

alresfordgolfclub

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The 'Mad May' caption competition received no suitable entries. Any double-entendre captions were dismissed on the grounds of decency. Clearly there was far too much concern for the sensitivity of the subject and too little time available for your entries, as members were all out playing golf!



The prize...

(Tesla Model S) may now have to be returned to the dealership as it had fortunately been supplied to the club on a sale or return basis. I will yet see if there is a worthy entrant with a suitable winning caption. Better luck next time!

Don't forget to sign up for the Captains Charity day!

Sunday the 5th June in support of Alzheimers Research UK.

It is open to 7day, 5 day and junior members. There are morning sessions 0800 – 0950 and afternoon, 1300 – 1450. Only £10 entry for a team of 4.

Tony Gard
'Fore Info' Editor

Management Corner

Alresford Watercross Festival.

The Planning and Development Committee's stand on West Street for this event, which took place on Sunday, 15th May, got off to a tricky start when the first of our members arrived at 7.30 am to discover that our pitch was occupied by a Thai food stall whose owner had set up his stand in West Street instead of Broad Street. We had to help him dismantle his cooking equipment, re-load his van and help to carry his gazebo to its correct location about 100 yards away before we could start setting up our own stand. Things improved after this and the event seemed to be very successful in promoting our club. We distributed many leaflets and took contact details from over 50 people who showed interest in what we have to offer. These have already been followed up initially by David Maskery. The P&D Committee is grateful to Derek Sweetenham for the loan of his gazebo and to the 16 members and our Office team (David and Melissa) who assisted on the day.

One spin-off from this was the "Get into Golf" Open Day run by Malcolm and his Pro Shop team on Saturday, 28th May which was promoted at the Watercross Festival. Over two dozen people booked free "taster" lessons or clinics.

It is hoped that the club will derive some benefits from both these events.

New Member Referral Scheme – extended.

The scheme did not end on 30th April and is now open ended. If you propose a new 5 or 7 day playing member you will have £50 credited to your bar swipe card. Please contact the Secretary for details.



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Getting in touch...

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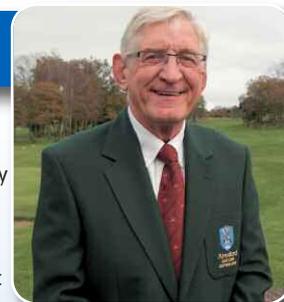
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And so the season goes into top gear with fixtures and competitions coming thick and fast. We've played Men's matches at home against Corhampton, coming second on a sunny day, but bounced back with wins against Tylney Park and Bramshaw. The latter win would have been better if I had remembered to turn up for one of Steve's great full English breakfasts, being 1 hour out of sync with the proper timings! However, I made the first tee on time, and was duly ribbed afterwards, bearing in mind our charity this year! We then returned to earth with a not unexpected loss of 4-1 to Hayling in revenge for the reverse score last year at Alresford. The 9 hole social golf is proving to be a hit with 46 players taking part in the two events so far, so well done to Gill and her Social team.



John Dillon
Club Captain

I was lucky to be invited to play at Barton on Sea this month with David Maskery.

Despite the torrential rain I completed the journey from Ropley in 55 minutes arriving at 07.55, but the lack of cars in the car park gave notice that the event had been abandoned. I still managed to get my bacon roll and coffee though, before taking 2 hours on the return journey!

Our Kindred Cup Team of Matt Blake, Ben Unsworth, Kevin Lane, Neil Hunter, Richard White, Steve Drake, Terry Glynn, Ray Chant and Paul Wager played their first Match at Alresford against their conquerors in last year's semi finals, running out winners 3&2. Well done to them and let's hope they make the finals day again this year. Our County 7's team were not so fortunate, getting a tough first round draw at Rowlands Castle. Matt Blake, Ben Unsworth, Karl Evans, Merv Fullbrook, Steve Glass and Nick Tebbet, led by Grant Thorne, gave a good account of themselves, with Grant and Ben playing under handicap, but they still lost 5-2, with Nick Tebbet and Karl Evans getting our 2 wins. (See photo)



Matt Blake, Ben Unsworth, Merv Fullbrook, Nick Tebbet, Karl Evans, Grant Thorne, Steve Glass

This month also saw a proactive club marketing initiative, with a stall at the Watercress Festival. Well done to all those members for erecting, manning and dismantling the stall, particularly David Pain for organising it and being on duty for pretty much the whole day. It will be interesting to find out in due course how many of the 53 entries for the raffle and other contacts we made convert into membership of one category or another.



