

# Bramhall Golf Chis Newsletter

# WELCOME TO THE AUTUMN 2015 NEWSLETTER



# A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM LADY CAPTAIN



So it's nearly Christmas, it's crept up on us very quickly this year, due, I feel to the fact that we managed to play through that wonderful autumn into November. Although November has been disappointing, here we are, with everything to look forward to.

I hope you are all going to join in the winter fun games, when it is so nice to come in for hot soup and sandwiches and whilst I have taken into consideration how much we all have to do in December I am hoping you will stay a while after lunch and enjoy the little bits of interest that we have for you. Please try and encourage ladies who for whatever reason will not be joining in the golf to enter into the spirit of the season and join us for lunch.

I did a rather quick check of how many ladies are listed in the diary and made a practical decision not to send everyone a Christmas card; rather I will follow in the sensible footsteps of my predecessors and put up a communal card in the ladies entrance to wish you all A Very Happy Christmas. I am also displaying ..... no, not selling for charity ..... a calendar which I have made for you to have a look at ..... it takes in many events of the year and you may find a picture of yourselves plus partners if you look carefully. I shall use it next year at home and each month I will be able to look back on the events which have made me happy in 2015, my year. So it only remains for me to wish you all the very best for December and special wishes for you all for 2016. Merry Christmas everyone!!!



THURSDAY 3" DECEMBER 2015
YELLOW BALL SHOTGUN START

SOUP & SANDWICHES
ORIGAMI CHRISTMAS
DECORATION DEMONSTRATION

THURSDAY 10th DECEMBER 2015

WALTZING STABLEFORD SOUP & SANDWICHES WHIZZ KIDS TALK

THURSDAY 17th DECEMBER 2015

# CHRISTMAS COMPETITION MULLED WINE OPEN HOT TURKEY ROLLS & HOME MADE MINCE PIES RAFFLE FOR LOVELY HAMPERS



## CHRISTMAS HAMPERS



Lady Captain is raffling Hampers at the Christmas Lunch. Proceeds from this will go to Whizz Kidz. If anyone would like to donate items for the Hampers there is a sheet on the notice board where you can indicate what you would like to donate. It would be helpful if you will bring in your items prior to 10<sup>th</sup> December and put them in the box in the foyer.

## CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

# THURSDAY 17th DECEMBER 2015

This will be a SHOTGUN START at 9.30am. Every player will have the chance to meet Father Christmas in his Sleigh on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tee. A glass of Mulled

Wine will be waiting for you when you come in.



Open Hot Turkey Rolls with Stuffing and Cranberry and Home Made Mince Pies will be served for lunch at 12.00 to 12.30pm at a cost of £4.50. After lunch Lady Captain will raffle the wonderful hampers.

It would be nice to see non-playing ladies for lunch - please sign up on the lunch sheet on the notice board and have some Pre-Christmas fun with friends.

# PRESIDENTS DAY FOR LADIES







Presidents Day for Ladies on 13th August was won by Jude Wheatley with a magnificent score of 43 points. Runner up with an equally magnificent 41 points was Maria Spencer. Divisional winners

were:

Division 1 Fi Stafford
Division 2 Claire Fitzpatrick
Division 3 Dehrne Hancock
Division 4 Beryl Galloway
Nearest the Line Colette Bryant
Nearest the Pin Fiona Kelsall.
9 Hole Competition Sue Braddock.



Presidents Day for Ladies Winner Jude Wheatley



Presidents Day for Ladies Runner-Up Maria Spencer

# PRESIDENTS DAY FOR LADIES BRIDGE

1<sup>st</sup> Prize Ann Bennett

Runner up Barbara Lee Wood

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Betty Harrison

4<sup>th</sup> Prize Pat Sym

Consolation Beryl Goddard

In the evening we were welcomed by The President with a glass of Prosecco and following the presentation we enjoyed a two course meal.



