



Bramhall Golf Club Ladies Newsletter

WELCOME TO THE WINTER 2015 NEWSLETTER



May I take this opportunity of wishing you all a Very Happy and Healthy 2015. I hope it will be a good Golfing or Bridge Year (or both).

MESSAGE FROM THE LADY CAPTAIN



Lady Captain 2015 - Jacquie Thomas

Hi From your very new Lady Captain I have been most surprised, but very honoured by the response to my Captaincy. I have had a house full of the most beautiful cards, which is nice, but it's the words that have been written inside which will carry me through my year and beyond. Your reaction to the Welcome Weekend has been so positive

that I feel we must learn that we can put together a wonderful night without costing the earth and I feel so much happier about that. Thank you to Paul Mizen who was really great and thanks to the Captain for booking him.

On Sunday at the Drive In, I was ecstatic with my 142 yards drive!



Lady Captain hits her 142 Yard Drive

I was even more pleased to welcome Emma Jones who had travelled from Anglesey to launch our **Whizz Kidz Charity**. Please look on my Lady Captain's Table as I intend to show a series of case studies to highlight to you the plight of children so disabled they are confined to wheelchairs and how their families come to terms with coping, and how the help and support from **Whizz Kidz** makes so much difference.

We have a few problems to solve before I can relax and enjoy the year, and I feel sure the amount of time given to this end has to bear fruit. Good luck to you all, may the drives be long and the putts be accurate.

With love to you all.

*Lady Captain
Jacquie Thomas*

MESSAGE FROM OUR RETIRING LADY CAPTAIN



Our Retiring Lady Captain, Rob & Tony

What an incredible journey I have had this year and how quickly it has passed. I was very fortunate with the weather and this, coupled with so many memorable events has made it a year I will always remember. My thanks to all of you for your friendship and support.

From Ed!

It's been a great year Rob. We hope you have some happy memories but look forward to a more restful year and spending some time with Tony and your family. Our best wishes for the future.



The total raised for Genesis Breast Cancer Prediction and Prevention during Robina's year was **£6000**. This is a magnificent effort. Thank you to everybody who contributed.



Cheque Presentation to Judi Hibbert from Genesis

2015 CLUB CHARITY

For 2015 the Lady Captain and Captain are joining up to have a '**CLUB CHARITY**'. They have both been involved in Education and Child Care and therefore have chosen as the charity



Whizz Kidz mission is to transform the lives of disabled children by providing the equipment, support and life skills they need when they need them - giving them the chance to develop their full potential. There are an estimated 70,000 disabled children waiting for their childhoods to start, as they struggle to get a wheelchair that meets all their needs. **Whizz Kidz** believes that every young disabled person has the right to a fun and active childhood, and the chance to develop their full potential in life. They provide disabled children and young people with vital mobility equipment, and services, giving them opportunities to build friendships and have fun, and training them to gain skills and look forward to a bright future. Their aim is that all disabled children's lives are full of fun, friendship and hope for an independent future. Just like any other kid's. For more information go to: www.whizz-kidz.org.uk

It would be great to see you at some (or all) of the Charity events.



CHARITY LUNCH

The Charity Luncheon is on Friday 27th March. There will be short Fashion Show by SOS. Jamie will prepare and serve lunch and there will be a demonstration of Desserts by David and Kurt Thomas. The speaker will be Emma Jones from **Whizz Kidz** and tickets are priced at £23.50 and available from any Committee member. If you have any scarves that you no longer wear and would like to re-cycle please can you give them to any committee member. We plan to set up a scarf stall just as we did jewellery a few years ago. Come along if you can and enjoy.

LADY VICE-CAPTAIN



Lady Vice Captain - Margaret McKeown

Our new Lady Vice-Captain is Margaret McKeown. Margaret has been a member of the Golf Club for many years as was her Mother before her. She has served on the Committee and in actual fact I am her successor as the Social Coordinator. I can honestly say Maggie you were a hard act to follow. A couple of years ago Mel & I had the privilege of playing in the Leyland Golf Week with Maggie and Geoff. This photograph is a reminder of that great day and acts as a hint of the fun and enjoyment Maggie will provide as Lady Vice. By the way there **was** Whisky in the cup before Maggie got her hands on it!