Kevin Lane, Neil Gandy, Richard Lane, Terry Lane

This year's Captain's charity trip was a great success. We stayed at the Village Hotel in Swansea, which had excellent facilities including a large indoor pool, although the quality of the group meal and organisation left a bit to be desired. We played Ashburnham on the first day which started dry but eventually the rain set in and we all got pretty wet. Although this was meant to be the best of the three courses from national rankings, it proved to be a little scruffy and difficult to navigate. The golf got back on track the following day when we played Pennard. A magnificent but difficult links course played in sunshine, which had all the players purring with delight at the vistas, if not the scores. The last day was at Langland Bay, an excellent parkland course on the top of cliffs with magnificent views over the Bristol Channel, also played in the dry with the exception of one short cold downpour. The winners over the three days were Terry, Richard and Kevin Lane and Neil Gandy with

a total of 233 points, followed by Brian and Mandy Overton, Simon Wills and Steve Barns with 224 points and finally Keith Turner, Geoff Jenkins, Darren Boreham and John Goddard with 216 points. (See photo)

The day after our return we had a mixed match against Corhampton. This was probably a game too far for some of the players who had played in Wales, well it was for me. Despite that it was an enjoyable afternoon in pleasant conditions, even though we lost 1½-5½.

We finally got the Millennium Quaich, back on the calendar last Sunday. The response from the men's section was a bit disappointing, which restricted the field to 6 flights comprising a man, a lady and a Vet playing three way match play. Despite the low numbers we all had an enjoyable time, the men running out winners by 0.5 ahead of the Vets and 1 point ahead of the ladies. (see photo). On the same weekend, our representatives in the England Golf Mixed pairs Comp, Merv Fullbrook, Debbie Wills, Pete Dowse and Victoria Mackintosh played in a qualifier at Temple Golf Club, coming a creditable 8th. They were chosen for their winning performances in mixed club competitions last year, so you know what you need to do if you want to be considered as the club representatives in next year's competition.



Brian Overton, Roger Corkhill, John Dillon, Linda Glynn, Ian Jones and Darren Boreham.

Friday the 27th saw the annual cross country scramble. Jack Moody does a wonderful job designing the course and thanks are due to Steve P and his staff for setting it up. If you haven't tried it before, put a note in your diary for 2016, because it really is good fun. The winners this year were Tony Stanton, Darren Boreham, Dave Cooper and Keith Cooper, who squeaked over the line 0.1 point ahead of Charlie House, Pete Grant, Tony Collins and Kit Neilson. Sandra Hooker and Terry Evans won the nearest the pin prizes.

Finally, if you haven't done so already, please sign up on the sheets in the foyer for the Captain's Charity day on Sunday the 5th June in support of Alzheimers Research UK, which will be run on the same lines as last year. It is open to 7day, 5 day and junior members with a competition handicap, with tee times between 0800/0950 and 1300/1450





Linda Glynn
Ladies' Captain

Well I don't know about you but May was here and gone before I really got the hang of it. What with mixed weather, that's the polite term, and the unusual situation of still having clean and place at the beginning of the month, I became somewhat confused; not an unusual situation I hear you say.

Talking of confusion I have an apology to the April medal winners I inadvertently published the Tuesday result not the aggregate and so apologies to Gill Freemantle who won division 2 with 73 points. Let's hope I have got the results below correct.

May Stableford Results

Div 1 Elaine Capp 33pts

Div 2 Elaine Spreadbury 33pts

Div 3 Maureen Brooking 31pts

May Medal Results

Div 1 Tina Over 74

Div 2 Clare Monkhouse 76

Div 3 Cynthia Mariner 79

May gave us a mixed bag of friendly results with a win away at Tylney Park and losses at Blackmoor and Cowdray. Please note we are trialling putting out the friendly match teams in batches; this should mean you do not have to keep so many days blocked out in your diary. On the 6th May Jean sent out all the teams until the end of July so if you want to play the matches from August to October please get your forms in as soon as possible.