The Hierarchy

# BROMBOROUGH EXCHANGE



On 17th August, a glorious day the coach left the club car park at 08:30. We were kept quiet with a quiz which had been prepared by Sandra Smith. On arrival at Bromborough the sun was still shining and we tucked into our bacon barms whilst waiting for the arrival of the drivers. A relaxed atmosphere was interrupted by Lara's panic when she couldn't find her shoes! All hands on deck to retrace steps and look everywhere. Someone remembered that Lara had put her shoes in the overhead locker on the coach at which point she remembered she had not brought them in. The coach by this time had gone to 'park up' and could have been anywhere. Consequently Lara's loss was the pros shop gain. An expensive pair of shoes was purchased and she

borrowed Eds nicely ironed socks. Following all the excitement the golf was good, the meal was good and the atmosphere was terrific. The winners were: Carol Coulson, Maria Spencer, Fi Stafford, Emily Fletcher Runners Up were Linzi Webster, Ali Hicks, Jo Lingwood, Frances Kelvin. Amid the fistpumps from a delighted Carol Coulson and her team, a vote of thanks was made to Lady Vice-Captain for a great day. Lady Vice Captain was presented with a plant. I hope you all enjoyed the community sing song on the return journey led by yours truly. Wendy Woodhead has agreed to be my agent and my album will be released shortly!



Bromborough Exchange Winners Emily Fletcher Maria Spencer Carol Coulson & Fi Stafford

## **BROMBOROUGH LADIES**



On Thursday 27th August Bromborough Ladies enjoyed their day at Bramhall. The feedback on the course and the meal was excellent. They had a little excitement. Clare (Bar Manager) had gone to lock the lodge and one of the Bromborough ladies wanted serving at the bar. She didn't notice the little silver bell on the bar so went to the door and called. As there was no reply she pressed a button behind the bar which she thought would alert the staff. Five minutes later 3 Police Officers arrived and marched through the bar area. The lady had pressed the alarm unknowingly - she did feel extremely awful about it and was extremely apologetic. Please don't get any ideas if the bar

Please don't get any ideas if the bar service is slow - just be patient.



Obviously on this day our Ladies had no competition. Vicki Snape used her initiative (yes honestly) to organise a 9 hole competition. Winner off the 1st Tee was Enid Kibble and Winner off the 10th Tee was Carol Coulson - more fist pumps!



## GOLD MEDAL FINAL



35 Ladies played in the 36 hole Gold Medal final on 10th September. Sue

Taylor was the winner of the Gold Medal with a score of 147 (72 & 75) on a card playoff from Sarah Brown (69 & 78) who was obviously disappointed but delighted because her handicap was cut. The best morning score was Linda Fegan (72) and the best afternoon score was Lady Captain (70). Congratulations to the winners but also to the other 33 ladies who had qualified and went out and played this tough competition. Lasagne, chips and salad was available in the evening and over 40 ladies took advantage of this very relaxed occasion.



Gold Medal Winner Sue Taylor

## SILVER AND DIAMOND

The Silver Jubilee Trophy was won by Jan King on 11th June. On 16th August the Diamond Jubilee Trophy was won by Pauline Evans. Well done ladies.

# CLOSE OF SEASON

The Close of Season Competition on 5<sup>th</sup> November saw the Lady Captains Team take on The Hon. Lady Secretary's Team. The weather could have been kinder to us but spirits were high. The hard-fought match was followed in the evening by a dinner attended by 85 Ladies. It was great to see and chat with many non-playing ladies who attended.



The following Major Prizes were presented during the evening.



## **KNOCKOUTS**

Runners up

Singles Winner Pat Marriott Runner up Claire Eyre Doubles Winners Dehrne Hanc

Dehrne Hancock & Sally Kirk

Sarah Brown &

Colette Bryant



Ladies Singles Champion Pat Marriott



Ladies Doubles Champions Dehrne Hancock & Sally Kirk

# RICHARD GREEN ORDER OF MERIT

This was presented to the Ladies by Richard Green our Professional for the Lady Golfer of the year. This years' winner was Gill Ridley-Fink who had raced ahead of everybody in the Order of Merit table. Congratulations Gill.



Richard Green Order of Merit Winner Gill Ridley-Fink

#### SOMMHILL TROPHY

Presented by Avril Hill and ingeniously named 'Sommhill' after her grandchildren - Sarah, Oliver, Max and Millie, with, of course 'Hill' at the end - This is presented for the best aggregate scores over the major competitions. This year Colette Bryant was the winner. I think Colette you've had a pretty good year!