CHRISTMAS COMPETITION



It seems a bit distant now but The Christmas Competition on Thursday 18th December was played in rainy conditions but didn't dampen our Christmas spirit. Father Christmas greeted us on the 1st Tee with a kiss and a chocolate!



Santa with Beryl, Vicki & Judith



Santa with Kath K, Chris & Lynda

Over 100 ladies sat down together for hot turkey rolls and mince pies. It was great to see 25 non-playing ladies joining us. The Salvation Army band played Carols and we all had a sing-along. Lady Captain handed over all the gifts and toys which had been collected, to the Salvation Army - the response from all the members was terrific and Lady

Captain was overwhelmed by your generosity. She also raffled hampers, made possible again by your generosity. The Golf competition was won by Lady Captain, Janet Ballard and Margaret Birtles. Runners up were Sylvia Howe, Pat Newall and Carole Taylor. Congratulations to all.



Winners Lady Captain, Janet Ballard and Margaret Birtles



Runners up Sylvia Howe, Pat Newall and Carole Taylor

Christmas hats were optional but a prize was donated by Mr. Vice-Captain for the best one. This was won by Sandra Smith. Sorry Sandra I think I caught you eating!!! What is that sticking out of your head Sandra?



Winning Hat!

WINTER LEAGUE

The Winter League Roll-Up is now well underway. The competition secretary decides how many holes we are playing and what the format is and a draw for partners takes place. Points are awarded on a sliding scale and accumulate for the Winter League Prizes. Lunch is soup and sandwiches. Only a couple of weeks left so if you want to keep your competitive spirit alive come and join us - it's great fun. From March there will hopefully be an increase in holes played in competitions with varying formats to get us all fit for the coming season. Sign up on How-Did-I-Do.

OPENING OF SEASON



All Prize Day will be on Thursday 9th April 2015. Everyone brings a prize and everyone wins a prize - Good Eh! There will be an evening Presentation and Dinner so put this date in your diary NOW. Non-Playing members are most welcome and there will be a list in the foyer to sign up.

All the Ladies Fixtures are on the Website www.bramhallgolfclub.co.uk. Click on The Club, then Diary & Fixtures. They are also on the notice board. There is a list on the notice board if you wish to sign up for a game with Lady Captain.

Please note that there has been a change of date for the Exchange with Bromborough. It is on Monday 17th August NOT Tuesday 18th August.

9 HOLE COMPETITION



New for 2015 - Rob Burling the retiring Lady Captain has donated a Trophy to commemorate 100 years 1914-2014. This will be known as The Poppy Trophy. An Order of Merit will run throughout the season for the ladies who want to reduce from 18 holes to 9 holes. We hope it will tempt competitiveness and the winner of the Order of Merit will win the Trophy.

BUSINESS LADIES



Fiona Kelsall has had a fantastic response from Business Ladies wishing to play matches. She has arranged fixtures and they are now in the Club diary. These are the fixtures:

1.00pm Sunday 26th April v Prestbury (Home)

9.30am Saturday 6th June v Astbury (Away)

9.30am Sunday 21st June v Prestbury (Away)

1.00pm Sunday 26th July v Astbury (Home)

Thanks Fiona for your efforts.

MATCHES

All the Match information for 2015 has been posted on the notice board. Please indicate when you are available so that the teams can be selected in advance. Match Practice will take place on each Tuesday in March. Please be ready to play at 9.30am. Claire Fitzpatrick will organize partners.

LESSONS



Scott, our assistant Pro has offered to give lessons to Ladies in groups of 3. He will cover putting, chipping, bunkers and anything else you request (careful Scott) and will charge £30 for 3 (£10 each). There will be a sign-up sheet on the notice board and you can sign up as a threesome or don't be afraid of signing up on your own - someone is sure to join you.

RULES EVENING

This is a preliminary notice and has yet to be confirmed but we are hoping to hold a Rules Evening on Thursday 23rd April. This should be both interesting and helpful.

Make a provisional date in your diaries - more information will be posted on the notice boards.

COMMUNICATION

Ladies are reminded that, to help with lines of communication, the Ladies Committee Meeting Minutes are available on the notice-board in the lobby. There is also a suggestion book above the cupboard.