The Stoneham Cup matches have begun in earnest and as always we have been turning out strong teams and a full complement of caddies, much to the envy of other clubs. The results are two wins and two losses but there is a long way to go. For all the pink ladies out there who wish to support the team, the June matches are; at home against Gosport and Stokes Bay on Sunday 12th June, with the first tee time at 11am, and then away at Gosport and Stokes Bay on Monday 20th June at 11:30am. What a busy month because there are two more matches on the 23rd and the 30th; details in the club dairy.

In the county competitions Pat Palmer and Lesley Martin will represent us in the second round of the Knight cup, away at Osbourne. Our North Hants Trophy team is away at South Winchester on May 30th and if you would like to support them the 1st tee time is 1.36pm.

In the Alresford calendar the Captain's charity trip is a major event and I am sure John will fill you in on all the action. I am just including a photograph of Pennard Golf Course; if you are on the Gower peninsula it is well worth a visit.



For many ladies who were not attending the Captain's charity trip, the Hampshire Ladies County Championship Week was the centre of their attention. As always the Alresford ladies made their presence known with Kelli Travers, Lyn Travers and Sandra Hooker getting through to the knock out stages by virtue of being in the top 16 of the medal round with Lyn finishing a very creditable fourth in the Challenge Salver. Unfortunately Kelli lost in the semi-final to the eventual winner but well played all of you.

The Millennium Quaiche has had a few reincarnations, i.e. changes of format. This year teams of ladies, men and vets played for the quaiche; I am reliably informed this is a Scottish drinking cup. I think I must be very careful what I say next, some of my best friends are Scottish and they don't drink all that much!!! The competition was closely fought, the men winning with 6.5 points, vets second with 6 points and ladies third with 5.5 points. Thanks must go to George Clelland for the hard work in arranging this competition and I await next year's format with bated breath.

The Centenary Salver was won by Elaine Capp with a stunning nett 67, Sally Reid was second with a nett 72, on count back, and third Di Peisley also with a nett 72. Very many congratulations to you all but especially Elaine, who is now playing off 11 (amazing!).

And now to June: I cannot possibly include all the competitions or you will be fast asleep but look out for the Ladies Invitation and the Ladies Captain's day notices. You really do have to keep your eyes peeled as the notice boards are very full and it is too easy to miss your favourite competition. If you do miss a sign up list please contact me or the organiser and we can put you on a reserve list.

Please remember there are several competitions to play for at the Ladies Championship; including the Brenda Hedges and Dorothy Coombes, so whatever your handicap sign up, the notice is on the board in the changing rooms. Championship is not just for the best players we can all compete although personally I get a great deal of satisfaction from completing 36 holes, however badly.

Last but not least if you are not already signed up for the Captains Charity Day on June 5th it is not too late.



9-Hole Supplementary Scores

Following last month's Fore Info there's been a flurry of activity with 40 Supplementary Scores returned of which 11 have been over 9 holes. The format of the 9 hole cards was suggested by England Golf, but I'm not sure that it is entirely practical either for you, the player, or for the Match & Handicap Committee who have to process the cards. I'd be interested in feedback from those of you who have used the 9 hole cards. A major piece of information which would be useful is what your handicap allowance is for 9 holes. This actually depends on the Standard Scratch and Par of the 9 holes you play, so it is possible to have a different handicap depending on whether you use the white or yellow tees. If you'd like to work it out for yourself the formula to use is ...

White tees: (Exact Handicap - 1) / 2

Yellow tees: (Exact Handicap) / 2

Red tees: (Exact Handicap + 1) / 2

The result in each case should be rounded as normal. For example, a player with handicap of 12.2 would have 9 hole handicaps as follows ...

White tees: $(11.5 - 1)/2 = 5.25 \rightarrow 5$

Yellow tees: $(11.5)/2 = 5.75 \rightarrow 6$

Red tees: $(11.5 + 1)/2 = 6.25 \rightarrow 6$

Club Championship

The sign-up sheet for the Club Championship has been posted in the Men's Changing Room since the beginning of May, but the number of interested members is still small. This is the premier competition for men in the Club, so I would encourage as many members as possible to participate. Remember that the John Holmes Trophy which is a handicap competition runs concurrently with the Club Championship.

