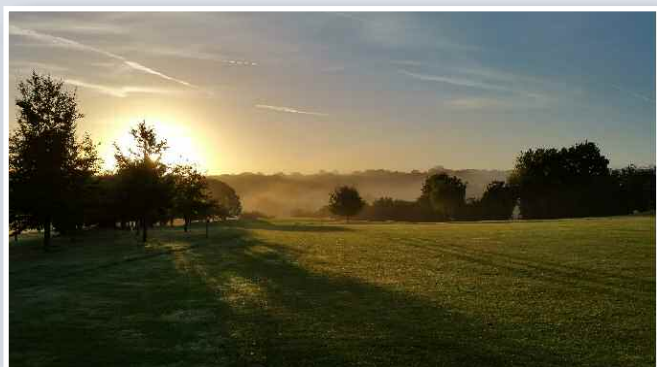
I would also like to thank our excellent Committee who have all agreed to continue for another year, which will ensure our affairs continue to be well managed.

At the Vets AGM on 9 November I said in my acceptance speech that I would like us all to enjoy our golf, whatever our level of golf or age, and, above all, to have fun. To this end my Vice Captain Chris Thompson who is now responsible for the Wednesday rollups, will include more team events and less individual Stableford and Medal competitions. This change reflects some of the comments in the recent questionnaire. So, if you have not yet filled out a questionnaire, please do so, because we can only change things if you let us know what you want.

On the golfing front, we have got off to a slow start and have lost the first of 3 of our winter league matches, although many individual games went to the last hole.

On a more cheerful note, your Captain managed to survive the 'Drive-in' which was followed by a bit of light hearted leg pulling that was greatly enjoyed by all, before we all sat down to a very welcome Sunday lunch.

May I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a healthy and enjoyable New Year.

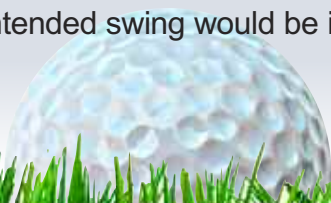


Ian Jones

...a look at rules

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A. No. A divot which is not completely detached is not a loose impediment. It is something fixed and therefore its removal or replacement would be a breach of Rule 13-2 as the lie and area of intended swing would be improved.



NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new members who have all joined the club starting during November and December so far; Eliza Ellerby, Phillip Green, Ray and Linda Fossey, Andy Nash, Sarah Densham, Chris Hall, Dan Pulling, Neil Reeves, Nicholas Riley and Timothy Watts (Winter membership), Spencer Lock (5 day), Harvey Nash and Alex Pulling (Juniors Under15). 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.

Of particular interest may be our **NEW Winter membership** available from 1st November 2016 until 31st March 2017. If you know of any members of other clubs who suffer poor playing conditions over the winter this may be ideal for them so **...please let them know.**

7 days a week

NO joining fee

Eligible to play in competitions and 'roll up's'

Obtain an official CONGU handicap

Utilise the clubhouse and catering with discount card for bar and food purchases

Full use of practice facilities, driving range & PAR3 course

Bring guests to play on reduced members 'guest rate'

Attend social functions

Contact the Office for full details and application form.

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.

DECEMBER

Wednesday 7th ~ 10.30am TBC (Vets Xmas Golf)

Wednesday 14th ~ 10.30am

Wednesday 21st ~ 10.30am

Wednesday 7th ~ 10.30am (Vets Xmas Golf)

Wednesday 28th ~ 10.30am

JANUARY

Wednesday 4th ~ 11.00am (due to golf society)

Wednesday 11th ~ 11.00am

Wednesday 18th ~ 11.00am

FORTHCOMING EVENTS YOUR DIARY

Saturday 10th December

XMAS QUIZ OF SPORT & SUPPER

Sunday 18th December

XMAS SUNDAY CARVERY & PRO SHOP DRAW

Monday 26th December PRO V CAPTAIN CHALLENGE

Saturday 31st December NEW YEAR EVE DINNER DANCE

Friday 13th January PUB QUIZ

SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS 2017

We will endeavour to send the majority of subscription renewal notices out to members via email again this year. Please ensure that we have your correct email address and pass this information on to any of your colleagues if you think they are not receiving the FORE INFO. Any members who do not have email addresses will have these details posted as normal.

