



## alresfordgolfclub

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So, this is the first issue of the New Year and winter continues to have a sharp bite from time to time. Although the course is often well subscribed and the winter sun is a bonus. Let us all hope that 2017 has less effect than last year in taking friends, celebrities, sports personalities and musicians before their time.

The layout of 'Fore Info' has been changed to bring all results under one heading. The intention is to allow accessing the data to be more straightforward - both to read and to layout.

Finally, a big thank you to Harry Dhand whose contribution to Greens News has been epic for the last 3 years and to our Rules expert Casie McDonald Wood whose last contribution is within this issue. Mark Tiplady and Brian Overton respectively will take over these roles and you will see that Mark has begun in this months edition.

**Tony Gard**  
*'Fore Info' Editor*

## Management Corner

### Locker Rooms.

As members will know from reading an email sent by the Chair of the Management Committee on 13th December, we have now received the long-awaited VAT refund from HMRC. This will now be used in accordance with the authority given by members to the Management Committee at the recent AGM to undertake refurbishment of both locker rooms. A preferred contractor has been identified by the House Sub-Committee and, after we have placed an order, the dates when the work should be undertaken will be agreed. Both locker rooms will be refurbished simultaneously and the project is expected to take about five weeks, during which temporary facilities will be made available. It is hoped to complete the work during the first quarter of 2017



**Alresford**  
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**Andrew Frearson**  
*Club Captain*

We have now had several visits from unwanted livestock on the course and, whilst there has been damage, it is not, so far, as severe as it could have been. It is difficult, if not impossible, to establish the ownership of these horses, so dealing definitively with the problem is not easy. Have no fear, however, your intrepid committees, no doubt led by the firm hands of David Maskery and Steve Privett, will find a solution in due course.

The most significant development emanating from the Captain's Committee meeting held on 9th December, was the decision to hold the Club Championships over two days and to integrate the ladies with the men. George Clelland, Match Secretary, will provide more details.

Earlier in December, the Men's and Ladies' Turkey Trots attracted many players, with over 70 playing in the Men's competition on the Saturday and around 100 over the whole weekend. Results are available on the new dedicated results page.

My thanks to Geoff Procter and Jean Coveyduck for their kind invitations to join their relative section's Xmas Golf and lunch - I am led to believe it is the first time the Captain has enjoyed the privilege of playing as well as eating.

It was at the Ladies lunch that I had the pleasure of announcing that we had at last received the long-awaited VAT refund that will enable us to proceed with the much-needed improvements to the changing and toilet facilities. Details may be found in this issue's 'Management Corner'.

Praising the Social Committee and the caterers for the renewed vigour in social events is becoming a bit repetitive, but I must again congratulate Gill Freemantle and her team for providing a great evening's entertainment at the Quiz Night on 10th December. It was heartening to see the club packed once again.

I understand the Pro's Draw and drinks party, followed by a Sunday Carvery, was also hugely supported. My thanks to all those involved (especially the musical geniuses).

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible for the Captain V Pro challenge at 9 am on Boxing Day - bring your hangovers - they will be suitably dealt with!

The New Year's Eve Dinner Dance will shortly be upon us and I am aware there are still spaces available for the last minute decision makers - come and join us for what promises to be another great evening. Just a word of warning - there's the 9 hole roll-up at 11 the next morning!

Patricia and I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.





**Jean Coveyduck**  
*Ladies' Captain*

I remember from last December that the year got off to a hectic start and, true to form, I have been running to stand still since the AGM. By the time you read this we should be entering a rather calmer period so perhaps Mary and I will manage to be more proactive than reactive.

The Turkey Trot proved difficult to complete. There was fog on the Tuesday that delayed the start and then frost holes on every hole which, during the course of play, were removed. This meant that only a small percentage of those who set off that day qualified for the competition and, on the Saturday, every hole remained a frost hole so no-one qualified. We had sufficient qualifiers in Divisions 2 and 3 to award a prize but the Division 1 prize is being held over until this month and combined with the Stableford competition.

The third leg of the Maple Leaf Trophy, away at North Hants, was cancelled due to fog. The first match in the Winter Triple took place away at Lee on the Solent in dismal, rainy conditions and Alresford Ladies came in third place. We started from this position last year and went on to win so have everything to play for.