George Clelland

Competition Results**30th April & 1st May Curly's Cup**

1st Trevor Richardson	29
2nd Christian Bottomley	32
3rd Stuart Gaunt	32
4th Roy Partridge	33
Best 1st round: Peter Botterill	66
Lowest gross: Merv Fullbrook	75
Best 2nd round: Robert Kirk	40

7th May Courage & Barclay

1st D King & P Wager	63
2nd B Overton & S Freemantle	64
3rd D Fox & M Oliver	65

8th May Millennium Medal

1st Francis Moore	69
2nd Steve Hopkins	69
3rd Darren Boreham	71

11th May Mid-week Medal

1st Chris Thompson	67
2nd Ashley Wright	74

14th May Col Stratton-Bates Bogey

1st David Tye-Reeve	+4
2nd David Harrison	+3
3rd Richard Lane	+3

21st May EGU Gold Medal

1st Peter Gibbs	69
2nd David Reid	70
3rd Jim Bulloch	70
4th Steve Hopkins	71

22nd May Millennium Quiche

1st Men	6.5
2nd Vets	6.0
3rd Ladies	5.5

...a look at rules**Fore Info****12-2/2 Touching and rotating Half-Buried Ball in Rough for Identification Purposes**

Question: A ball is half buried in the rough. Having announced his intention in advance to his opponent, marker or fellow-competitor, the player, for the purpose of identifying the ball, touches the ball and rotates it. By so doing he identifies the ball as his ball. Is there a penalty?

Answer on page 5



Geoff Jenkins
Vets' Captain

It's always good to start the Fore-info article on a positive note and this month I can do so by saying that for the first time in three years there will be a Juniors v Vets Competition. This will be played on Tuesday 31st of May and many thanks must go to Simon Tillson and Wynne Tufnell for their hard work in organising the event and pulling together the two teams of 13 players. (Anyone superstitious speak now?) Many thanks must also go to all those playing and making this event possible.

First at the tee for the Juniors will be Captain, Christian Bottomley and yours truly will lead the way for the Vets. With ages ranging from single figures to the seventies, it will be interesting to see if the athleticism, exuberance and confidence of the juniors will overcome the experience and guile of the vets. Only time will tell!

And now on to the Vets Summer Inter-club matches. As can be seen from the results below, we haven't done quite so well as the previous month, but what can be said is that we had some great matches and lots of fun. We even had some good weather! Needless to say there were probably also a few mutterings under ones breath as a result of the opposition sinking a killer 40ft putt to win the match; or as one of Alresford's players putts, the ball resists the temptation to drop in the hole, but instead defies gravity, travels 270 degrees around the lip only to pop back out again! Know that feeling?

Results:

The Army (H)	Draw 4 – 4
Hartley Wintney (A)	We Lost 3 - 5
Rowlands Castle (H)	We Lost 3 - 5
Sandford Springs (H)	We Lost 2 - 4
Waterlooville	(Postponed)
Petersfield (H)	We Won 5 - 3
Romsey (H)	We Won 5 - 3