YOUR HELP PLEASE - Please be aware that Melissa will leave us towards the end of January for maternity leave and so we would like to have processed the majority of subscription payments prior to then. To help us with this we would appreciate the early settlement of invoices and so ease the burden on the Office.

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 9th December

Friday 16th December

Friday 23rd December

Friday 30th December

Friday 6th January

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

From the NEW Kitchen

Chris, Kelly and their team at Pullinger Leisure are delighted to have been awarded the Catering Franchise at Alresford Golf Club and are very pleased to have received such a warm welcome from the members - thank you!

We hope that you have enjoyed trying out the new bar and lounge menu; if you have any comments, suggestions or dishes you would like to see us try please do get in touch. There will be more from us in the next newsletter so please keep an eye out for Carvery 2017 dates and new breakfast opening hours.

Chris & Kelly Pullinger
Pullinger Leisure

SHEEP ON THE COURSE

All members are reminded that entry into the sheep enclosure is **NOT** permitted. Members with pace makers must stay away from the electric fence.

If a ball is in the sheep enclosure, it **MUST NOT** be retrieved, and another ball must be substituted and dropped in accordance with Rule 25-1b. If it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found is in the sheep enclosure, the player may take relief, without penalty, as prescribed under Rule 25-1c.

THIS LOCAL RULE IS NOT OPTIONAL – ALL PLAYERS MUST TAKE NOTE.

David and Melissa wish all members a very merry Christmas and a healthy and happy new year and thank you for your support and help throughout the year.

Burns Supper 2017

Saturday 21st January 7.00pm for 7.30pm

As you start to think of what you're going to do after New Year and are looking for something to brighten up those dreary January nights, what better than an evening out with friends to enjoy a good hearty meal at one of the highlights of the social scene.

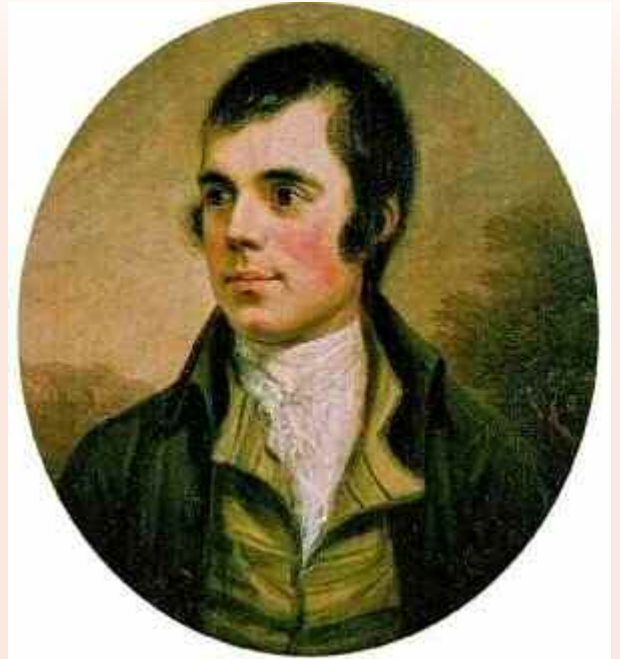
Come and enjoy the 25th Annual Burns Supper - a uniquely Scottish experience in good company featuring whisky, haggis, neeps (mashed swede) and tatties, and a light hearted appreciation of Scotland's Bard, and of course, the skirl of the bagpipes.

This is always a popular event in the social calendar so look out for the sign-up notice that will go up around Christmas. We've kept the cost of the evening at £26 per person for the fifth year in a row, and this includes a three course meal with coffee and a glass of your favourite tipple for the toasts after the meal. The main speakers are in the process of being confirmed and will be featured on the notice board.

Members and guests are all welcome.

Contact John McIlree or George Clelland for further information.

Dress: Black Tie



Ian Jones



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

£100 - Celia Batten
£50 - Annie Beal
£32 - Esme Goodacre
£32 - Elaine Spreadbury
£32 - Tineke Ribbink
£32 - Peter Harwood

A good month for the ladies! Congratulations to all the winners. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New year to all 100 Club members and thank you for your support. To ensure we meet the deadline for the next issue of Fore Info the next draw will take place on Friday 23rd December.

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.

George Clelland

Social Scene

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 sign-up sheet for the New Year's Eve Dinner Dance is on the Social Notice Board and a few tables are still available at present.

Gill Freemantle
Chair, Social Committee
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