I attended the Vets' Christmas Texas Scramble and Lunch as their guest and was warmly hosted both on the course and in the dining-room. Our own Christmas event took place the following week and, despite a very drizzly start, was enthusiastically supported. Club Captain, Andrew, and Chris Thompson, the new Vets' Vice Captain, standing in for Geoff Procter who was ill, were our honoured guests and were invited to play this year, as well as attend the meal. Philip played us into lunch and Celia Batten accompanied our carols after the meal. I greatly appreciated their contributions to a most successful day and would also like to thank Pullinger Leisure for an excellent meal and table service. Our enjoyment was completed at the end of the meal when Club Captain Andrew announced the payment of the VAT refund into the Club account. Our new year is set to begin with many exciting possibilities and plans coming to fruition.

The Christmas Draw and Sunday lunch were hugely popular this year and thanks go to Malcolm and Jane for their welcoming drinks and for organizing the draw. An excellent lunch followed and we enjoyed some entertaining music from the Alresford Players – Philip Bryden, George Skayman and John Little.

My thanks to everyone for your warm and encouraging Christmas messages and I wish you all a healthy and prosperous New Year.

## ...a look at rules

## Fore Info

### **Decision 13-4/3.5** **Player Uses Cane or Club to Enter or Leave Hazard When Ball Lies in Hazard**

Q. A player, to prevent falling, uses a cane or club to enter or leave a hazard when his ball lies in the hazard. Is the player in breach of Rule 13-4?



## Annual Review of Handicaps

We are holding the Annual Review for men on Friday 13th January. Players whose handicaps are adjusted as a result of the review will be notified by email or letter and the changes will become effective on Monday 23rd January.

## Men's & Ladies' Club Championships

After much debate the Captain's Committee has decided to change the format of the Club Championships from 36 holes on 1 day to 36 holes over 2 consecutive days. This change will be adopted for a trial period of 2 years, so after the 2018 Championships a decision will be made whether to continue with the changed format or revert to 1 day. The decision will be based on whether the new format generates more participation and a greater sense of occasion for the event in general and in particular around the final hole and presentation of prizes.

The Men's and Ladies' Club Championships for 2017 will be run concurrently on 24th and 25th June. The main changes will be:

\* The Men's and Ladies' playing groups will be integrated in handicap order with the lowest handicap groups going out last; there will not be mixed playing groups.

\* All groups will start on the 1st tee for both rounds.

\* For the Men, the playing groups for Round 2 will be based on the gross scores from Round 1, with the lowest gross scores going out last. The Ladies have still to confirm whether they will adopt this approach or not.

\* There will not be a cut based on the scores from Round 1, as there are also handicap competitions running concurrently with the Club Championships.

\* The playing groups and start times for Round 2 will be posted on the notice boards as soon as possible after the completion of Round 1. It will be the responsibility of each player to ascertain their start time for Round 2.

\* It should be noted that players will be signing up for a 36-hole competition, so players must ensure they will be available on both days and must play both rounds.

# Results

NB: This new section will list the results of all competitions and matches so that all will appear in the one place rather than in various places within 'Fore Info' articles.

# Fore Info

## Men's & Mixed Competitions

### 3rd December – Men's Turkey Trot

1st=	David Pain	39pts
1st=	Richard West	39pts
1st=	Dave King	39pts
4th=	Andrew Petley	38pts
4th=	Mike White	38pts
6th=	Philip Campbell	37pts
6th=	Drew Fielden	37pts

### 4th December – Men's Turkey Trot

1st=	Mark Tiplady	37pts
1st=	Simon Freemantle	37pts

### 18th December – Pro's Xmas Cracker (Mixed)

1st	Darren Boreham	39pts
2nd	Charlie House	37pts

## Ladies' Competitions

### 29th November and 3rd December - Turkey Trot

Division 1:	No qualifying participants	
Division 2:	Mary Panter	29 pts
Division 3:	Marion Bruce	38 pts

### Summer Eclectic

1st	Lynne Cowser
2nd=	Elaine Capp
2nd=	Linda Glynn

### End of Year – Birdie Tree

1st	Mandy Overton	(7)
2nd	Jane Hendry	(6)

### End of Year – Par Tree

1st	Jean Coveyduck	(23)
2nd	Chris Grevatte-Ball	(22)

## Ladies' Matches

**6th December - Maple Leaf Trophy v North Hants (A)**  
– Cancelled due to fog

**12th December - Winter Triple (A) v Corhampton & Lee-on-the-Solent - third**





**Geoff Procter**  
*Vets' Captain*

Our annual Texas Scramble and Christmas lunch was held on 7th December and was well attended, with over 90 people sitting down to lunch. Wynne Tufnell did his usual superb job in organising this event and even managed to arrange for one of our guests to be in the winning team for each of the front nine, and back nine competitions. So well done the teams who came first or second, and well done Wynne.