Sommhill Trophy Winner Colette Bryant with Avril Hill & Lady Captain

#### THE POPPY TROPHY

This is a new trophy presented by Immediate Past Lady Captain Rob Burling, to commemorate the centenary of the First World War (1914-2014) this has been appropriately named The Poppy Trophy and is a beautiful cut glass claret jug. It is awarded for the best score in the nine hole competitions. The first winner of this lovely trophy is Marie McWalter. Congratulations Marie on not just winning the trophy but getting back on the golf course this year after your accident.



The Poppy Trophy

The Hole in One Trophy given to the club some years ago by Edna Bayley was presented to Melanie Williams. Edna was at the dinner and was proud to see her trophy presented. This Trophy will be passed to the next lady to get a Hole in One so let's keep trying ladies till we've all had the Trophy. (Well I am an optimist)!



Hole in One Trophy Winner Melanie Williams

Not taking anything away from these brilliant prizewinners I have saved the all important match result until the last.



The annual match between Lady Captain's v Hon Lady Secretary's Team. The conditions were far from favorable but the day was great fun. The Lady Captains Team was victorious winning 19.5 to 16.5. Well done everybody! Revenge next year eh Helen!



Lady Captain & Hon. Secretary Helen Clegg

#### NORTHERN COUNTIES LADIES

Congratulations to Maria Spencer,
Claire Fitzpatrick, Carol (fist-pumps)
Coulson and Linzi Webster who won the
Northern Counties Senior Ladies End of
Season 36 Hole Competition at Oulton
Hall 10 points above the runners up.
Wow! Caroline McGeorge, Ro Horton,
Sue Taylor and Hilary Craven (Romiley
G.C.) came third. Don't they look happyperhaps those bottles are empty!



Maria Claire Carol & Linzi

The Senior Ladies v Senior Men a fun day saw the men give the ladies a pasting but we will get them back next year! Pat Newall flew the flag for the ladies by getting a hole in one. Brilliant!

Jenny Higginbotham was in the winning team at Hazel Grove for their Turkey Trot Open on 19th October. Nice hamper Jenny!



Congratulations to all 2015 winners.

#### MATCHES

#### **BUSINESS LADIES**

The Business Ladies lost their semifinal at Wilmslow. Commiserations, but very well done on a good season. Thanks to Fiona Kelsall for arranging the matches.



## FRIENDLY TEAM

The Friendly Team had a good year winning all but one of their matches. I can vouch that playing in the Friendly Team is a lot of fun and gives you a good grounding for future match play. It's what it says on the tin 'Friendly'. Don't be afraid of signing up next year, especially all you new ladies.

#### PLATE TEAM

The Plate Team have had a good season and played the semi-final against Tytherington at Sandiway. Tytherington a hard team to beat, won but our plate team had a wonderful season. Well done!

#### B TEAM

The B Team also have had a wonderful summer. They played their semi-final at Warrington against Prestbury and won. They went on to play the Final against Romiley at Alsager on 21st September in appalling conditions. Sadly they lost but well done Brenda Bruce, Colette Bryant, Claire Eyre, Claire Fitzpatrick, Chris Kelly, Linda McKenzie and Vicki Snape.

Don't be fooled by the apparent sunshine on the photo – it was the most appalling day!



East Cheshire League Runners Up 2015 Claire Eyre Brenda Bruce Chris Kelly Claire Fitzpatrick Colette Bryant Vicki Snape & Linda McKenzie



B Team With Lady Captain & Trolley Pushers

## WINTER LEAGUE 2016

The Winter League Roll Up starts on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2016 and will run until Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March with a variety of competitions. If you haven't played in this before, come along and have some fun. Sign in at the Pro's shop before 9.30am. A decision is made by the Competition Secretary as to how many holes are going to be played, depending on the conditions on the day. Names are then drawn for partners. There are lots of Ooh's and Ah's when certain players

are drawn together. Points are awarded on a sliding scale and accumulate for the Winter League Prizes. Lunch this year will be home-made soup and a cake or a scone. The final meet on 10<sup>th</sup> March may be a little different. Watch this space! We have lots of fun so if you want to keep your competitive spirit alive during the winter, come and join us.

