



Bramhall Golf Club Ladies Newsletter

**WELCOME TO THE
AUTUMN 2017 & WINTER
2018 NEWSLETTER**



The Ladies Section would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Greens, Office, Catering, Bar, and Pro-Shop Staff for all their help throughout 2017 and wish everybody a Happy and Healthy 2018.

A MESSAGE FROM LADY CAPTAIN



And now my last contribution to the Newsletters as Lady Captain! I can

hardly believe that probably, by the time this Newsletter is published, my year in office will nearly have come to an end.

Congratulations to all the winners this year. There's been some good golf played, in spite of the conditions sometimes. Congratulations also to all those who played in my team at the Close of Season. Commiserations to Lady Secretary and her team!! I really mean that!! A great evening again with a real buzz.

We've also had some highlights since the last Newsletter. We held a Turkey Trot on 2nd October, and had 18 entries, which was very commendable. Many thanks to Judith Hill and her team for running this event.

Thank you also to everyone who supported my Charity Evening. It was a great night and you all helped raise an amazing £1300+ in support of the MS Society and Prostate Cancer. The last fund raising event was the sale of raffle tickets for the Christmas Hampers. And another thank you to all those who donated items for the hampers - an amazing 10 hampers in all. The draw for these held after the Christmas Competition raised another incredible £687.00. I hope you enjoyed the "competition with a twist" and also enjoyed your Christmas Puddings!!

I hope you all enjoyed a Peaceful and Happy Christmas. I know it's been a difficult 12 months for some of our members and you have been in our thoughts particularly over this period. My best wishes to you all for 2018 - may

you enjoy good health, good golf, and may my Lady Vice Captain Sandra also have good weather!

Frances Gell
Lady Captain

CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

TWIST

WITH A

The Ladies held their Christmas Competition On Thursday 14th December.

We played nine holes of Golf with a 'Twist' - the 'Twist' being not knowing how many were to count until we got to the green and saw either Father Christmas, Percy Penguin or a Poinsettia - A great concept which was well received! Congratulations to the winners on the Front Nine, Pat Marriott Diane Symmons Carolyn Eadsforth and the Back Nine, Janine King Jo Lingwood Lynn Simpson.



Christmas Competition Front 9 Winners
Pat Marriott Carolyn Eadsforth Di Symmons



Christmas Competition Back 9 Winners
Jan King Jo Lingwood Lynn Simpson

Following the golf 94 Ladies sat down for Lunch which was followed by a musical treat from Greenbank Primary School Choir - wonderful.

The day was enjoyed by all and got us into the Christmas spirit.



Greenbank Primary School Choir was a Treat

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS



At the Christmas Competition Lunch we raffled 10 Hampers made up by the generosity of all the Ladies, this made £687.00 for the Captains' Charities, The M.S.Society and Prostate Cancer U.K. Hamper winners were; Kath Ince, Vicky Clewley, Helen Ronnie, Linzi Webster, Jo Lingwood, Lynn Simpson, Lynn Grant, Doris Kirwan, Frances Kelvin and Maureen Foster. Thank you to everyone who donated to these, we had a fantastic response.

ABBEYDALE EXCHANGE



It seems a long time ago now but, on Wednesday 13th September 2017, 36 Ladies had an enjoyable albeit wet and windy day out at Abbeydale Golf Club. The rain was torrential at times and the wind was blowing a hooley but on the bright side we saw some beautiful rainbows throughout the day! The Winners with 87 Points were: Vicky Clewley Vicki Snape Rosa Sheard and 'A Ghost' (Kath Ince).



Abbeydale Exchange Winners
Vicky Clewley Vicki Snape Rosa Sheard & Ghost (Kath)

The Runners up Ghost were Doreen Roberts, Ruth Riley and Sandra Short & Ghost with 78 Points. Nearest the Pin was Pat Newall. An enjoyable meal followed the presentation.

Lady Captain thanked Lady Vice Captain for organising a superb day and presented her with a small gift.

Hot off the press on that day Lady Captain was able to announce the New Officers and so we popped open a bottle of champagne to congratulate our new President Elect Doris Kirwan and in her absence Lady Vice Captain Elect, Caroline McGeorge.

The Coach got us back to Bramhall safely and I can now reveal I have recording of my singing as Alan the Coach driver informed us that his dash cam recorded all sounds!

The Ladies from Abbeydale must be better behaved than us, as the day after they had a glorious day weather wise at Bramhall. They complimented the course, the hospitality and the catering.



Abbeydale Exchange Fun

LADY CAPTAINS TUESDAY ROLL-UP

Lady Captain has hosted Tuesday Roll-Ups which have been great fun. Lady Vice Captain intends to keep these going into 2018. The relevant dates are as printed in the Diary. 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. Come and join us.