OFFICERS



For anyone who doesn't already know the newly appointed Officers of the Club for 2015 are:

Captain:	Melvyn Ince	(13)
President:	Bill Higginbotham	(19)
Vice-Captain	Stuart Clegg	(23)
Lady Captain:	Jacquie Thomas	(35)
Lady Vice:	Maggie McKeown	(27)
Junior Captain:	Mike Ashley	(7)

LADIES COMMITTEE

Two ladies have retired from the Committee having served their 3 years. Sandra Smith and Jenny Wells both helped with Competitions and gave up a lot of time for the benefit of the Club, particularly the Ladies Section. Sandra was elected to Council so will continue representing the Ladies and Jenny has offered to keep the toiletries in good order. However they will both be missed at our meetings and we wish both of you a good golfing year. Maggie Beadle was elected to the Committee, Maggie has served on the Committee previously so I guess she will know what she has let herself in for. Welcome Maggie! I have served for 1 year and after much

thought I agreed to re-stand. Hence I am still your Newsletter Ed!

The Committee held their 'end of term' dinner in January. This was held at the club with a lovely meal being prepared by Jamie and we were waited on hand and foot by Clare, who ensured we didn't go thirsty. We played games, danced and sang - if I tell you any more I will have to shoot you - suffice to say a good time was had by all.

BRIDGE



The Lady Members Bridge Drive was held on 2nd December 2014. The results were as follows:

Winner:	Doris Kirwan
Runner-Up:	Ann Bennett
Slam:	Frances Gell Mary Greer
Consolation:	Moreen Thompson

Following the Bridge afternoon tea was enjoyed by everyone.

The following are the results from the members bridge drive held on 20th January 2015 .

1st Prize:	Avril Hill
2nd Prize:	Brenda McDonald
Slam Prize:	Ann Bennett & Ann Kepe
Consolation Prize:	Pat Henshall

Breege Clarke and Janet Lee continue to do a sterling job organising the Bridge. Thank you for all your hard work.

LADIES CHARITY EVENTS 2015

INVITATION BRIDGE DRIVE

Tuesday 17th February 2015
1.00pm - 4.00pm

CHARITY LUNCH

Friday 27th March 2015
11.30am Onwards

ALL PRIZE DAY/OPENING OF SEASON DINNER

Thursday 9th April 2015
7.00pm for 7.30pm

LADY CAPTAINS CHARITY DAY

Thursday 30th April 2015

'DATE IN DISLEY' GARDEN PARTY

Saturday 23rd May 2015
3.00pm Onwards

LADY CAPTAINS BRIDGE DRIVE

Thursday 25th June 2015

BRONTE

Bronte was selected to play for Great Britain and Ireland against Australia, New Zealand & South Africa in January 2015 in The Astor Trophy, formerly The Commonwealth Tournament. This is an extract of the press release:

BRONTE'S TOP OF THE SHOTS IN ADELAIDE

BRAMHALL ace Bronte Law was top points scorer in the Astor Trophy, Women's Amateur International Team Matchplay Championship played every four years.

She racked up 6.5 points out of eight but host nation Australia claimed the title for a fifth time at Grange Golf Club in Adelaide.



G.B. & I Astor Trophy Team 2015

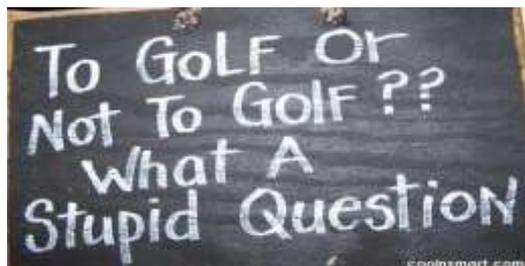
As I write this I have just heard of another great win for Bronte. She won the individual title at the Northrup Grumman Regional Challenge. Her UCLA Team climbed eight spots up the leader board to finish in 4th place.



Bronte with Her Latest Trophy

Well done Bronte - Lots of Ladies ask about you and love seeing how successful you are. Keep up the good work!

REMINDERS



COURSE CONDITION

Through the winter we have been requested to 'Carry if Possible.' We realise that this is not possible for all Ladies; however, can we request that if you use your trolley you reduce the number of clubs in order to lighten the load.

DIVOTS



Please remember to pick up a few green divot pegs before you go out to play. Repair any divots you make or see and carry a pitch fork to repair pitch marks on the greens. Our Greens staff work very hard to keep the course in good order for us to enjoy so we can repay them by helping in this way.