## BRIDGE



# LADY CAPTAINS CHARITY BRIDGE DRIVE

This was held on Friday 23rd October. Lady Captain missed the annual Council Outing as the diary had mistakenly been double-booked. I'm sure she had a great day though with the Bridge Ladies.

The results of the Bridge were:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize Mary Hirst 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Penny Joyce Slam June Whelan &

Maureen Ball

Consolation Maggie Beadle

I have had feedback that all the ladies

had a wonderful afternoon.

# INVITATION BRIDGE

The results of the Ladies Invitation Bridge were:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize Enid Funge &

Chris Fogg

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Frances Gell &

Gill Leather

Slam Pat Sym &

Cath Armstrong

Consolation Lesley Williams &

Judy Chaudri

Breege Clarke and Janet Lee do sterling work organising the Ladies Bridge. Thank you Breege and Janet for all your hard work.

## OTHER NEWS

#### FUN EVENING





If you missed the 'Fun Evening' on 16<sup>th</sup> October you missed a treat. There was something for everyone. Clarins were there to help us all look more beautiful. A glass of wine on arrival and nibbles on the table. We then listened to a speaker and two ladies acting out a few very amusing sketches. The highlight of the night was listening to The Rock Choir - WOW - they were fantastic (just ask Chris O'Gara)! There were lots of good raffle prizes kindly donated by local people and businesses. The evening was organized by Lady Captain and Frances Gell and as a bonus over £1000 was raised for the Club Charity, Whizz Kidz. Many thanks Frances for all your hard work and to everyone who helped on the night.



The Rock Choir

#### UPDATE ON BRONTE

This is a recent extract from the University of California Los Angeles [U.C.L.A.] Magazine



Bronte Law's favourite thing about the United States. 'I would probably say Mexican food,' said the women's golf captain. 'We just don't have anything like that in Britain.' She is still learning how to order her favourite cuisine. burritos, tacos and enchiladas, but she's already established herself as an American success story. The reigning Pac-12 Women's Golfer of the Year, Law was Golfweek's third-ranked college golfer in the pre-season. For all the amateur accolades, though, Law remains focused on reaching the top competition in women's golf, the Ladies Professional Golf Association. After all, that's why she came to the United States.

Her dream started in the town of Stockport, England, where she grew up playing various sports, including field hockey, which she credits for improving her hand-eye coordination. One day she asked her father if she could accompany him to the golf course he frequented. She fell in love with the game instantly. After improving in the amateurs' circuits in England and winning the Curtis Cup with the Great Britain and Ireland team when she was 17, Law decided she needed to come to the United States to learn to play on

American golf courses, an essential step toward reaching the Ladies Professional Golf Association (L.P.G.A.). So Bronte left the grey skies of Manchester and headed toward the California sunshine. After talking to U.C.L.A. coach Carrie Forsyth on the phone, Law knew it was the right place for her. 'I really think it was during her official visit that we convinced her, U.L.C.A. coach Forsyth said. 'U.C.L.A. has so much to offer in terms of what she was studying, in terms of where we are located, and just the city itself and the campus, and I believe and feel that she felt she fitted in very well with the team. 'Naturally, there were difficulties that came with moving 5,000 miles from her hometown, people's attempts at British accents were brutal and cars drove on the opposite side of the road. But Law bonded with her teammates, often driving down to Korea town for Korean barbecue. 'On the right side of the road of course,' Law joked. Forsyth said Law was able to adjust well because of her confidence and energy, which were on display during a team trip to Hawaii for a tournament. 'We had some time off one morning, and we went on a snorkelling trip,' Forsyth said. 'They have a 10 foot diving platform on the boat, and of course, Bronte has to go off head first into the water.' In her headfirst dive into the world of U.C.L.A. Law was surprised by the diversity on campus. 'It was a real eye-opener. In England, we aren't exposed to that many different cultures and points of view, Law said. 'It's one of the things that I would've never experienced had I stayed in England.' The move to the U.S. hasn't prevented Law from excelling on the courses in her native country. In 2014, she hit five birdies on her last six

holes to win the English Women's Amateur Championship. Then she defended the title in 2015, becoming the first player to do so in more than 20 years. Her success has rubbed off on her teammates. Sophomore Lydia Choi remembers Law's 30 foot putt to win the Stanford Intercollegiate this fall, a thrilling shot that sent the Bruins into a moment of fist-pumping and crying. 'She jumped up, and faced the crowd and screamed, and it was like 'Oh my gosh,' Choi said. 'That just shows how much heart she puts into it, how much she loves it, how much she cares for it. I think that's the most inspirational thing about Bronte.'

