



# Bramhall Golf Club Ladies Newsletter

## WELCOME TO THE SPRING 2017 NEWSLETTER



## GOLF SEASON NOW UNDERWAY



## MESSAGE FROM THE LADY CAPTAIN



Lady Captain 2017 - Frances Gell

Is it really 3 months since I came into office?!! Time has passed so quickly. In those 3 months we have seen a lot of outward progress with the Ramsdale Lounge, and soon we will be enjoying these new facilities and our trips outside from the Ladies Locker Room to

the Rowbotham Room, and vice versa, will become a distant memory! Thank you for your patience, and thank you also for the great support you gave for our Opening of Season. You seemed to enjoy yourselves if the noise was anything to go by! Congratulations to Katie for winning that day, and a massive thank you to Kath Ince for her support in helping me achieve a night as near as possible to our usual Opening of Season - an evening of good memories.

Normally, at this time of the year, lots of plans would be being made for Lady Captain's Charity Day. As you all probably know this has had to be postponed until Thursday 6th July, so June and July will be very busy months with the Captain's Weekend, Pro's Day for the Ladies (including the presentation of the Bronte Law Trophy), Lady Captain's Day (I'm so looking forward to that highlight!), Ladies Invitation Day, Lady Captain's Charity Day, Past Captains' Competition, Mr. Captain's Day, the Official Opening of the new Clubhouse, President's Weekend, followed by Mr. President's Day on Thursday 3rd August. We'll be exhausted!

A big thank to everyone who donated towards my Charity in lieu of the cakes which Kath and I had made (Kath is such a brilliant support) whilst we didn't have a chef. Over £60 was raised in my collecting box, including donations for pens (by the way there are some new pens available now which aren't quite so orange!).

Our free Taster morning for Get Into Golf ladies on Sunday 23rd April was a

great success, with 23 ladies signing up for the 5 week coaching sessions. Well done to Luci in particular, and many thanks to Scott and Alex for all their help, and Jean Hindmoor, Wendy Woodhead and Rosa Sheard. Rosa was able to tell the ladies of her experiences as a GIG lady and new member of the Ladies Section. Hopefully we'll have some new members joining the Ladies Section by the beginning of September.

By the time you read this Newsletter, the furnishing of our new entrance should have been completed. Many thanks to Diane Symmons in particular, and to Pat Marriott, Jean Hindmoor, Phil Mead and Chris Church, for their contributions. The new locking cupboards, the recovered notice boards and the 'statement' clock all look great. We should now be able to find the information we want more easily and not have to get on our hands and knees anymore!

Many thanks to all my playing partners so far. I'm also looking forward to playing with all the ladies who have put themselves down to partner me over the next few months.

*Frances Gell*  
Lady Captain

## WINTER LEAGUE

This years' Winter League winner was Wendy Woodhead . Runner-up was Lynn Simpson, last years' winner. This year the league was a very close run competition. Consistency is the secret to winning this one! Wendy was allowed out of 'The Naughty Room' at the Opening of Season Supper, to receive

the Quaiche from Luci Foster. Congratulations Wendy you were a worthy winner.



Winter League Winner Wendy Woodhead

## OPENING OF SEASON & ALL PRIZE DAY



The Ladies Opening of Season and All Prize Day took place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017. Although the course was still a little wet in places we enjoyed a fine day to play our All Prize Stableford Competition



The winner of the Rose Bowl with a magnificent score of 42 Points was, for the second year running, Katie Marriott. Congratulations Katie.



Rose Bowl Winner - Katie Marriott

The winner of the 9 Hole Competition was Janet Ballard with 17 Points. Well done Janet.

All the ladies present chose a prize from the prize table.



