



Bramhall Golf Club Ladies Newsletter

WELCOME TO THE SUMMER 2015 NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE LADY CAPTAIN



Lady Captain 2015

Thank you so much to all the members who found time to come to the Garden Party at Disley on 23rd May to support the Club Charity Whizz Kidz.

Ruth Madeley and her parents came over from Bolton to attend and give a real live feel to what the charity stands for.

When I decided to host this event I knew I was taking a risk doing something not done before (well not in my years as a member) and I do know Disley is quite a way for members to come. However I felt it was important that you all know something about me and my family which is not just read out on paper, I wanted you to know what "makes us tick".

We as a family loved having you and looking after you and we were so lucky to have a gorgeous day. The feedback I have had has been amazing and the day raised around £1200 for Whizz Kidz. Thank you to the Rotary Club of New

Mills, Marple and District for helping with marquees, stalls and the bar. Thank you to Paul Mizen for his wonderful singing, thank you Mr. Captain for your support and thank you to all who came and made it a huge success.

LADY CAPTAINS SOCIAL EVENING - 16TH OCTOBER



A fun-filled evening has been arranged for Friday 16th October at 7.00pm. There will be lots of exciting entertainment on offer. Very worthwhile raffle prizes, goody-bags, vouchers and more. Plenty of WOW factor!

Tickets are priced at £10 to include a complimentary drink and nibbles. Friends, husbands and partners are all welcome. Ruth Madeley from Whizz Kidz will be with us for the evening.

Tickets are limited to 100 and will be on sale from 1st September from Frances Gell (0161 486 0104 or 07766 017388) on a first come, first served basis and should be paid for on purchase. Come and enjoy this fun-packed evening.



LADY CAPTAINS DAY



Lady Captain & Starter

On 25th June the first Ladies were on the Tee at 8.00am. It was a nice summer's day. We were greeted on the Tee by Lady Captain sporting a rather fetching hat and sash together with Graham Hampson the very dapper starter. The gentlemen looked after us at the Lodge serving us drinks and scones and cupcakes. Thank you for spoiling us. I believe the golf deteriorated for some after that!

The Lady Captain hosted Bridge in the afternoon, thanks Doris for running this superbly. The winner of the Bridge was Anne Bennett



Lady Captain, David and the Ladies
Enjoying Afternoon Tea.



Spectacular Table Centre

In the evening 112 attended the Dinner Everyone seemed to enjoy the fun and banter and meeting Lady Captain's special friends whom she had invited to join her for her special evening. The tables looked magnificent with particularly spectacular table centre's reminiscent of The Copperfield Restaurant for anyone who ever went there and a lovely memory for Lady Captain.

During the evening Vanessa Schofield presented a cheque to Lady Captain, Mr. Captain and The President for their Charity Whizz Kidz.

VANESSA'S STORY



Vanessa Presenting the Cheque for 2500
Euro to Lady Captain

On 23rd May 2015 Vanessa Schofield played in a Golf Competition in Poland organised by her Company. She went

into the competition for fun not thinking she would have a chance of winning as with her handicap of 12 she was up against handicaps of 54 and 48!!!!!! In the meantime Vanessa had said that if she was lucky enough to win the 2500 Euro she would donate the winnings to the Club Charity.

Vanessa actually won the competition and was congratulated on Lady Captains Day. She handed over a cheque for 2500 Euro to Lady Captain and was presented with a plant and champagne by Mr.Captain and the President. Well done Vanessa and thank you on behalf of Whizz Kidz for your wonderful gesture.



Vanessa was presented with a plant and champagne.

*And the
Winners
are...*

In the all important golf competition the winner of the Lady Captains prize was Carol Coulson with a Nett 70, Runner Up was Jenny Higginbotham - Nett 72. (Rule as to Ties from Jan King). Those who know her well will imagine how difficult it was for Carol to contain her excitement - well deserved Carol - Congratulations!



Lady Captains Prize Winner
Carol Coulson

Other Results were:

Division 1	(73)	Claire Eyre
Division 2	(73)	Sue Taylor
Division 3	(72)	Jan King
Division 4	(68)	Wendy Woodhead
Lowest Gross	(85)	Caroline McGeorge & Katie Marriott
Nearest The Pin		Vicki Snape
Longest Drive		Katie Marriott

Six Ladies took part in a 9 Hole Stableford Competition and the Winner was Joyce Mason with 15 points.



9 Hole Winner Joyce Mason

CHALLENGE BOWL 2015

On 28th May the Challenge Bowl was played for over 36 holes. History repeated itself and Ali Hicks retained the trophy with 68 points, Kath Ince was the runner up with 65 points. Congratulations Ali and well done to all 24 ladies who played the 36 holes. Am I allowed to congratulate myself? It doesn't happen very often! (Ed). Jamie and his staff put on Lasagne, Salad, and Chips for supper so the evening continued with a healthy social gathering.