As the captain of the team, Law has a lot of responsibilities, but she's taking them all in stride. 'She's a natural leader, for sure, just her personality,' Forsyth said. 'She's very outgoing and she's really that kind of person, her work ethic and her desire and her success, all of those things, she just has this calm personality. Law begins her third season as one of the premier college golfers in America, an ocean away from her hometown. She continues to perfect her craft, hoping to make her way into the L.P.G.A. That would be the whole enchilada.

Bronte sends her best wishes to everyone and hopes to see you all soon.

# JUNIOR CAPTAIN

Georgina Day has been appointed as Junior Captain for 2016.
Congratulations Georgie keep the flag flying for the Ladies Section!
Georgina is the Granddaughter of Margaret Turnbull and has a handicap of 8. We wish her well in 2016.



Georgina Day 2016 Junior Captain

#### NEW 5th TEE

The ladies new 5th Tee is now in situ - No excuse now girls for hitting the ball into the trees.

# **REMINDERS**



# MATS

4 Blue posts have been erected on each hole forming a square. If your ball is in this area you must play off a mat or move your ball to the rough (a minimum of 2 club lengths). Mats are available for purchase in the Pro's shop. We hope this will protect the fairways during the winter months and we will all benefit when the spring comes. Thank you for your cooperation and thank you to Richard Smith and his Greens Staff for their continuing good work and upkeep of the course.

#### SLOW PLAY

A little ditty for you to read.....

When on the course it is a crime To waste the other golfer's time By playing at too slow a speed Thus their progress to impede.

Both etiquette and rules dictate
That you should not procrastinate;
They don't suggest that you should race
But please maintain your proper place.

If on each shot you do debate
Then everyone will finish late,
When practice swings exceed but few
You'll soon create a lengthy queue.

If in the rough your drive should drop
Don't slow the course down to a stop
Until your ball you do exhume
Whilst those behind just fret and fume.

Be not amongst the players who Delay in letting others through, So to incur a reputation For egoistic retardation.

Pace not the yardage to the green
Or dwell on all that lies between,
Nor linger long on club selection
In ceaseless search for pure perfection.

Oh! By the way, it does seem folly To leave a malpositioned trolley, Think, and park it then instead Vis-a-vis the tee ahead.

When on the greens please do eschew An inclination to review Each putt as though your very soul Is centred round that little hole.

Dispense with bearings far and wide Before you finally decide The pace and borrow that you need To circumvent each bump and weed. Furthermore, feel not impelled
To stand transfixed with club upheld,
An added reading to compute
To reconcile or to refute.

Having holed out on the green
Omit to re-enact the scene,
Don't hang around to mark the card
With other players pressing hard.

Such tardy play you will endorse Is seen at times on every course, But you and I will not agree Tis ever thee and never me.

#### **RULES**

For some months now I have been signed up to a blog which I shared with our Competition Secretary. An email is sent to you every week illustrating and explaining a specific rule. You need to register but I can assure you this is very helpful and interesting. Sign up by going to <a href="https://www.barryrhodes.com">www.barryrhodes.com</a>.

#### LADIES COMMITTEE



On behalf of the Ladies Committee a big thank you to Lady Captain for the day out at Stockport Golf Club. We had a great day's golf and a fabulous meal. Thanks once again. The pic shows just how spoilt Lady Captain was on that day!



If you wish to stand for Committee you will need a Proposer and a Seconder. The Nomination Sheet is now on the notice board. Sign up if interested.

# CONGRATULATIONS





Big Congratulations to Past Lady Captain, Chris Kelly who has been appointed President of Manchester and District Ladies Golf Alliance (MDLGA) she takes up the post this month. Chris is a great ambassador for Ladies Golf and will be a ray of sunshine to M.D.L.G.A.