DIAMOND JUBILEE

The Diamond Jubilee Trophy was played on Thursday 10th August 2017 and was won by Katie Marriott with a Net Score of 74. Linda Skilton was the runner-up with Net 75. Well done ladies. Apologies that I haven't got a photo! [Ed].

FOUNDATION BROOCH

The winner of The Foundation Brooch held on 31st August was Linzi Webster with 36 points on Rules to Tie with Jan King and Elizabeth Jones. Commiserations to Jan and Elizabeth but many Congratulations to Linzi.

Divisional Winners were:

1st Division	Linzi Webster	36 Points
2nd Division	Jan King	36 Points
3rd Division	Elizabeth Jones	36 Points
4th Division	Rosa Sheard	34 Points



Foundation Brooch Winner Linzi Webster

GOLD MEDAL FINAL



Gold Medal Winner Ro Horton

RO DOES THE DOUBLE!!!

The Ladies Gold Medal Final on Thursday 7th September was won for the second year running by Ro Horton. This is played over 36 holes on the same day. Ro shot 74 in the first round and 72 in the second round Net 146. Congratulations Ro ~ Are you going for the hat-trick in 2018?

The runner up, 72 + 75 Net 147, was Vicky Clewley. Congratulations Vicky.



Gold Medal Final Runner-Up Vicky Clewley

First round winner was Ali Hicks Net 73 and second round winner Sue Taylor Net 74.



1st and 2nd Round Winners
Ali Hicks & Sue Taylor

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

Quiche, chips and salad was available in the evening and over 35 ladies took advantage of this very relaxed occasion.

The Greensome Competition on the same day was won by Di Symmons and Claire Eyre with 38 Points.

CLOSE OF SEASON



The Ladies Close of Season Dinner and Presentation on Thursday 2nd November was attended by 85 Ladies, who, in true Ladies Section fashion had a fantastic evening.



And the
Winners
are...

KNOCKOUTS

The 2017 Ladies Knockout Singles Winner was Ali Hicks. Ali has had a good

year reducing her handicap to 8 which only goes to prove that 'good things come in little packages'! Congratulations Ali. Well done to Lynn Simpson who was the runner-up.

The winner of the Ladies Doubles Knockout was Caroline McGeorge & Linzi Webster. Caroline and Linzi will go forward to represent the Club in the Daily Mail Foursomes 2018. We're all behind you girls!

The Doubles runners-up were Claire Fitzpatrick & Sue Taylor who I am sure will have given Caroline and Linzi a great match. Commiserations to Claire and Sue but very well done.



Singles Knockout Winner Ali Hicks



Doubles Knockout Winners Caroline McGeorge & Linzi Webster

THE RATCLIFFE TROPHY

The Ratcliffe Trophy is presented for the most improved golfer of the year from the Bronze Division. The 2017 winner was Vicky Clewley. Vicky has reduced her handicap from 36 to 30. Congratulations Vicky.



Ratcliffe Trophy Winner Vicky Clewley

BOARDMAN WOODS

The Boardman Woods are presented for the best Gross score of the Season. The 2017 winner was Caroline McGeorge Wow - Second year running! Well done Lady Vice-Captain Elect!



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 year's winner was Ali Hicks. You've had a good year Ali - Well done! (Again!)



Richard Green Order of Merit Winner
Ali Hicks

SOMMHILL TROPHY

Presented by Avril Hill and ingeniously named 'Sommhill' after her grandchildren - Sarah, Oliver, Max and Millie, with 'Hill' at the end - This trophy is presented for the best aggregate scores over the major competitions. This was won by Chris Kelly, who had in fact been runner-up in all three majors. Chris's good friend Lesley Williams accepted the Trophy on her behalf. Well done Chris, we'd all like a bit of your consistency!



Avril Hill presents the Sommhill Trophy to Lesley Williams on behalf of Chris Kelly.

THE POPPY TROPHY



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 2017 winner of The Poppy Trophy for the second year in succession was Joyce Mason. Congratulations Joyce!



Rob Burling presents the Poppy Trophy to Winner Joyce Mason

MORE WINNERS

2017 ECLECTIC

Division 1	Katie Marriott	(8)
Division 2	Doreen Roberts	(23)
Division 3	Sarah Brown	(25)
Division 4	Rosa Sheard	(32)

2017 BIRDIE TREE

Division 1	Katie Marriott	(8)
Division 2	Judith Hill	(25)
	Doreen Roberts	(23)
Division 3	Sarah Brown	(25)
Division 4	Vicky Clewley	(30)
	Alison Jobes	(34)



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

The Lady Captain's Team took the title back this year beating Lady Secretary's team 21-15. A bit of a pasting in your first year Hon.Sec. Oh well! Sweet revenge next year eh! Well done everybody!



