



# Bramhall Golf Club Ladies Newsletter

## WELCOME TO THE AUTUMN 2016 NEWSLETTER

*Christmas is coming...*

### A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM LADY CAPTAIN



When I was asked to write a Christmas message in the newsletter, I felt a little like the Queen but, with my Committee, that feeling didn't last more than a fleeting moment!!

For some this will be a sad time and I hope that the strength and love from family bonds help you through the festive season.

I cannot send cards to you all so wish to take this opportunity to wish you a Peaceful and Happy Christmas and all good wishes for the New Year.

I look forward to seeing you at the Dinner Dance and Christmas Lunches plus for our Christmas Competition on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

My best wishes to you all,

*Maggie Lee*  
Lady Captain

## LADY CAPTAINS TUESDAY ROLL-UP



By the time you read this Newsletter Lady Captain will have hosted a couple of Roll-Ups. There is one on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Put these dates in your diary and join us. Pay £1 and have 9 holes of fun golf, if there is such a thing. The winner and the runner up split the pot 60/40. We come in and have a snack, drink and chat and generally get to know each other better. Lady Captain is a hoot at these events. Come and join us. It re-starts after Christmas on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017.



*THURSDAY<sup>15</sup> DECEMBER 2016*  
**YELLOW BALL COMPETITION**  
10:00am. SHOTGUN START  
SOUP & SANDWICHES

THURSDAY 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2016  
**WALTZING STABLEFORD**  
10:00am. SHOTGUN START  
SOUP & SANDWICHES

THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2016  
**CHRISTMAS COMPETITION**  
**TEAM OF 4**  
10:00am. SHOTGUN START  
**OPEN HOT TURKEY ROLLS**  
**& MINCE PIES**  
**RAFFLE FOR LOVELY HAMPERS**



## CHRISTMAS HAMPERS



Lady Captain is raffling Hampers at the Christmas Lunch. Proceeds from this will go to The North West Air Ambulance. If you 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 8<sup>th</sup> December and put them in the box marked 'Hampers' in the ladies locker room

## CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

**THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2016**  
This will be a Team of 4 Shotgun start at **10:00am**. Please feel free to wear Christmas hats or anything else funny and/or festive.

Open Hot Turkey Rolls with Stuffing and Cranberry and Mince Pies will be served for lunch at 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 join us for lunch - please sign up on the lunch sheet on the notice board and have some Pre-Christmas fun with friends.



## FAIRHAVEN EXCHANGE



What a wonderful day we had on 1<sup>st</sup> September at Fairhaven Golf Club for our Exchange. The coach left the club car park at 8:30am. We were kept quiet with a very difficult quiz which had been prepared by Lady Vice-Captain. On arrival at Fairhaven we tucked into our bacon barmes whilst waiting for the

arrival of the drivers. The golf was good, the course was lovely and as for bunkers the vertically challenged couldn't be seen if they climbed into one! We enjoyed a nice meal and the atmosphere was terrific. The winners were: Claire Fitzpatrick, Ali Hicks, Jo Lingwood and Lynn Simpson. Runners Up were: Di Symmons, Carolyn Eadsforth Ruth Riley and Linda Forbes. Nearest the pin was Lynn Simpson. I hope you all had a great day. Many thanks to Lady Vice-Captain, Frances Gell for her organisation.



## DIAMOND JUBILEE

The Diamond Jubilee Trophy was won by a thrilled Wendy Woodhead on 4th August. Well done Wendy.



Diamond Jubilee Trophy Winner Wendy Woodhead



Fairhaven Exchange Winners Lynn Simpson, Jo Lingwood, Ali Hicks & Claire Fitzpatrick

## MISS DESIGNER GOLF COMPETITION

In the Summer Miss Designer Golf sponsored one of our Competitions and provided golf gear for prizes. Our very own Miss Designer Golf is Pat Marriott winning the competition with 39 points. All those models out there will be quaking in their boots hoping their jobs are safe!



Runners-Up Linda Forbes, Ruth Riley Carolyn Eadsforth & Di Symmons  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Helen Clegg, Lady Captain, Chris Kelly & Lesley Williams  
Nearest The Pin Lynn Simpson



Miss Designer Golf (with matching shirt and bag)  
Pat Marriott

## GOLD MEDAL FINAL GOLD FOR RO



Ro Horton - Winner of the Gold Medal

28 Ladies played in the 36 Hole Gold Medal final on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September. The winner was Ro Horton with a First Round Score of Net 70 and a 2<sup>nd</sup> Round Score of Net 71. Runner-Up was Caroline McGeorge, Net 72 & 71. The winner of the morning round was Ali Hicks, Net 69 and the afternoon round was Sue Taylor, Net 73. Congratulations Ro on a magnificent score. Lady Captain presented Ro with a Gold Medal on a Pin. Norma Toms, won this Gold Medal in 1977, The Queens Jubilee Year and donated it back to the Ladies Section to be presented in 2016, the Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday year - a very touching gesture.



