

## alresfordgolfclub

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This start of this months message from Ash...

"Sincere thanks to all the Alresford Golf Club members that wished me well or donated to my cause for running the London Marathon last Sunday. It was an incredible day and I managed a time of 4 hours 8 minutes, more importantly your generosity has helped me raise close to £5,000 for Dementia - thank you so much, it is very much appreciated. - Ashley Wright"

My gratitude to all contributors who have once again managed to submit copy on time and to David and Viv who copy check to perfection!

**Tony Gard**  
'Fore Info' Editor

## Management Corner

### Corporate Membership Scheme

Hampshire Police Leisure and Sports (HPLS) have now purchased two additional memberships, making eight in total. All members of HPLS who are registered on this scheme are being issued with bright yellow bag tags.

### Halfway Refreshments.

The Management Committee has approved a 3-month trial which should commence in May. Please see the Secretary's article for details.



**Alresford**  
Golf Club

### Getting in touch...

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Are we not blessed with a beautiful course enjoying the first flush of Spring? In our first Invitation of the year, I had the privilege of playing with the Ladies captain, Jean Coveyduck, on 20th April at Camberley Heath - a most wonderful course and club, but our course matches the excellent conditions we found there. Modesty requires that I refrain from commenting on the excellence of our golf! I hope Jean does the same!



**Andrew Frearson**  
*Club Captain*

The Junior Green Jackets saw Alresford represented at The Army by Henry Glanfield (Junior Captain) Will Briggs and Jo Wilding. Alresford came a close second, losing by 2 stableford points 78 to 76. We were selected as the venue for the Hampshire U18's V Dorset/Sussex on 21st April and the praise for the club by the organisers was exceptional. Hampshire came second in the three way tie.

Home competitions - Torquil Jack won the Lombard Qualifier by one shot from Lewis Wooding and James White, meaning Torquil will accompany Malcolm Scott in representing Alresford in the Lombard Trophy Competition. In the juniors, James Perry won the TJ Evans Trophy with 41 points giving him a well-earned handicap reduction to 22. Well done James.

What is acknowledged as our first major of the year, the Linnets was played over two days on 14th and 15th April. Tim Chandler put down his marker on day 1 by posting a gross 70, net 60 score. His net 70 on the second day gave him an aggregate score of 130, one ahead of Neil Flowers, coming second on count back from Sean Yeates.

The Men's matches are in full flow with four having been played to date.

We played our first mixed match of the season on Sunday 23rd at home against Tylney Park and emerged in second place but with several close finishes.

The Meet and Greet evening on 7th April was well attended and conversions from Winter Membership to full membership is promising. It is a very good way of welcoming new members and introducing them to Alresford's many benefits. Thanks to those who attended - both old and new members.

Patricia, Carol Exton and Ian Swann are undertaking a swim on behalf of the Captains charity on 7th June, where they expect to complete a total of 160 lengths of the pool at St Swithuns School. The Secretary will fill in more details - please give them your support when the notices appear.

Our caterers continue to tickle our palates and put on some excellent events, notably for Mother's Day and Easter Sunday. We look forward to the Carpenters Tribute evening on 29th April - will we be on top of the world?





**Jean Coveyduck**  
*Ladies' Captain*

What a delight to welcome in some warm, dry weather, to see leaves and blossom on the trees and golf balls begin to run on the fairways, not to mention on the greens.

The North Hants Trophy first round was played by our scratch team at home v South Winchester and they won. Congratulations Lynne, Jane and Becky on a superb result and good luck in the next round.

Congratulations also to our Stoneham Team who, in their very first match of the season, had a resounding victory away at Wellow – 6-1. What a wonderful start to the season.

Sadly, I was away for the Spring Meeting but had excellent reports of a most successful day and some excellent golf. A big thank you to my Vice Captain, Mary, and all the committee for organizing everything so superbly in my absence. Please see the results on the Match Results page. I understand there was a very fast turnaround before the afternoon Waltz but well done to all who managed it and congratulations to the winners of the Front Nine: Cynthia Mariner, Jan Haring and Vicky Reed, and the Back Nine: Lesley Martin, Gill Freemantle and Sue Masser.

Falling during the same week of my absence was the Vets and Ladies' Breeze-Up but again I heard that the weather was kind and the day enjoyed by all. It was a very close finish and Viv Pain and Ray Panter won with 42 points on countback. Well done.