Opening Of Season 2017 Rowbotham Room



Opening Of Season Snooker Room A.K.A. 'The Naughty Room'

Our evening supper surroundings were not as glamorous as we are used to due

to the club redevelopment and building work. However, what mattered was that we were all together, albeit in two rooms, to celebrate our Opening of Season. We managed to seat 69 ladies in both the Rowbotham Room and the old Snooker Room also known as 'The Naughty Room' (you know who you are)! We are indebted to the 'House' team in particular, Blair Marriott, Phil Mead, Chris Church, Clare and Jamie for helping to make this possible. Thank you to Mel Ince and Graham Gell whose help on the day was invaluable. Lady Captain welcomed us, we played a little game to start the ball rolling (ha ha) and enjoyed supper prepared by Jamie and his staff. Clare and her bar staff kept us supplied with wine and we, ourselves created a good atmosphere despite the difficult circumstances.



Lady Captain presented the E.W.G.A. Medal to Caroline McGeorge. Caroline will go forward to play at Windermere Golf Club this summer in the Regional Final. Good luck Caroline.



E.W.G.A. Medal Winner Caroline McGeorge

So our golfing season has now begun. Summer is rapidly approaching so let us all enjoy each others' company and play good golf.

## EXCHANGE WITH CHAPEL EN LE FRITH



On 10<sup>th</sup> May, 52 ladies played in glorious sunshine at Chapel en le Frith on our Exchange Day. The day was enjoyed by all, the weather playing a big part in the enjoyment. Seeing everyone sitting outside on the balcony you could have believed we were abroad. The competition was won with some good scores. We enjoyed a lovely meal and there was a great atmosphere in the Clubhouse.



Chapel Exchange May 2017



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Thank you Lady Vice-Captain (Sandra) for such a wonderful day.

Speaking of Lady Vice Captain - Did you know she had a wooden leg!



Not now!



The winners with 83 Points were: Sarah Brown, Di Symmons & Carolyn Eadsforth (with Caroline McGeorge coming in as a "ghost" player). Runners-up - Pat Marriott, Ro Horton, Linda Walker and Lynn Simpson with 81 points and 3<sup>rd</sup> - Chris Kelly, Lesley Williams, Wenche Penny and Rob Burling with 79 points Nearest line was Carolyn Eadsforth and nearest pin Claire Fitzpatrick Rob Burling was the only player to receive balls for a '2'.



Nearest the Line Carolyn Eadsforth and Nearest The Pin Claire Fitzpatrick

Lady Captain thanked Lady Vice Captain for organizing such a successful day, and presented her with a gift of an 'Orange' Lily (it had to be orange of course)!



Winners Sarah Brown Carolyn Eadsforth Di Symmons and Ghost Caroline McGeorge



Lady Vice Captain with Lady Captain



Runners Up Ro Horton Pat Marriott Lynn Simpson and Linda Walker



Third Place Rob Burling Chris Kelly Wenche Penny and Lesley Williams

The next day the Chapel ladies came to Bramhall, the weather stayed dry, but was not quite as warm. They were dressed in a red theme, and looked very colourful. Lady Vice-Captain was asked to judge the 'Best Dressed' and took photos of all the teams on the first tee. The Lady Captain of Chapel contacted Lady Vice-Captain the following day

asking that the greens staff be complimented on the great condition of the course.

In September, our second Exchange of the year is to be held at Abbeydale Golf Club near Sheffield. We look forward to another successful day.



## MATCHES

The Match season is now well underway. Keep your eyes on the Match notice board to check whether you have been selected and for news and results.

To date the Teams are doing well.

A Team v Prestbury	Lost 2.5-4.5
B Team v Withington	Won 5.5-1.5
B Team v Davenport	Won 5-2
Plate Team v Macclesfield	Won 6-
1Plate Team v Wilmslow	Won 4-3
Friendly v Warrington	Won 3-1

## CHALLENGE BOWL FINAL



On 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017 the Challenge Bowl was played for over 36 holes. Well done and congratulations to everyone who played in this competition. It was the hottest day of the year, temperatures soaring to 30 degrees. I was pleased to see that for

once you all followed my example of going out in shirt sleeves!! (Ed).