Gold Medal Pin  
Donated back to B.G.C. by Norma Toms

Congratulations to the winners but also to all the ladies who had qualified and went out and played in this tough competition.

Lasagne, chips and salad was available in the evening and over 40 ladies took advantage of this very relaxed occasion.

The Greensome on the same day was won by Colette Bryant and Jan King with 39 points.

## CLOSE OF SEASON

The Close of Season Competition on 3<sup>rd</sup> November saw the Lady Captains Team take on The Hon. Lady Secretary's Team. The day started fine, but cold but the late starters, unfortunately were caught in drizzly rain. This didn't deter our spirit on this very enjoyable day of match-play. The hard-fought match was followed in the evening by a dinner attended by 94 Ladies; this included a table of 8 new ladies. Lady Captain presented the major prizes but the all important match result was kept secret until we had eaten. Ed's cabaret rounded off the evening. Thank you for my fan mail - you know who you are!

*And the  
Winners  
are...*

## KNOCKOUTS

Singles Winner	Katie Marriott
Runner up	Caroline McGeorge
Doubles Winners	Claire Eyre
	Jo Lingwood
Runners up	Caroline McGeorge
	Linzi Webster

Due to her teaching commitments Katie was unable to be there but her

Mum, Pat read a lovely acceptance speech on her behalf. Congratulations Katie and well done but commiserations Caroline.

Doubles winners Claire and Jo will go on to represent Bramhall Golf Club in the National 2017 Daily Mail Foursomes Knockouts. Good luck girls!



Ladies Doubles Champions Jo Lingwood & Claire Eyre  
(Claire is missing from photo)

### THE RATCLIFFE TROPHY

The Ratcliffe Trophy is presented for the most improved golfer of the year from the Bronze Division. The 2016 winner is Linda Walker. Congratulations Linda.

### BOARDMAN WOODS

The Boardman Woods are presented for the best Gross score of the Season. The 2016 winner was Caroline McGeorge with a Best Gross of 78. Wow!



Winner of the Boardman Woods Caroline McGeorge

### RICHARD GREEN TROPHY

This handsome trophy was presented to the Ladies by our equally handsome (?) Professional, Richard Green for the Lady Golfer of the year. This years' winner was Caroline McGeorge who had raced ahead of everybody in the Order of Merit table. Caroline has had a fabulous year and is now playing off a handicap of 6. Congratulations Caroline.



Richard Green Order of Merit  
Winner Caroline McGeorge

### 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 - Presented for the best aggregate scores over the major competitions, this was won by Maria Spencer. Many thanks Avril and very well done Maria.



Sommhill Trophy Winner Maria Spencer with Avril Hill

## THE POPPY TROPHY

This trophy was presented to the Ladies Section in 2014 by Past Lady Captain Rob Burling, to commemorate the centenary of the First World War (1914-2014) this has been appropriately named The Poppy Trophy. It is awarded for the best score in the nine hole competitions. The 2016 winner of The Poppy Trophy is Joyce Mason who, sadly could not be at the dinner but a presentation will be made by Rob to Joyce in the near future.



The Poppy Trophy

## MORE WINNERS

### 2016 ECCLECTIC

- Division 1 Carol Coulson
- Division 2 Judith Wheatley
- Division 3 Jo Lingwood
- Division 4 Wendy Woodhead

### BIRDIE TREE

- Division 1 Caroline McGeorge
- Division 2 Judith Wheatley
- Division 3 Helen Clegg
- Division 4 Janet Ballard,
- [5 Way Tie] Vicky Clewley, Alison Jobs, Jan Knowles & Wendy Woodhead



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

The Lady Secretary's Team took the title back this year beating Lady Captain's team 20-19. Well done everybody! A great win for Helen in her final year as Secretary.



Lady Captain & Lady Secretary

## MATCHES

I don't usually report on matches at this time of the year but cannot let this one pass by. This year our 'B' Team got through to the Final of the East Cheshire Shield. They played Davenport at Lymm Golf Club and won 4-3.



B Team East Cheshire Shield Winners

## EAST MEETS WEST

On 30<sup>th</sup> September the 'B' Team went on to win the Cheshire Shield at Wallasey Golf Club where they beat East Cheshire's Carden Park. Fabulous result. Well done everybody.