By the time we all read this edition we may be in January 2017 when we can start looking forward to a full year's programme which, incidentally, is displayed on the Vets notice board.

After the last 2 winter league games in February, we kick off the rest of the year with the Vets Captain versus Vice Captain match on the 8th March. The "request for players" for this match will be posted on the notice board in the middle of February. No pressure Chris, but over the last few years the Vice Captains team has won this event!

After this fun event, which I hope you will sign up to, we can all look forward to a full programme during 2017 which, besides the regular Wednesday morning roll ups, will include 39 interclub matches and 10 other events, such as Vets invitation event on 10 August.

I personally enjoy playing different courses and meeting fellow golfers from different clubs so, if you haven't played in these matches before, I would encourage you to give it a go. The "2017 match season" will start with a request for players, which will be posted on the notice board on 17 February 2017. Others will follow this on an almost weekly basis, so please keep an eye on the notice board.

The annual subs for the Vets section were included in the cost of the Christmas lunch, but, if you missed the lunch, you will probably need to pay £10 Vets subs so you can play in the Wednesday roll ups, and other Vets events and matches during 2017.

May I wish you all a happy New Year, and I look forward to seeing you all during the rest of 2017.

## ...a look at rules

## Fore Info

**A.** No, provided nothing is done which constitutes testing the condition of the hazard or improves the lie of the ball – see Exception 1 to Rule 13-4..



## NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new members who have all joined the club starting during November and December so far Susan Lintott, Kevin Stride, Alistair Catto and Bonnie Catto (Winter membership), Samuel White, Henry Reilly, Jennifer Reilly and Rebecca Reilly( Juniors Under 12) 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 Alesford.

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

### JANUARY

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

Wednesday 11th ~ 11.00am

Wednesday 18th ~ 11.00am

Wednesday 25th ~ 11.00am

### FEBRUARY

Wednesday 1st ~ 11.00am

Wednesday 8th ~ 11.00am

Wednesday 15th ~ 11.00am

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS YOUR DIARY

Friday 13th January

**PUB QUIZ**

Sunday 15th January

**SUNDAY LUNCH CARVERY**

Saturday 21st January

**BURNS NIGHT**

Saturday 28th January

**CHINESE NEW YEAR BUFFET**

Tuesday 14th February

**VALENTINE'S EVENING**

Friday 17th February

**PUB QUIZ**

## 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 6th, 20th January

Friday 3rd, 10th February

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

## 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 we 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.

## 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.**

## NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

Whilst we haven't had any real prolonged period of poor or cold weather (yet!), winter is still here and will no doubt disrupt our golf with rain, frost, fog, snow and ice on numerous occasions before the clocks return to summertime.

*Please bear the following in mind when playing...*

\* If it is frosty or icy, the chance is that the car park will be slippery too! Take care when driving around the car park. **SLOWLY PLEASE.**

\* The fact that the course has not been officially closed does not warrant that it is entirely fit for play.

\* Players have a duty of care not to behave in a manner that may be dangerous or cause harm to other players.

\* They also have a duty of care not to injure themselves by paying particular care and attention to the conditions.

\* Please take extra care with regards to slipping on the wet, muddy or frozen ground – golf shoes will collect the mud and ice on the soles rendering your spikes useless.

\* Avoid walking up or down slopes and banks wherever possible especially if with a trolley – use the proper paths.

\* Please obey all course signage and avoid area's roped off – there is a reason for this!

\* Wooden sleeper edges will stay slippery and so do not walk on them.

Playing in such conditions can be dangerous – Players do so at their own risk!

## Burns Supper 2017

Saturday 21st January 7.00pm for 7.30pm

Now the Christmas and New Year celebrations are over, it's time to book up for the next big event of the 2017 ... the Burns Supper. This is an evening which can be enjoyed by everyone. There are many reasons for this ... the uniquely Scottish experience of good company with whisky, haggis, neeps (mashed swede) and tatties, and a light-hearted appreciation of Scotland's Bard, and of course, the skirl of the bagpipes. The sign-up list for the evening is on the Social notice board.

This year the principal speakers will be Ray Grainger, who has attended Burns Suppers in several countries and will propose the Immortal Memory; the Toast to the Lassies will be proposed by George Clelland who will be hoping for a gracious reply from his wife Jennifer.