The winner of The Challenge Bowl was Sarah Brown with 73 Points. Sarah dedicated her win to all who had been affected by the Manchester Atrocity earlier that week. She made a heartfelt speech putting everything into perspective and bringing a tear to our eyes. Congratulations Sarah, well deserved.



Challenge Bowl 2017 Winner Sarah Brown

The runner-up was Di Symmons with 71 Points. Well done Di.



Challenge Bowl Runner-Up Di Symmons  
(Who are you winking at Lady Captain?)

The winner of Round 1 was Pat Marriott with 39 Points and the Winner of Round 2 was Caroline McGeorge with 36 Points.

The winners of The Greensome competition were Carolyn Eadsforth and yours truly Kath Ince.

A somewhat disorganized supper rounded off the day and despite the heat and the numbers growing by the minute in the 'Naughty Room' we socialized in our normal manner. We are planning a similar gathering following the Gold Medal Final on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September. Can I please stress that you sign up on H.D.I.D. (Supper) when it goes 'live'. It helps us to know exactly how many settings we need and how many meals to order. Many thanks for that. (Ed).

## LADIES OPEN



A scone at the hut, will improve your putt, but enlarge your butt!!!

As in recent years our Ladies Open on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May was well supported and extremely well run by Alison Jobes with Wendy Woodhead assisting. 114 Ladies took part in lousy weather, especially for the afternoon players. Despite the weather there were numerous compliments regarding the course and our new facilities. The scones at the half way house always go down well. The chef prepared a buffet which 27 ladies enjoyed. The raffle netted £140.44 for Lady Captain's charity. It was nice to see Jacquie Thomas back amongst us and if you didn't see her you would have known she was around looking at the fantastic prize table. The Mixed Open on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August is

already fully subscribed. Our thanks to Alison and Wendy who do a sterling job organizing these events.

## RESULTS

Winners were, Sue Moore, Karen Sutton & Barbara Ratcliffe from Newcastle with 74 Points.

Runners-up were, Pauline Hazeldine & Pat Smith from Meltham and our own Nicola Russell with 71 Points, on Rules to Tie from Fiona Tweedle, Barbara Moore & Sandra Davidson from Bramall Park.

## GET INTO GOLF



Following the 2016 success we launched a new Ladies 'Get into Golf' initiative on 23<sup>rd</sup> April with a Golf Taster Day. 23 Ladies signed up for group lessons with Scott, a tremendous result. We all look forward to meeting and playing with more new ladies. We know you will give them a warm Bramhall Golf Club welcome.



2017 Get Into Golf Ladies



We are pleased to announce that our Ladies won their first round match in The Bell Cup 5-2, played on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2017 against Lowes Park. Well done ladies. They now go on to play Warrington, away, in the next round. Congratulations to the team and good luck in Round 2.

### ELIZABETH WILSON SCRATCH SHIELD 2017



This Inter-Club Singles, Knockout Matchplay Competition run by Cheshire County Ladies Golf Association was played on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May against Mellor and Townscliffe, at home. Our Ladies, Ali Hicks, Ro Horton, Caroline McGeorge, Vanessa Schofield and Maria Spencer, won the Match 3-2 and now go through to the next round, away at Wilmslow. Congratulations ladies.



Congratulations Linzi Webster who got a Hole in One on the 6<sup>th</sup> hole whilst playing her Ladies Knockout Match against her best mate Caroline McGeorge. Linzi won that hole!



Linzi celebrating her Hole in One

### LADIES FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### LADY CAPTAINS DAY COMPETITION/BRIDGE/DINNER

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2017

#### LADIES INVITATION DAY

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017

#### LADY CAPTAINS CHARITY DAY



Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2017

A picture Quiz is available from Kath Ince or the Bar. £1 per sheet - see how many Golf Club members you can recognize. A prize will be given in Charity Day.