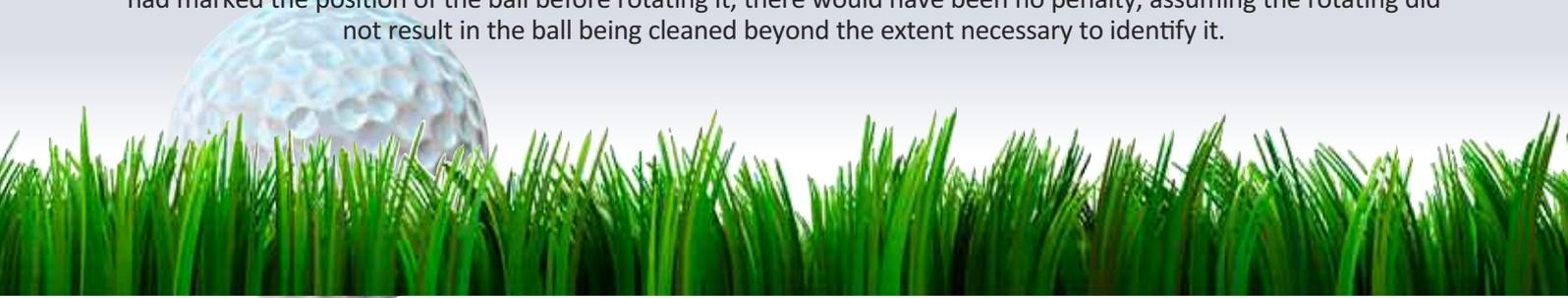


While on the subject of Vets matches, there have been a few matches lately where we have struggled to secure enough players to form a team, let alone have a number of reserves. So when five players drop out and there isn't a reserve pool as happened recently, it can become quite a difficult and time consuming task to find replacements. Therefore, if you see a team listing with the reserves column empty, please add your name. It may be one of those matches where your support is desperately needed. Also, with summer coming and school holidays not far away, demands on grandparents to baby sit or run little Johnnie to swimming lessons etc increases, which, in turn, reduces players availability. So, if you haven't played for the Vets yet, why not sign up and give it a try. Just need to be a member of the Vets Section and have a competition handicap. If you are selected as a reserve at one of the better supported matches, please remain available to play as I'm sure you will have gathered from the above, opportunities do arise to participate and, when they do, your availability as a reserve is even more important. If you are selected as a team player or reserve and become 'unavailable', please advise the match manager, giving as much notice as possible. Many thanks to all those who support the Vets matches, long may it continue.

You will probably have read both the Men's and Ladies' Captains' report about the Millenium Quaiche and will have gathered a good time was had by all. So no more to say on this subject, oh except the Men's Team required a contingency from the Vets in order to field a team and then had the audacity to win!!! What a cheek, especially as the Vets then came second!

...rule answer Fore Info

Answer: Yes, for touching the ball other than as provided for in the Rules (Rule 18-2). Under Rules 12-2 and 20-1, a ball may be lifted (or touched and rotated) for identification purposes after its position has been marked. If the player had marked the position of the ball before rotating it, there would have been no penalty, assuming the rotating did not result in the ball being cleaned beyond the extent necessary to identify it.



(i) General

* "Mad May" has certainly lived up to its reputation. Warmer temperatures allied with a smattering of rain have ensured a rapid recovery from the ravages of the winter. The course is looking verdant and the greens staff and mowers are at full stretch keeping the grass in check.

* In particular, the fairways have improved enormously, thanks in no small part to the efforts of the 30 or so volunteer members who pitched up on the 12th of May armed with an assortment of buckets and trowels. Happily it was a dry sunny day and despite some confusion over the start time (oops sorry!) all the par 4 and 5 fairways were filled with an impressive 6 (plus) tons of dressing and seed mix.

Members and Greenkeepers working in harmony



After a mere two hours, the entire course looked like it had been carpet-bombed and the happy and exhausted band of helpers repaired to the clubhouse for a well-earned coffee and sausage roll. A couple of weeks later, as I write, the divots have all disappeared and the fairways seem flatter and smoother than they have done for some time. Many thanks to all the volunteers who gave up their time for the collective benefit of all the members in the club. Reprimands for not replacing your divots in the future, will probably come from one of the volunteers for whom the hard work is probably still fresh in their minds!

* The greens are now settling down from the seed bloom and again are smooth, true and running at between 9 and 10 on the stimpmeter. I know I keep banging on about the speed of greens, but there is now a move by both the R&A and the PGA to try and reduce the time taken to play a round of golf. Every foot on a stimp reading is said to increase a round by around 15 minutes and this has increasingly become a concern, as it is seen that speed of play is a deterrent to new recruits to the game. Consequently, the R&A have now specified a maximum stimp reading of 10.5 feet for The Open Championship at Royal Troon this year – less if windy. The implication of course, being that amateur clubs need to rein back also.

For those who are interested, it is worth reading The Pace of Play Manual on the R&A website.

* Some of you will have already met our new green keeper Alex Jones. Alex joins us from Waitrose and is new to the profession. He is passionate about golf, loves the outdoor life and has settled in fast!



Alex hard at work!

(ii) The 10 Year Road Map. Presentation – Saturday 2nd July (3.30pm)
We have now completed our 10 year roadmap which has consisted of a thorough review of the Hawtree report, feedback from committees, analysis of costings and most importantly, opinions from members. Consequently, our recommendations do not at all follow the Hawtree report verbatim; indeed some of the Hawtree proposals such as converting the 16th and 17th to par 4s, or leveling the 5th fairway, have been rejected as much on cost, as a desire not to change the character of AGC.

The key objective has been to look forward and enable the course to evolve in a planned way over the next few years with the objective of making it more attractive to members – existing and prospective. Our proposals fall into two sections - projects which we wish to undertake in the short term (perhaps 1-3 years subject to funding) for which approval is sought and longer term projects which will be the subject to approval in future years. This will ensure that development takes place within a framework which is laid out now.