We have made a good start with the Friendly Matches and, although we lost away to Royal Winchester, we had 2 good wins against Bramshaw and Romsey. The last one this month will be against Blackmoor, again at home.

The Age Concern Stableford was well supported and Elaine Spreadbury qualified for the Age Concern Over 50's Golf Challenge. Well played Elaine and good luck for the Challenge.

The Bank Holiday Mixed Match was a Flags Competition and proved, as usual, a popular format and a lot of fun. Going out first didn't give us the relief of passing the first planted flag but Ron Beale and I did manage the approach to the 17th so felt we had achieved a degree of respectability. Three teams went down the first again but Mandy Overton and Len Lochrie were victorious. Our thanks to Mandy and Brian for organizing the day and dealing with all the last minute changes.

The first Mixed Match took place at home on 23 April v Tylney Park. Jan Haring organized a splendid match of American Greensomes that everyone enjoyed. Our visitors said they were going to repeat the format in their own home matches at Tylney Park as it produced such a friendly atmosphere. It was a close run match and we came close runners-up!

May promises a variety of events and matches and the season is now well and truly on a roll. Your support in signing up for competitions and social events has been much appreciated so please carry on the good work.

## ...a look at rules

## Fore Info

**Q: A player places his hand on the putting green behind his ball to determine if the green is wet.**

**Is this permissible?**



## Club Championships

The notices and sign-up sheets for the Men's and Ladies Club Championships will be posted in the Changing Rooms in early May. This year both Championships will be held over 2 days on 24th and 25th June. The closing date for entry will be Friday 16th June, and full details of the qualification requirements and conditions of competition will be listed on the notices. Please note that all participants in the 36 hole competitions over the Championship weekend must play on both days.

## Handicaps – Categories & Buffer Zones

I've received a few questions of late regarding handicap categories and buffer zones. Hopefully this short explanation will be of value and interest to everyone. Golfers are divided into categories based on their handicap and a score is within a player's buffer zone when the nett differential is within the range specified for that category; the nett differential is the difference between the nett score returned by a player and the Competition Scratch Score.

Handicap Category	Playing Handicap	Buffer Zone
1	Plus to 5	0 to +1
2	6 to 12	0 to +2
3	13 to 20	0 to +3
4	21 to 28	0 to +4
5 [Ladies]	29 to 36	0 to +5

**The Standard Scratch Score (SSS)** is a measure of the difficulty of a course for a scratch golfer in normal mid-season course and weather conditions. The SSS rather than par is the measurement

against which handicaps are assessed. The Competition Scratch Score (CSS) is the day-to-day variation in SSS and can vary from one below SSS to three above and is calculated based on the scores returned on the day and the percentages of each category playing. The CSS will come down if the scoring is mostly very good and it will increase if the conditions result in mostly high scores.

## Exact handicaps are adjusted as follows ...

Handicap Category	If Nett Differential is		
	Within Buffer Zone	Above Buffer Zone	Below Buffer Zone
	No change	Add	Subtract for each stroke below
1	0 to +1	0.1	0.1
2	0 to +2	0.1	0.2
3	0 to +3	0.1	0.3
4	0 to +4	0.1	0.4
5 [Ladies]	0 to +5	0.1	0.5

For example, a category 3 man who returns a nett score of 73 when the CSS is 69 will have a nett differential of +4, so his exact handicap will increase by 0.1; a category 4 lady who returns a nett score of 70 when the CSS is 72 will have a nett differential of -2, so her exact handicap will be reduced by  $2 \times 0.4 = 0.8$ .

George Clelland

## Overseas Matches

12 members of the club have recently returned from a three day jaunt to sunny St Malo in France where they enjoyed glorious weather and spectacular views at St Cast, Dinard and Les Ormes golf courses. Three very challenging courses which ensured the well honed skills of the Alresford team were severely tested during the day. The evenings were equally challenging, with several contenders for the 'nearest the bar' awards! Simon Wills deservedly topped the leader board at the end of the trip.

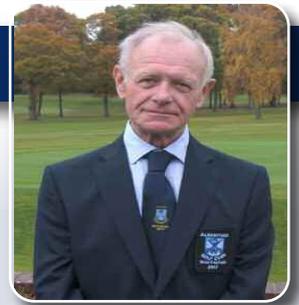
Pictured here are 11 of the 12 DAFT (Dave's Alternative French Trip) Members on the first tee at St Cast. Unfortunately the twelfth member (our current Vice Captain Brian) was having a quiet moment to himself nearby!