#### CAPTAINS DAY FOR LADIES COMPETITION/BRIDGE/DINNER

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2017

#### OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE BRAMHALL GOLF CLUB CLUBHOUSE

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2017

## **PRESIDENTS DAY FOR LADIES COMPETITION/BRIDGE/DINNER**

Thursday 3rd August 2017

### **BRAMALL PARK EXCHANGE**

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2017

### **ABBEYDALE EXCHANGE**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017

### **LADIES TURKEY TROT OPEN**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017

### **LADY CAPTAIN'S CHARITY EVENING WITH THE ROCK CHOIR**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017

### **LADIES CLOSE OF SEASON DINNER**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017

### **LADIES CHRISTMAS COMPETITION & LUNCH**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Please note the change of date for Lady Captains Charity Day. This had to be postponed due to the redevelopment.

## **BRIDGE**



There are currently no Bridge Results to publish. However keep your eyes open on the new Bridge notice board to sign up for Lady Captains Day Bridge, and afternoon tea with Lady Captain. The new Bridge notice board is situated at the top end of the locker room.

## **LESSONS**



Scott, our assistant Pro is giving lessons to Ladies in groups of 4. He will cover putting, chipping, bunkers and anything else you request (careful Scott) and will charge £40. (£10 each). If you would like to join in just give your name in at the pro shop.

## **COMMUNICATION**



Ladies are reminded that, to help with lines of communication, the Ladies Committee Meeting Minutes are available in a file in the locker room. There is also a suggestion book. Oh! and don't forget to feed me matters of interest for the Newsletter! (Ed.)

## **BRONTE**



Bronte continues to go from strength to strength. In March she was named as the Women's Player of The Year by U.C.L.A. and what a year she's had! There couldn't be anyone more deserving as she embarks on her Professional career. Congrats Bronte!



Bronte U.C.L.A. Player of the Year

On 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017 Bronte tweeted, ....  
***Prepared and excited for my LPGA professional debut tomorrow in round 1 of the @LPGALOTTE in Hawaii.***

She has now played in several L.P.G.A. Competitions and has made the cut in each one so far. You can follow her progress at [www.lpga.com](http://www.lpga.com). In the L.P.G.A. Volvic Championship at the end of May in Miami. Bronte played with her Curtis Cup buddy Holly Clyburn. We hope to see her in the Summer when she returns to the U.K. to play in the Ladies British Open. We all continue to be very proud of you Bronte and wish you well.



Bronte & Holly Clyburn in Miami May 2017

## THE BRONTE LAW TROPHY

Bronte would like to donate a Trophy in her name to the Ladies Section. It has

been decided that it will be played over 36 holes on 2 consecutive Thursdays one being a Medal Competition and one being a Stableford. The dates for this are Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June. The Trophy will be presented at Professionals Day for Ladies and hopefully Bronte will re-present it if she gets chance to visit us during the summer. A Photo of the Trophy and the winner will be featured in the next Newsletter.

## REMINDERS



## AWAY SCORES

Just a reminder that if you play in any competition away at another Club you must now report your score to your Home Club. There is a list on the Competitions notice board for this purpose, alternatively please email Ali Hicks [alihicks67@gmail.com](mailto:alihicks67@gmail.com) with your score. If you are playing in a team game, appoint one person to report the score.

## DIVOTS AND PITCH MARKS



Pitch Mark on Our 4<sup>th</sup> Green

As we move into the main season please remember to look after the course as you play.

- Repair your pitch marks and any others you see.
- Repair divots. Use the divot bags when possible.
- Keep your trolley outside greens and off the fringes

The green-keepers do sterling work on our course, particularly on the greens so please try and help. A note for your diaries - a Greens Forum will be held in the clubhouse on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 7:30pm.

## CLUB CHARITY BUNKER & POND



Ball in Bunker equals £1 in Pot!



Ball in Pond equals £1 in Pot!