M.D.L.G.A. President Chris Kelly

#### NOTE FROM LADY CAPTAIN

One of the really nice things about being the Lady Captain is the variety of its content. On Monday 16th November I had the pleasure of going along to the A.G.M. of the Manchester and District Ladies Golf Association to support our own Past Captain Chris Kelly as she was initiated as their new President.

As I had never been to anything like this before I was very interested in a motion put forward by Macclesfield G.C. they were proposing that in future in the rounds of the Bell Cup the home team should start a hole down as they have a huge advantage over the away team. The Archie Preston was used as an example of how this works very well and quite a few clubs supported this motion. However the committee felt that the game should be played as it stood, with the element of chance and luck which is so much a part of golf therefore the proposal was defeated

Chris was called up to accept her badge and her new role and I managed to take

a lovely picture with Chris's lovely smile lighting up the proceedings.

Last point Chris and Lesley Williams have been firm friends since way back, when they played elsewhere, and Lesley has accepted a job on the M.D.G.L.A. committee to support Chris. Well done to both ladies. I hope you have a wonderful year Chris. Also good luck to the Bell Cup team in 2016. It will not be my remit to come and see you off at the various clubs next year, but I shall certainly watch the progress with interest and support you all the way. So in advance may I say good luck for 2016.

Here's an amusing story relating to Chris's initiation day

## PON'T FOLLOW ME, I'M LOST

Rob Burling had been in conversation with Lady Captain and Lady Secretary about the possibility of going to support Chris at her investiture as President of M.D.G.L.A. They all arranged to meet in the car park at 11am on Tuesday. Rob arrived at 10:45am and waited, and waited, and waited, and waited. At 11:15am still no one had arrived so she decided she must have missed them. She went to ask Sue in the office directions to Davyhulme Golf Club (Sue of course has played there loads of times). Rob set off following the instructions, left the M60 at Junction 9 then got totally lost. After one and quarter hours she eventually arrived at Davyhulme Golf Club. There were only two cars in the car park so she realised she had gone wrong. Now she had to find her way home. She had little petrol no cash and no credit card, as she had

changed handbags in the morning. So off she set, free-wheeling, when possible in heavy traffic, but fingers crossed she would get home, which luckily she did, but only just!

Final instalment - That same evening Rob went to visit Chris to apologise for not being there only to be told that it was 'next week'. Rob had got the wrong Tuesday! They did have a good laugh! Or at least Chris did!

(Could this have happened to anyone else I wonder!!!!!!!!!! Ed)



# SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

Jan Knowles has had a special birthday since the last newsletter - the same day as Mr. Captain - except he's older!!!

Belated congratulations Jan. (I won't reveal the number-Ed!)

#### GOOD WISHES



Thoughts and belated get well wishes to Enid Funge, Jan King and Jenny Wells. Also to any Ladies who are suffering with coughs and colds. In October Jean McGrail had a fall on the 10<sup>th</sup> Tee and fractured her arm. By the time you read this newsletter she will have had her plaster off and hopefully will soon be

swinging her club again. Who else would have beautiful nails on the end of an ugly plaster?



Nice nails shame about the arm!

Hot of the press - I have just heard that Kath Kirwan has fractured her ankle. Poor you Kath! We hope you will be able to hobble in to one of the lunches and in the meantime we wish you a speedy recovery.

Our thoughts and good wishes to Jean Thexton as she undergoes surgery - we wish you a full and speedy recovery Jean. To any of our Ladies who are not well or need cheering we send our very best wishes.



## HAPPY CHRISTMAS



The Captain would like to take this opportunity of wishing you all a Very Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Happy 2016. Happy Golfing!

(So would I-Ed x)



#### NEWSLETTER

Apologies for this edition being a little long - it just goes to show what an active lot the Ladies Section are!

If you know of anyone who cannot receive this Newsletter electronically but would like a copy, please let me know and I will print one for them.

Remember -This is your Newsletter. If you have any dynamic or dodgy moments on (or off) the course please let me know. I would be grateful for any contributions to be emailed to me for inclusion. Deadline for Winter Newsletter 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016. kathince53@gmail.com





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