...amazing how tee-off nerves can affect some people!

Let's hope he performs better at the Captain's drive-in later in the year.



L-R Steve Love, Simon Wills, Jess Miles, Barry Norgate, Kit Nielsen, Trevor Richardson, Dave Adam, Dave Farr, Terry Hallas, Ron Markwick and Terry Foreman



**Geoff Procter**  
*Vets' Captain*

The annual Vets and Ladies Breeze Up was played on the 6 April and, as usual, great fun was had by all. Some good golf was played, with the top three pairs all coming in with 42 Stapleford points. But, on count back, Viv Pain and Ray Panter won the first prize (£25 credit each in the pro shop), and Patricia Frearson and Ron Beal won the second prize (£15 credit each in the pro shop).

Unfortunately there was no prize for coming third, but nevertheless well done to Lesley Martin and Tom McGrath for also getting 42 points.

Also, a big thanks to Wynne Tufnell for organising this event with the much appreciated assistance from Jean Coveyduck and Mary Panter.

Our summer matches are now well underway and it's amazing how the time flies by, with over 25 % of our 39 matches already having been played.

Last month (i.e. April) we played 5 matches, with two home wins, two away losses, and a halved match at Hockley.

Not a bad result as the teams are picked not to be the most competitive, but to be the most inclusive and to give everybody their fair share of games.

So, when I was recently asked, "how did we get on?", my response was that, as all the Alresford team left Rowlands Castle with big smiles on their faces, it was a great success, even though we lost.

Coming up in May we have 8 matches in addition to the usual Wednesday roll up and mid-week Stableford and Medal competitions, so no shortage of golf.

The month of May can be a difficult time for putting teams together due to holidays, invitations from other Clubs, and of course the Captain's trip in the middle of the month. So please take a look at the Vets notice board and, if you are available, sign up for a game or two.



## TWITTER

follow the green staff and see what's happening...

...on and around the course.

@GreenstaffAGC

## 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>

## ...a look at rules

## Fore Info

**A. Yes, rule 16-1d only prohibits rolling a ball, roughing or scraping the putting surface for testing purposes, and the line of putt was not touched.**



## NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new members who have all joined the club during April and May so far; Anthony Cox and Stephen Kirk (7 day) Phillip Green and Susie Lintott (5 day) , John Ford, Margaret Smith, Sheila Donnelly and Nicky Cambrook (Academy), Andrew Penney and Tomasz Prescott (Junior). We hope that your time at the club will be a long and enjoyable one for all of you.

Welcome also to all the HPLS Corporate members who have nominated Alresford as their preferred club within the Police Scheme; Dom Doyle, Steven Evans, Peter Parkes, Paul Arber, Ian Dawson, Ally Hibberd, Glen Kreffer, Adrian Leese, Stewart Paton, Lee Phillips, Chris Stephens, Gordon Cross, Kevin Emblem, Jake Stevens, Aidan Cross and David Riley. We hope that you will enjoy using the club and its facilities and are able to participate in the many social events and competitions we have over the summer.

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.

## SPECIAL MEMBER REFFERAL OFFER

Refer a new 5 or 7 day playing member and receive an EXTRA £50 credit on your bar card.  
Speak to the Secretary for more information.

## 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 from January 2017 will be 11.00am all year - all timings subject to any advanced tee reservations

### MAY

Wednesday 3rd 11.00am  
Wednesday 10th 11.15am (due to society booking)  
Wednesday 17th 11.00am  
Wednesday 24th 11.00am  
Wednesday 31st 11.00am

### JUNE

Wednesday 7th 11.00am  
Wednesday 14th 11.00am  
Wednesday 21st 11.00am

## 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 2017. 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 2017. No refund or extension will be given on unused 'visits'. Normal restrictions apply.

## CAPTAINS CHARITY SPONSORED SWIM

On Wednesday 7th June at 6.30am, Patricia Frearson, Ian Swann and Carol Exton will be swimming at St Swithun's School in aid of The Captains Charity, Prostate Cancer UK. They are aiming to swim 160 lengths! A sponsors list will be displayed on the noticeboard at the club from 1st May. Please sponsor them either per length or just to finish! We wish them all good luck.