The Victorious Lady Captain & Lady Secretary

WINTER LEAGUE 2017



The Winter League Roll Up commenced on Thursday 4th January 2018. There will be a variety of competitions. If you haven't played in this before, come along

and have some competitive 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 final 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.

LADY CAPTAINS CHARITY EVENING

On Friday 6th October Lady Captain hosted a Charity Evening. After enjoying a glass of fizz on arrival, the evening started with a fashion show by Fuzzy Goose, introducing our very own models who, despite a few nerves, did a stirring job showing off the wonderful fashions. Models and audience had so much fun!



Our very own Models!

We were then treated to an enjoyable performance by The Rock Choir.



The event raised over £1300 for the M.S. Society and Prostate Cancer U.K. Lady Captain would like to thank all those who attended and supported.



BRIDGE RESULTS



Results of the the Ladies Invitation Bridge on Tuesday 7th November 2017:

1st Prize	Brenda Macdonald & Pam Humphries
2nd Prize	Moreen Thompson & Elizabeth Brooks
Slam	Avril Hill & Glenys Ball
Consolation	Pat Sym & Cath Armstrong

Results of the Lady Members Bridge 5th December 2017:

1st Prize	Enid Funge & Maureen Ball
2nd Prize	Margaret Brewer & Moreen Thompson
3rd Prize	Joyce Mason & Elizabeth Jones
Consolation	Brenda Bruce & Sylvia Howe

The Bridge Section has decided that in order to encourage newer members to partake in the Bridge Drives there will be a beginner's prize awarded. This is a great idea and the beginner's prize for the Lady Members Bridge Drive was awarded to:

Hilary McCauley & Anita Morris

Breege Clarke and Janet Lee do a great job organising the Ladies Bridge. Thank you Breege and Janet for your continuing hard work.

Other News

LADY VICE-CAPTAIN ELECT

Lady Vice-Captain Elect is Caroline McGeorge. Caroline joined Bramhall Golf Club in 2003 and has worked tirelessly for the Ladies Section over the years. She is a fantastic golfer with a handicap of 7. Caroline, we will give you our full support and we wish you well.



Lady Vice-Captain Elect Caroline McGeorge



Additional Congrats Caroline on becoming a Grandma in December to little Jacob. Congratulations to the other Grandma ~ Helen Ronnie too.

MADAM PRESIDENT ELECT

Great news hatched at the Abbeydale Exchange when it was announced that in 2018 we are to have our second Madam President. Congratulations to Doris Kirwan. Doris joined Bramhall Golf Club in 1974 after being on the waiting list for 5 years! She was Lady Captain in 2000. Together with hubby Jack, a member since 1968 and Captain in 1990 they are great ambassadors for Bramhall Golf Club. We will all support you Doris and wish you a healthy and happy year in office.



Lady President Elect Doris Kirwan

NEW FACE

The new face behind the Bar is our new House Manager Ben Wetters. Ben is married with 2 little girls and came to us from Hale Golf Club. He has settled in well. He will lend an ear to any constructive comments or suggestions. We welcome you Ben to Bramhall Golf Club - Your Thursdays will never be the same again!



Ben Wetters House Manager

UPDATE ON BRONTE



In December 2017, Bronte came 23rd in Qualifying School for the L.P.G.A. This meant, because she qualified between 20th & 40th position, she earned a half card to play in the L.P.G.A. in 2017. At

this point she made the decision to turn professional.

Her first opportunity to play in an L.P.G.A. event didn't present itself until April 2017 in Hawaii, where she finished 39th.

She graduated from U.C.L.A. in June 2018 with a degree in Sociology.

Bronte played a total of 17 L.P.G.A. events in 2017. She made the CUT in 14 of them! Her best Major result was at The Evian Championship in September finishing 32nd. Her best result for the year came at the New Zealand Open also in September, where she finished 17th.

She has earned prize money totaling \$124,000 this year and currently sits at number 93 on the L.P.G.A. Money List.

She was also given a sponsors invite to play in her first Ladies European Tour (L.E.T.) event in Abu Dhabi in October. Her intention is to enter Qualifying School for the L.E.T. at the end of next year, so that she can play on both tours.

She has ended her Rookie Year, having earned full playing rights for the L.P.G.A. in 2018. Her first competition in 2018 will be in the Bahamas in January 2018, closely followed by the Australian Ladies Open in February.