George will also 'perform' the Address to the Haggis in the time-honoured fashion.

The cost of the evening will be £26 per person and includes the meal and a glass of your favourite tittle for the toasts after the meal. Please make sure you make your payment to the Office before the event.

Contact George Clelland for further information.

Dress: Black Tie



## Greens News

The course continues to stand up well considering the time of year. We have had a bad outbreak of Fusarium on the tees and they have been treated with a fungicide for the first time in 14 years.

The team top-dressed the greens with a light spin of sand and applied about 6 tons of sand. This was done to help with the recovery of the hoof marks on the greens. We did have 2 horses stampede over the green on the 4th and there are hoof marks in and around the 4th and 5th. This will recover over the next few weeks. On a more positive note, the works carried out by our greenkeepers on the 9th, 16th and 18th greens were completed in good time and are settling well. Excellent job!

We will be running a 2 man shift over Christmas so there will be no extra work being done between Christmas and New Year. Steve will start to look for a new member of staff in the new year to replace Tom who left in December.

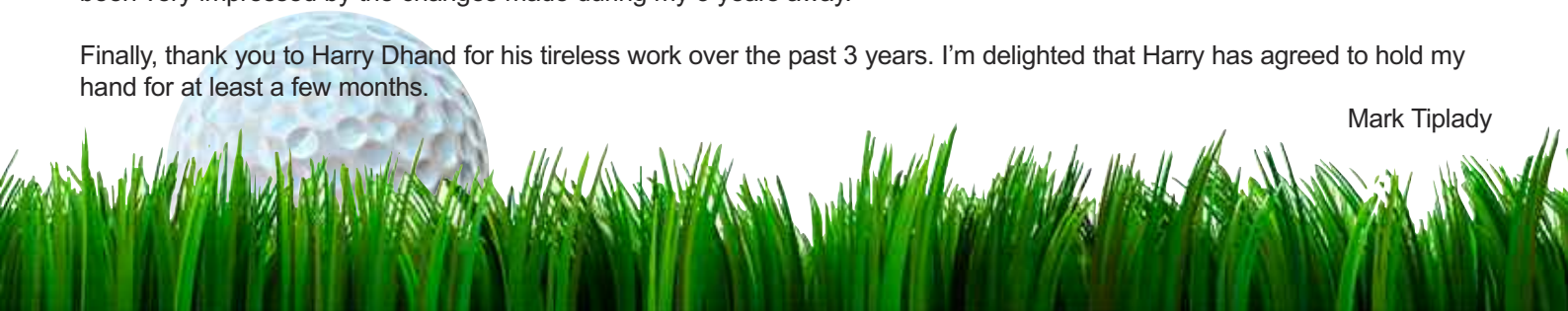
In the new year, we will start to thin out the trees in between the 14th and 15th and remove some trees behind the 12th green to add some light back onto the putting surface. We will also be taking one tree out behind the 11th green and the blackthorn at the bottom of the hill on the left of 17th.

At the end of January, maybe February, I will be getting the tree spade in to move some trees onto the driving range and a few around the course.

I believe that Alresford is an outstanding course, having developed and improved to be a great and true test of golf, given the land available. Great credit is due to Steve Privett and his team for the quality of maintenance and development work. I have been very impressed by the changes made during my 3 years away.

Finally, thank you to Harry Dhand for his tireless work over the past 3 years. I'm delighted that Harry has agreed to hold my hand for at least a few months.

Mark Tiplady



A Happy New Year to all 100 Club members. The winners of the 100 Club prize draw for January were:

£100 - Esme Goodacre

£50 - Barry Norgate

£32 - David Farr

£32 - Elaine Spreadbury

£32 - Ian Robinson

£32 - Chris Grevatte-Ball

Congratulations to this month's winners. The next draw will take place in the week beginning 23rd January ... look for the list of winners on the Secretary's notice board. I know many of you like to mark up your diary with significant dates at the beginning of the year, so the important one this year is Friday 4th August which is when we'll have the 100 Club Stableford and Evening Meal. Put it in your diary now as this the one 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 by email: [george.clelland@btinternet.com](mailto:george.clelland@btinternet.com) or telephone: 01962735008 [george.clelland@btinternet.com](mailto:george.clelland@btinternet.com) or call in to the Secretary's office.

**George Clelland**

## Social Scene

# FACEBOOK



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