## FRIDAY 9th JUNE ~ SENIORS OPEN

Entries are welcome from Alresford members to enter this successful annual event. Each year our Vets are allocated to single entries to help 'show them around' the course and make them feel welcome on the day. We receive many positive comments because of this. Alresford members entry fee is reduced by £10 to ONLY £24 which includes a 2 c luncheon and prizes. Entry sheets available from the Office. Separate prizes for Alresford members and visitors (1st, 2nd and 3rd places plus NP's). Please speak to David in the Office.

## NEW HALFWAY REFRESHMENTS

MANCOM and BAR & CATERING Committees have agreed a 3 month trial starting in May for halfway refreshments to be available for players. This will be at normal Weekends only (plus potentially busy society days) but NOT the Championship weekend.

Members will be permitted to contact the Kitchen via their mobile telephone from the 8th Tee and place an order from a limited menu which will be displayed at this point. The order will be 'cash sales' only and will be delivered to the 10th tee where there will be a picnic table and bin provided. Payment must be made at this stage.

Should a group order food and there is a group playing immediately behind them not ordering food, then they MUST permit that group to play through. Food should be consumed at the 10th tee. It should be stressed that this is a trial only at this stage and we will be monitoring usage and any effects that this has on 'pace of play' and litter on the course.

Please now also be aware that the Kitchen is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 9.30am

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS YOUR DIARY

### \*SOCIAL GOLF for SUMMER 2017

9 hole Social 'roll ups' will take place on the following dates over the summer;

4th May  
11th May  
18th May  
1st June  
8th June  
15th June

Everyone is welcome to join in - meet in the foyer between 5.30 – 6.00pm. Food will be available afterwards. There will be a prize for the best stableford score on the night and an overall prize for the best aggregate 4 scores from all the dates.

### \*CROSS COUNTRY SCRAMBLE (11 holes)

Friday 26th May, Tee times from 1.00 – 6.00pm.  
Teams of Four.

### \*BANK HOLIDAY SOCIAL GOLF

Monday 29th May 2.00pm, American Greensomes (drawn teams)

### \*CAPTAINS CHARITY DAY

Sunday 11th June (details coming soon)

## NEW CLUB RECIPROCAL

CHOBHAM GOLF CLUB are now a reciprocal club and bookings can be made from 1st May. The standard terms are; 1 x 4 ball per weekday bookable up to 2 weeks in advance, times subject to availability.

All bookings to be made via Alresford Golf Club Office.  
[www.chobhamgolfclub.co.uk/](http://www.chobhamgolfclub.co.uk/)

April has been a good month for golfers as we could play in comfort throughout the month. This is not necessarily good news for greenkeepers! We have had no rain for 20 days and have also had a light frost most mornings which means we have a very slow start to the growing season. Rook damage recovery has also been delayed for this reason. Despite this, the greens have played exceptionally well. They are going to seed in the next few weeks so expect them to slow down a little.

We have 3 greens with bare patches caused by lack of light and possibly oxygen. The tree removal (12th) and pollarding, now successfully completed, will resolve this problem. As the ground warms up we expect these greens to recover. We are aware that the area cleared to the rear of the 12th looks bare and open. We are considering and reviewing options on how to make this space look better and will take appropriate action at the back end of the year assuming the roots have started to rot.

The course does look well for the time of year. Any time soon the grass and rough will grow vigorously. We are still a member of staff down and we will do our best to keep up, but some jobs will not get done. Could golfers please stick to paths as much as possible. Please avoid taking buggies and trolleys through the rough areas as we are starting to get tracks in the rough.

Thank you to those who have pledged to help on the “divot party” Thursday 27th April. As I write this we have 17 volunteers. It would be great to get this number up to 30 so if you can help please bring a bucket and trowel! The course will be closed for a couple of hours while this important work is completed.

Finally, a great endorsement of our facilities came from Scott Gregory who comes to Alresford to practice parts of his game, especially his putting. Scott told many people including the County U18's that our greens are “the best he's played since the Masters” and are “absolutely the best for him to practice on in the county”. Praise indeed.

Mark Tiplady



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

- £100 - Nick Male
- £50 - Charles Kydd
- £32 - H ('Chubb') Young
- £32 - Simon Freemantle
- £32 - Andrew Thorne
- £32 - Sally Willis

Congratulations to this month's winners. Currently we are paying out 49% of our income in prizes with the remainder saved for worthy projects. The next draw will take place on 24th May ... 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 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 or telephone: 01962735008 [george.clelland@btinternet.com](mailto:george.clelland@btinternet.com) or call in to the Secretary's office.