We have already presented our proposals to ManCom and the Captains Committee. Some of the changes proposed are within the approval levels of ManCom and the details of these will be posted on the noticeboard and highlighted in the presentation on July 2nd. Other more material proposals, will require member approval at that meeting. These are summarised later.

Members will be able to vote on their preference for each of a number of individual changes – voting positively for one initiative, will not preclude being able to reject others. At the end of the meeting, the votes will be collated and counted by the Club secretary and members notified of the outcome. It is intended that members who are unable to make the main presentation on 2nd July will be able to lodge their ballot papers to the office beforehand.

Details of the plan will be posted on the noticeboard in advance of the meeting, but members of the Greens Committee will host Q&A sessions at 2.30 on Wednesday 22nd and Saturday 25th June so that members can informally discuss with us the rationale for what is proposed.

Please be aware that we are seeking member preferences to potential changes on the course - not a mandate to proceed with the changes forthwith. Although we will indicate relative costings at the presentation, any implementation of the projects will be subject to ManCom approval, which will take into account available funding and other pressing projects at the time.

For the avoidance of doubt, voting for change is not a vote for course expenditure in preference to potential future clubhouse improvement. These are separate issues which are not within the scope of this meeting, but for future consideration.

(iii) Projects for Member Approval

In order to enable members to start formulating their views, the key proposals for which we seek membership approval will be as follows:

Hole 6

A key maintenance task is to rebuild the tee on the 6th as it is no longer level. As this will close the tee for some time, it is proposed that concurrent to this, we also do the following:

- * Replace the unnaturally raised left greenside bunker, with a deep swale;
- * Strip the turf, reshape the slope complex and relay the turf. This will make the hole fairer in the summer and increase the locations where the flag can be situated; at the moment large areas of the green cannot be used because of the contours. Although the work is not planned until 2017/18, this will shut the hole for the winter. It will be replaced for that period by an alternative on the Academy course, of an equivalent length. This project has been approved by ManCom, but is subject to member endorsement.

Hole 9

We have already received ManCom approval to swale the back bunker on this hole, but in addition we wish to move the right greenside bunker further to the front. Again, this project has been approved by ManCom, but is subject to member endorsement.



Proposed 9th (note the oak tree missing in mock-up – to be replaced)



Hole 11

This is the major proposed change in this presentation and is one of the key Hawtree recommendations. The proposal is to make this hole a par 5 by moving the tee back approximately 45 yards, to move the current fairway bunker forward and to the right and create a 'necklace' of bunkers to protect the green from attempted long shots in. ManCom is divided on this issue, but as it represents a material change in the character of the course, it requires member approval.

'Necklace' on 11th

**Hole 13**

It is proposed that the bunker to the left of the green is replaced by a swale and the front bunkers converted to two deeper 'spectacle' bunkers. This will form a dramatic vista from the tee. Again, this project has been approved by ManCom, but is subject to member endorsement.

Hole 13th after changes

**Hole 16**

As we had decided to reject the conversion of this hole to a par 4, we asked Hawtree for their recommendations for retaining it as a par 3. They came up with three recommendations:

Firstly, to clear out a number of small trees and bushes to the right and left of the tee to make walkers visible to golfers and vice versa. This has been done.

Secondly, to replace the bunker to the back right of the green with a swale. This has been approved by ManCom.

Thirdly, to remove 4 sentinel trees to the left and right of the driving corridor closest to the green. Hawtree's view is that the entry to this green is too narrow and makes for a poor golfing hole which will only get worse as time passes. This was not approved by ManCom, but we feel that members should have the opportunity to vote on this.

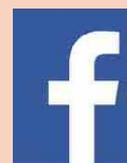
The Hawtree report in its entirety, is on the AGC website (Members Area) and an indication of what is proposed can be seen there although our own proposals may slightly vary. It is worth noting finally, that on a recent follow up visit to the club, we presented our roadmap to Hawtree and received his full and enthusiastic endorsement to the proposed changes.

A lot to take in this month!

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

Harry Dhand
Chairman of Greens

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and get the regular pictures and updates
on what's happening!**

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new members who have all joined the club starting during May so far; Martin Cornforth (returning to 7 day), John Edgell (returning to 5 day), Vernon Farrell, Steven Pratt and David Daukes (Social Extra), Harvey Vaughan and Megan Ewart (Junior). 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.