Lady Captains Charity Trap is the front bunker on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Hole. I suspect this could be quite a good earner! Mr. Captains Charity Trap is the Pond on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Should your ball enter either the Pond or the Bunker, in the spirit of generosity you may wish to forfeit £1 to the Club Charity? Unless, of course, you have a 'bag tag' purchased from the

bar which means you can visit these hazards as often as you like! Proceeds

to  and .

## SOCIAL GATHERINGS

Can we request that any alterations or cancellations for Ladies Social Events be directed to Kath Ince our Social Organiser (07702 596379). Thank you for your understanding and support.

Talking of social gatherings a certain lady member organised a very good night away at Cave Castle at the Start of Season (S.O.S.). and was captured by Ed.



Jack's looking younger than ever!

## OTHER NEWS

We now have a lovely new Ladies entrance with new information boards and storage. Many thanks to all the ladies for your patience during the past months. We know it hasn't been easy.



New Entrance



Massive congratulations to Pauline Evans who completed the Great Manchester 10K Run on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May in a super time of 1 hour 12 minutes. Pauline supported Cancer Research. You are inspirational Pauline, very well done.



Pauline Evans Golfer and Runner



Mellor and Towsncliffe Golf Club hold two Ladies Open Competitions in April and May and always present a prize to the best visitors. Our ladies came away with both prizes, the first one in April won by Sarah Brown, Ali Hicks and Jan King and the May one won by Lady Vice Captain, Alison Jobes, Jean McGrail and Kath Ince. Well done ladies.

Jamie Milne has now left Bramhall Golf Club and the Ladies Section presented him with a 'One for All' Voucher to the value of £135 and a card wishing him all the best for the future.

We are pleased to welcome our new Chef, Adam Dewar. Adam came to us from The Church Inn, Cheadle Hulme and is settling in well. I got a photo so that you all know what he looks like!

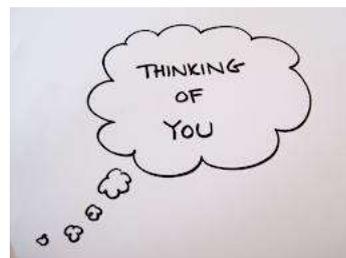


New Chef Adam Dewar

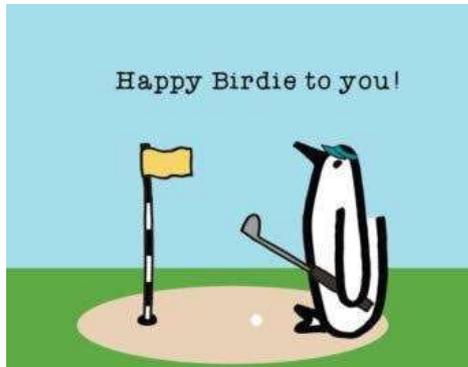


Angela Beer Fashions recently held a fashion show and kindly allowed Lady Captain to sell raffle tickets proceeds of which were to go to her Charity. This raised £200 - a nice boost for The M.S. Society.

**GOOD WISHES**



We send our best wishes and love to a few ladies who are not well or need cheering, we are thinking about you and hope you will be back amongst us soon.



To all the Ladies who have had special Birthdays we send our good wishes.

Special birthday wishes to Di Symmons who celebrated a 'Zero' Birthday in March. You don't look a day over 59 Di! Sally Kirk is celebrating the same birthday in June. Congratulations when it arrives Sally!



And another 'Zero' Birthday in April - Congratulations Jean Thexton.



## JUST A THOUGHT



## FOOD FOR THOUGHT!

Can't eat Beef, Mad Cow. Can't eat Chicken, Bird Flu. Can't eat Eggs, Salmonella. Can't eat Pork, Bird Flu can infect piggies. Can't eat Fish, Heavy metal in the waters. Can't eat Fruit & Vegetables, Insecticides and chemicals. Can't eat Potatoes, Pasta, Bread and Rice, Nasty Carbs  
Hmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmm!  
I believe that leaves only one thing ....  
**CHOCOLATE!** - Enjoy!

## 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 the Summer Newsletter 30<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

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