Over the years that I have written this newsletter Bronte has gone from strength to strength and everybody is so proud of her achievements. We will continue to watch your progress Bronte and send you our love and best wishes.

I cannot close this report without expressing my gratitude to Morven

(Bronte's Mum) who has, throughout the years kept me posted with her progress. Thank you Morven and we wish you all a great 2018.

REMINDERS

WINTER RULES



LOOK AFTER YOUR COURSE!

You must use a mat on all fairways or move to the rough. The mat must be aligned lengthways with the direction of play and the ball in the middle of the mat, not on the edge.

If you take a practice swing it must be onto the mat so that you do not take a divot.

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. Any divot made must be repaired. In competitions mats must not be used in the rough. If the edge of the fairway is unclear please move further into the rough, or use a mat where the ball stopped.

There are 2 blue posts near the green (approx 30 yards out) if you are greenside of these posts on closely mown grass you may play your ball where it is, or you can use your mat if you prefer. Any divot made must be repaired. Please also repair your pitch marks and any others you see on the

green and keep our greens in top condition.

Please carry your bag if possible. If you use a trolley please lighten your bag.

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



I understand that a couple of Ladies have signed up to stand on Committee. I can vouch that being a Committee member is both a privilege and rewarding.

If being on a Committee isn't for you Lady Vice-Captain would be delighted if you can offer any skills to help run the Ladies Section smoothly. You do not need to be on a Committee to help to organise events. If you feel you can help please have a word with Lady Vice-Captain, Sandra Smith.



'Instead of thinking about what the Club can do for you, think about what you can do for the Club.'

COMMUNICATION



Don't forget there is a suggestion book on the Ladies Locker Room should you have any constructive suggestion to pass on. There is also a maintenance book outside the Office to report anything you may think needs attention.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS



Jean McGrail

Jean McGrail celebrated a Special Birthday on 4th January.
Many congratulations Jean.



Ali Hicks had a significant Birthday on 17th December



Ali Celebrated with a Beach Bar Theme

Congratulations Ali on your Half Century! Older and wiser as Ali herself said!



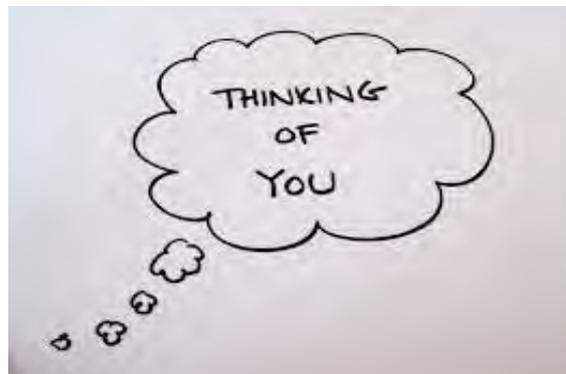
BABY CONGRATULATIONS



Welcome to the world Owen Sereno Bryce Parry. Born at 17.59 on 12.12.17 weighing in at 6lb 6oz. Congratulations Rebecca and Scott on your little bundle of joy!



Owen Parry 1 Day Old with Proud Daddy



There is currently a lot of illness around, so to those ladies not who are not well we wish you a speedy recovery. There are a number of ladies currently going through a sad, uncertain and difficult time and to you all we send our thoughts and love.

JUST A THOUGHT

Throughout this year I have had to take lots and lots of extra photos. The reason? ~ When Lady Captain had her

photo taken (and it was quite often) she forgot to remove her glasses. Consequently I had to take another. So I thought I'd be a little bit daring and print one - specs in situ - if nothing else, to prove that she doesn't look any older with her specs on!



A bespectacled Lady Captain
(I have shrunk it)!

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.

AND FINALLY

Well here we are this is my final Newsletter!

There is a saying - you only ever achieve something when you step outside your comfort zone! Well I certainly stepped out of mine when I was persuaded by Past Lady Captain Rob Burling to take on the job of Social Organiser and Ladies Newsletter Editor. I have endeavored to do it to the best of my ability and, I hope to the benefit of the Ladies Section and The Bramhall Golf Club. Thank you Rob for giving me the opportunity of serving the Ladies

Section in this way, I hope I have not let you down.

During this time I have written 16 Newsletters and I couldn't have done this without your help whether it be information fed to me or valuable tip offs! I now have a gallery of photos of all of you on my P.C.!

As I put my pencil and paper away and treat my writer's cramp, I would like to thank each and every one of you for taking the trouble to read my Newsletters. It has been a pleasure to share the Ladies news with you over the past 4 years. Thank you so much x.

Finally I wish my successor all the very best.

Kath Ince

Dear Followers:



I don't know what it is that made you follow me, but thank you for doing it ☺

Love,
Me



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