**George Clelland**

## Social Scene

### Auction of Promises

An Auction of Promises evening is being planned for October this year. The aim of the evening will be to raise funds to support the Captains' charity and a Club project (to be agreed by the Captains). Arrangements for the evening are still in the early planning stages and we are looking for members' help and generosity. Are you able, or know of someone who may be willing, to donate? We are looking for a wide range of promises that can be auctioned on the evening. As an example, Andrew & Patricia Frearson have already secured a week in a luxury villa in Puglia, Italy to be auctioned'. Please put your thinking caps on, and contact me by email, if you can offer any items, services or experiences for the auction.

Many thanks to those that have already come forward with Promises, however we are still looking for more offers.

### ALRESFORD GOLF CLUB BRIDGE CLUB

As there have been so many new members at the Golf Club since the Bridge Club started it is thought that there might be some Bridge players amongst them or, indeed some other members who may have taken up Bridge in recent years, who are not aware that there is a Bridge Club.

The Bridge Club meets at the Golf Club on the last Tuesday of every month at 7.00pm and we end at 10.00pm. It is great fun and we welcome Bridge players of all standards, beginners included. It's a bargain at only £1.00 per person per evening.

If you would like to come along you need to have a playing partner and sign your names on the sign - up sheet in the foyer at the Club. Alternatively ring Viv or David on 01962 771008 or email [vivpain@btinternet.com](mailto:vivpain@btinternet.com)

### Social Golf

Just a reminder that Social Golf starts on 4th May.

Roll up from 5.30pm, play 9 holes, food will be available afterwards.



**Men's & Mixed Competitions****12th March – Famous Grouse Greensomes (nett scores)**

1st Karl Evans & Louis Parker	63
2nd Brian Overton & Simon Wills	63.5
3rd Derek Myers & Steve Glass	64

**1st April – Maurice Jack Qualifier (Medal)**

1st Tim Wootton-beard	64 (nett)
2nd Mike Pigott	66
3rd Chris Brandon-trye	67
4th Dave Farr	67
Top 16 qualify for KO stage	

**7th April – Over 60's Medal**

1st Mark Tiplady	64 (nett)
2nd Les Widdicombe	66
3rd Ian Johnson	69
4th Richard West	69

**8th April – April Medal & Lombard Qualifier****Division 1**

1st Torquil Jack	63 (nett)
2nd Lewis Wooding	68
3rd James White	68

**Division 2**

1st Steve Morgan	64 (nett)
2nd Dave King	64
3rd Andrew Petley	66
Torquil Jack goes forward to Lombard Regional Final	

**14th/15th April – Linnets Trophy (Medal)**

1st Tim Chandler	60+70=130
2nd Neil Flowers	65+66=131
3rd Sean Yeates	64+ 67=131
4th Bob Moore	71+66=137

**22nd April – Mackershaw Trophy**

1st Kit Neilson	38
2nd Karl Evans	38
3rd Richard Lane	36
4th Richard West	36

**Ladies' Competitions****4th April – Ladies' Spring Meeting Medal****Best Gross Silver Division**

Mandy Overton	79
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**Best Gross Bronze Division**

Gill Freemantle	96
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**Division 1**

Lesley Martin	69 Nett
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**Division 2**

Raye Ward	74
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**Division 3**

Romy Parsons	76
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**8th & 11th April Stableford – Age Concern****Division 1**

Cathy Hilton	37 points
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**Division 2**

Elaine Spreadbury	38 points
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**Division 3**

Julie Maskery	33 points
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**Ladies Matches****Stoneham Cup**

19th April Alresford v Wellow (Away)	Won 6-1
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**North Hants Trophy**

2nd April Alresford v South Winchester (H)	Won 2½ - ½
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**Friendly Matches**

28th March Alresford v Royal Winchester (A)	Lost 0-4
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3rd April – Alresford v Bramshaw (A)	Won 2½ - 1½
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11th April – Alresford v Romsey (H)	Won 2½ - 1½
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**Mixed Matches**

23rd April – Alresford v Tylney Park (H)	Lost 3-5
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**COMING SOON!****Friday 26th May ~ Cross Country Scramble**

This ever popular annual event starts at 1pm with the last tee time at 6.10pm and is an 11 hole event on a cunningly designed course showcasing the best of the rough and fairways from angles and directions you should not have played before!