SPECIAL MEMBER REFERRAL OFFER - EXTENDED

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. (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.

JUNE

Wednesday 1st - 11.00am

Wednesday 8th - 11.00am

Wednesday 15th - 11.00am

Wednesday 22nd - 11.00am (Over 60's medal)

Wednesday 29th - 11.00am (Mid-week stableford)

JULY

Wednesday 6th - 11.15am (due to Golf society)

Wednesday 13th - 11.00am (Mid-week medal)

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.

NEW SOCIAL GOLF OPPORTUNITY - SUMMER 2016

9 hole Social 'roll up' will take place on these dates;

- Friday 3rd June
- Friday 10th June
- Friday 24th June
- Thursday 7th July
- Friday 22nd July

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.

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A fascinating insight into the club from the very beginning to the present day development and issues.

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Slow Play? Hanging around on a Par 3 waiting to play?

Why not take 30 seconds to fill in some divots

using the divot mix available on all Par 3's!

Your help maintaining your course is appreciated.

Are you getting the most out of your membership?

'COURTESIES' are where a local club offers us a tee time when we have a course closure due to a county or open competition here at Alresford. These are posted on the Main Noticeboard and are booked on a 'first come first served' basis via the Secretary's Office. Members should request these slots directly with the Secretary (at Alresford). Members are reminded that individuals are limited to 3 rounds only.

'RECIPROCALS' are agreements between clubs whereby members can play at another club, usually FOC or with a nominal green fee charge, Monday to Friday (subject to availability).

We have several clubs that we have reciprocal arrangements with, namely;

BRAMLEY		nr Guildford, Surrey
LEE-ON-THE-SOLENT	Hants	
WATERLOOVILLE		Hants
TIDWORTH GARRISON	Wiltshire	
YEOVIL		Somerset
SALISBURY & SOUTH WILTS	Wiltshire	
RUSHMORE		Wiltshire
HIGH POST	Wiltshire	
ROWLANDS CASTLE		Hampshire
LAMBERHURST		Kent

Requests for tee times must be made through the Secretary's Office (Alresford) and can be made a maximum of 2 weeks in advance. We are restricted to 1 x 4 ball from Alresford per week at each club.

This provides an excellent opportunity for members to play other courses during the year and have a 'day out'.

COMING SOON!

Saturday 18th June - DAWN PATROL for the Druids Cup

18 hole stableford competition

Tee times from 5.30am

Full English Breakfast following golf.

£10 payable on the day.

Friday 15th July - PRO's CLUBHOUSE KNOCKOUT

Play 9 holes anytime during the day.

Keep your card and then come back in the evening for food and matchplay card competition in clubhouse. Great fun!

Sunday 24th July - HUSBANDS & WIVES

Mixed Foursomes stableford

Tee times from 12.30pm.

Look out for signing up details on the Mixed Golf Noticeboard.

David Maskery
Club Secretary

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

£100	Chris Brandon-Trye
£50	Neil Pidduck
£32	Peter Harwood
£32	Simon Freemantle
£32	Barry Norgate
£32	Gareth Rees

Congratulations to this month's winners. The next draw will take place in the week beginning 27th June ...look for the list of winners on the Secretary's notice board.

Now the playing season is getting into full swing, remember to reserve Friday 5th August in your diary for the main event of the summer ...the 100 Club Stableford and Evening meal. More details in next month's Fore Info. An event not to be missed!

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 01962735008 or or george.clelland@btinternet.com or call in to the Secretary's office.

George Clelland

Social Scene

The format of 9 holes Social Golf, followed by a meal, has proved popular with 58 players over the last 3 dates. The winner of the evening receives a sleeve of balls. All scores are recorded, with the best 4 scores receiving a prize at the end.

Thursday 5th May	Tony Freeman 21 points
Thursday 12th May	Philip Brydon 19 points
Thursday 26th May	John White 21 points

Friday 3rd June
 Friday 10th June
 Friday 24th June
 Thursday 7th July
 Friday 22nd July

Don't worry if you missed the first few dates, Social Golf continues on the following dates.
 Roll Up between 5.30 and 6pm. **All welcome.**

Gill Freemantle
 Chair, Social Committee

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