THUMBNAIL SKETCH OF A COMMITTEE MEMBER

Last year the Lady Captain suggested we told you a little bit about the Committee Members. I hope to carry this on this year and we start with:

PAULINE EVANS
(TROLLEYS/LOCKERS/JUNIORS)



Pauline Evans

Pauline was born in Consett, County Durham so is neither a Macam nor a Geordie. She started work at the Universal Building Society in Consett, but longed to be a secretary, as that is what she really wanted to do - once she became a secretary she found it very boring, and went back to the building society, where she worked for a number of years. It was during that time Pauline married (first time around) and had her lovely daughter Rachael. Sadly the marriage didn't work out so she was divorced when Rachael was about two years old. Pauline then met (the lovely) Richard. When Rachael was four and had just started school Pauline moved to Stockport to be with Richard who already had a son Philip, by his first marriage. They were married at Norcliffe Chapel, Styal in April 1994.

Shortly after moving to Stockport, Rick persuaded her to have golf lessons and in 1995 they joined Tytherington Golf Club. She didn't play there very much as it was difficult for members to get a tee time and Rick always longed to join Bramhall, who were not taking on new members at that time. Pauline recalls racing around Tytherington on the golf buggy whilst expecting Harry who completed their lovely family.

In 1996 whilst having a golf lesson at Adlington, the Pro said Bramhall were taking on new members. Pauline phoned to try to get Rick into the Club, but was told it was an invitation for couples, so she applied to join to enable Rick have his wish and come to Bramhall. That was her introduction to golf.

Pauline had no handicap and no idea about golf when the ladies section put on an afternoon tea for the new members. That was very daunting but it was there that she met two great friends Jenny Wells and Janet Jones. They asked if she would like to play with them as they were also new and without handicaps, and they used to play most Sunday afternoons.

Pauline and Rick's three children all like sports and all have been members of Bramhall Golf Club. Harry still is and Phil is in the process of applying.

Pauline hopes to play more regularly from now on and would like to maintain her current handicap if possible, but if not; it's not the end of the world as she enjoys her golf anyway. She has her name on 2 boards - The Centenary Trophy and the prestigious Gold Medal.

Pauline works tirelessly for the Ladies Section. She is a great asset to the Committee. Thank you for sharing your thumbnail sketch with us Pauline.

CLUB CHARITY BUNKER & POND



Ball in Bunker equals £1 in Pot!



Ball in Pond equals £1 in Pot!

Lady Captains Charity Trap has been changed from the Bunker on the 3rd Hole to the Left Hand Bunker on the 4th Hole. Mr Captains Charity Trap is The Pond on the 4th. Should your ball enter either The Pond or The Bunker, in the spirit of generosity you may wish to forfeit £1 to the Charity. However should you wish to make an upfront donation of £5 (more if you like) you can have as many visits to these hazards as you wish without it affecting your pocket every time! You will then get a 'bag tag' as proof of payment! If you go in both - you get a BOGOF offer!

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Lynn Grant. Lynn has put the requisite number of cards in to obtain her handicap (36). We look forward to you joining in with our Thursday Competitions. Lynn also won the Bottle of Champagne in Lady Captains Drive-In sweep. Well done!

Congratulations to Carol Coulson who is now Nanna to Adam David born very close to Christmas Day.

Congratulations also to Jean McGrail who has a little Granddaughter Aimee Isabella born early January.

All these Nannas make me feel so young! Congratulations to anyone who has had a significant (or other) birthday recently.

GOOD WISHES



Glad to see Carrie Ogg has got her big boot off. Carrie had a fall on the course in December and hobbled around for

several days with a fracture. Eventually having had an x-ray she was plastered, so to speak. A tough lady. Good to see you back Carrie.

Nice to see Kath Wood and Barbara Lee-Wood doing well following their ops.

To Ladies who are not well or need cheering we send our thoughts and Best Wishes. We are thinking about you and hope you will be back amongst us soon.

NEWSLETTER

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you all for taking the trouble to read the Newsletters during 2014 and hope that you will continue in 2015. Remember -This Newsletter is YOURS - without you it cannot exist. 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 e mailed to me for inclusion.

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