Cheshire Shield Winners 2017  
'B' Team and Caddies

## Congratulations

To the following ladies, who have played on the 'B' Team during the season: Claire Fitzpatrick, Linda McKenzie, Pat Marriott, Brenda Bruce, Claire Eyre, Chris Kelly, Vicki Snape, Frances Gell, Linzi Webster, Gill Ridley-Fink, Sarah Brown, Colette Bryant, Sandra Smith, Sue Taylor, Maggie Beadle, Sylvia Howe, Lis Jones, Frances Kelvin, Pat Newall, Lynn Simpson, Di Symmons. You all contributed to this wonderful win. The ladies may need a bigger trophy cabinet when the re-development is complete!

A big thank you to Luci Foster the Match Organiser who, despite being unable to play golf herself at the minute, has given one hundred and ten percent support to our Teams. We wish you well Luci and hope you will be back on the course soon.

## WINTER LEAGUE 2016



The Winter League Roll Up starts on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017. There will be 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. to be ready for a 10:00am. Shotgun Start. 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 is usually home-made soup and sandwiches. We have lots of fun so if you want to keep your competitive spirit alive during the winter, come and join us.

## BRIDGE RESULTS



The results of the Invitation Bridge held on 25<sup>th</sup> October were:

1st Prize: Brenda McDonald & Pam Humphreys

2nd Prize: Janet Lee & Linda Bennett

Slam Prize: Enid Funge & Dorothy Heywood

Consolation: Judy Swales & Jane Dalton

## BRIDGE ALERT



Over the past 6 years we have been organising the ladies bridge drives and have noticed a steady decline in the number of ladies attending these events. Last year we responded to members concerns about the format of the drives hoping to improve attendance. However, despite our best efforts, we find ourselves struggling once again for enough people to make the occasions viable.

We are aware that, for a variety of reasons, the ladies bridge section within the club is diminishing, although we know there are still quite a number of ladies who play bridge. Is it that the bridge drives at Bramhall Golf Club have lost their appeal for some reason? Currently we run 2 invitation drives, 2 members' drives and occasionally a charity bridge drive.

With interest waning, regrettably we may reduce the number of drives to 3 next year. Please let us know your thoughts about this by putting your comments in an envelope marked Breege or Janet and then placing it in the score card box. We look forward to hearing from you.

*Janet & Breege*

Breege Clarke and Janet Lee do sterling work organising the Ladies Bridge.

Thank you Breege and Janet for all your hard work.

## OTHER NEWS

### LADY VICE-CAPTAIN ELECT

#### Congratulations

Lady Vice-Captain Elect is Sandra Smith. Sandra has worked tirelessly for the Ladies Section over a good number of years. Llongyfarchiadau Sandra we wish you well. Watch out Ladies for 'all things Welsh!'



Sandra Smith

### NEW LADY MEMBERS

A special welcome to the Newsletter to all the New Lady Members.

Luci Foster and Lady Vice-Captain ran a 'Get into Golf' initiative during the summer and consequently a number of ladies who took part in this have joined the Ladies Section. Lady Vice-Captain held a 9 Hole Stableford Competition on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October which was enjoyed by the ladies, their 'buddies' and other lady members. The competition was won by Anita Morris. Some of the ladies came to the Close of Season Dinner and

we hope to see a few of you at Lady Captains Roll-Up's and/or The Winter League. We welcome you to our Ladies Section and we are sure you will enjoy the golf and have fun with friends.



Ladies Taking Part in the 9 Hole Stableford Competition

## CLUB LOTTERY



Particularly thinking of the new lady members, but also as a reminder to all ladies, the Club runs a lottery which is proving very successful. The cost is £10 per month. Half the proceeds go towards the Club Development and the other half is split for prizes. Obviously the size of 'the pot' depends on the number of people signed up. On the last Friday of the month we hold a draw with supper and a casual dress code applies. There is a spot prize which you have to be there to win. This rolls over to the next month if no-one wins it. If you wish to join forms are available from the office or any committee member.

## NEW FACE

The new face in the Pro Shop, usually there on a Thursday morning, is Alex Elliott. Alex is a Past Junior Captain and plays off scratch. He is planning on taking his coaching qualifications in the future.



Alex Elliott

## CLUB REDEVELOPMENT



It won't have escaped you that the redevelopment works are well underway. Thank you to all the Ladies for your patience during this time especially with the car parking situation. It'll be great when it's finished!

## UPDATE ON BRONTE

Bronte Law recently received the ANNIKA Award Presented by 3M as the most outstanding female amateur golfer. Bronte was recognized after enjoying a superb 2015-16 season. In her stroke-play games, Bronte had three wins and four other top-four finishes. She also ended the season

placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Golfweek/Sagarin Women's Amateur rankings.

Bronte said "It's the biggest award I've ever won; being regarded by my peers and the coaches as the best player for this year is something I've worked really hard for. It's such an honor to win an award in Annika's name, somebody who has been my role model since I started playing golf."

Annika herself said, "Bronte played beautifully all season and is an exceptionally deserving winner of the 2016 ANNIKA Award."

Bronte never forgets her roots, and the support of her family, Richard Green and all at Bramhall Golf Club. We all wish her well.



Bronte receiving The Annika Award

Bronte has got through the first two qualifying stages for the Ladies Professional Golf Association Tour currently sitting in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. She plays

the third and final round at the end of November. We will be watching with baited breath and wish her well. This could be the start of a new journey for Bronte.

## REMINDERS

### WINTER RULES



With effect from 11<sup>th</sup> November 2016 you must use a mat on all fairways or move to the rough. Mats are available for purchase in the Pro's shop. The mat must be aligned lengthways in the direction of play and the ball in the middle of the mat, not on the edge. If moving to the rough it must be the nearest side and the ball placed at least 2 club lengths in, no nearer the hole. Within the 2 blue posts near the green, on closely mown grass you may play your ball where it is, or use your mat if you prefer. Any tee shot hit with an iron must be played off a mat. This is to protect the tees and fairways in order that the course is in good condition at the start of next season. It is also requested that you try to lighten your golf bag. An e mail will be sent out should there be a need to apply a ban of electric trolleys or buggies. 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.

## LADIES COMMITTEE



The nomination sheet for the Ladies Committee will be posted on the notice board from Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016 and will be removed on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December. The Ladies Section cannot run smoothly without a Committee and I can vouch that being a Committee member is both a privilege and rewarding. If you feel you would like to join us have a word with Lady Vice-Captain or one of the current Committee members. There are 2 vacancies for 1 year and 3 vacancies for 3 years. Think about it - it's great fun - honestly!



On 2<sup>nd</sup> September President of Manchester & District Ladies Golf Alliance, Chris Kelly, hosted the semi-finals and the final of the Bell Cup at Bramhall Golf Club. The final match was Pleasington v Dean Wood and was won by Dean Wood.



Bell Cup Winners 2016 Dean Wood Golf Club with M.D.L.G.A. President Chris Kelly

Following the successful day M.D.L.G.A. posted the following accolade to our course and club on our website:

*"Bramhall Golf Club were great hosts providing a superbly presented and challenging course with impeccable in-house hospitality and we were blessed by sublime weather conditions."*

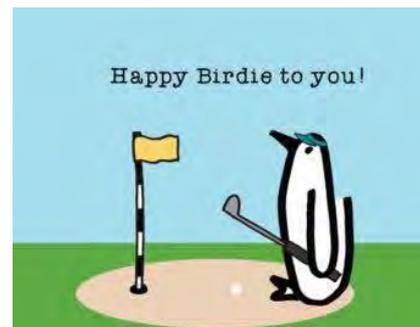
Manchester & District Ladies Golf Alliance

M.D.L.G.A. President Chris Kelly is nearing the end of her year of office. Chris says she has had a wonderful year and I'm sure you will all agree she has been a great ambassador for both M.D.G.L.A. and Bramhall Golf Club.



Snapshots of Chris's year culminating with a win at Wilmslow with Lesley Williams and Linda Walker

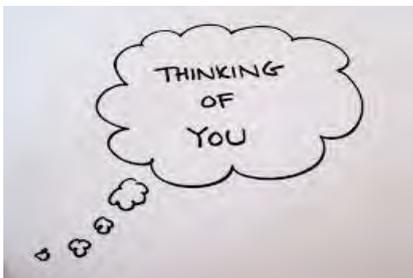
## SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS



Mary Bryden has a special birthday this month, all the very best Mary and to anyone else who has special, or any other birthdays coming up. Enid Kibble will be celebrating her 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary - Congratulations Enid - A Medal for Syd!

## GOOD WISHES

Lynn Simpson, has recently undergone a foot operation and has been hobbling around on a boot. We wish you a full and speedy recovery Lynn and look forward to you playing out with us again soon!



To those ladies not well we wish you a speedy recovery. There are a number of ladies currently going through a sad and difficult time and to you all we send our thoughts and love.

## HAPPY KISSMAS X



The Captain would like to take this opportunity of wishing you all a Very Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Happy 2017. Happy Golfing!

(So would I- Ed x)



## JUST A(NOTHER) THOUGHT

### GOLF LOGIC

'Hitting the ball is the fun part of it but the fewer times you hit the ball, the more fun you have!



## NEWSLETTER



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 2017.

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