Challenge Bowl Winner Ali Hicks

PROFESSIONALS DAY

73 Cards were taken out on Professionals Day for the Ladies on 2nd July. The winner with an amazing 45 Points was Judy Stocker. Judy is a relatively new member and is settling in well. Maybe she could teach us a thing or two! Runner up with 40 Points was Elizabeth Catlow on Rule as to Ties with Frances Gell. Congratulations Judy, Elizabeth and Frances. Thanks, as always to Richard, our Professional for

his generosity and fun extended to us on that day.

BUNTY BOOTH



The Bunty Booth (formerly The Centenary) Trophy is a beautiful bronze which was given to the Manchester & District Ladies Golf Association association by Miss D.E.O. Booth, better known as Bunty Booth. Bunty was a lifelong friend of the association, serving on the committee, then becoming President and latterly serving as a Vice President. In 2003 The Centenary Trophy was renamed the Bunty Booth Trophy and is played for every year, with the winners of the qualifying competition going forward to the final the following year. This was played on 9th July and the winner with 37 points was Colette Bryant. Colette will go forward to play in the Bunty Booth Final in June 2016 at Denton Golf Club. Good luck Colette.



The Bunty Booth Bronze Trophy

CAPTAINS DAY FOR LADIES



I am assured by The Captain that he had a fantastic day from start to finish - apparently one of the 'best days of his life !!!' I'm not sure how nervous he was of us all, but he soon relaxed and despite singing the song 'I will never let a woman in my life' whilst taking part in the musical 'My Fair Lady' many years ago, he enjoyed kissing over 100 ladies on 16th June.

In the afternoon Doris Kirwan organised the Bridge which was won by Mary Greer, judging by the photo (eyes closed), Mel was tired by this time! However he did enjoy afternoon tea with 16 Ladies. Thanks again to Doris for running the Bridge.



Afternoon Tea with the Bridge Ladies



Bridge Winner Mary Greer

Other Results were:

Runner-Up: Moreen Thompson
 Slam: Barbara Lee-Wood & Marie Francom
 Consolation: Rosemary Morrison



In the evening 94 Ladies sat down to dinner and following a few stories the Captain presented his prizes. First prize was won by Colette Bryant with a Nett score of 67 and the runner-up was Doris Kirwan Nett 69.



Winner of the Captains Prize
 Colette Bryant



Captains Day for Ladies Runner-up Doris Kirwan

Other Results were:

Division 1	(71)	Ro Horton
Division 2	(72)	Sue Taylor
Division 3	(70)	Maggie Beadle
Division 4	(72)	Janet Ballard
Lowest Gross	(86)	Caroline McGeorge
Nearest The Pin		Doris Kirwan
Longest Drive		Katie Marriott
(Silver)		
Longest Drive		Jo Lingwood
(Bronze)		
9 Hole Competition		Enid Funge

The Captain presented a special prize to Wenche Penny for a 'Birdie' on the 13th - A porcelain Parrot which was looking for a good home and has apparently been called Henry. In all seriousness Wenche - it was pretty (polly) impressive getting a Birdie on the 13th!



Wenche, the Captain and Henry

Congratulations to all the Prizewinners.

LADIES OPEN



The Ladies Open on Wednesday 20th May was a good day. A lot of favourable comments were received regarding our hospitality and our catering. On behalf of everyone we should extend our thanks to Alison Jobes and her team for making it the success it was. Alison does a sterling job organizing the Opens. Many thanks to all the ladies who helped on the day.

Winners with 67 Points were:

Liz Madew	Banstead Downs
(Ed's Little Sis)!	
Liz Owsley	The Army Club
Maureen Fentiman	Cherry Lodge



Ladies Open Winners

Runners-Up

Anna Howroyd	Ringway
Jose Dent	Ringway
Anne Gawthrope	Ringway

Nearest The Pin

Gill Fernley	Bramall Park
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SURF AND TURF

On a cold windy June day we decided to hold a Surf and Turf Competition. This was a fun day with a shotgun start so we could all get together for lunch afterwards. We were greeted at the beach hut by Mr. Captain who had been charged with the job of photographing all the Beach Babes as they went through the first tee. Following the golf we were served a cocktail before having a lovely lunch.

The winners with 78 points were Jenny Higginbotham, Colette Bryant, Jo Lingwood and Lynn Simpson. Nearest the pin was Maureen Foster. Well done everybody.



Lady Captain,
Judith Hill, Sandra Short & Gill Gee



Winners of the Best Dressed Carole Taylor,
Brenda Bruce, Beryl Galloway & Sylvia Howe

LADIES INVITATION DAY

This is another great day in our golfing year. This year we were blessed with super weather. Believe it or not it was extremely hot! It was followed by a lovely Buffet Meal. Winners were: Pat Marriott, Lynn Simpson, Alison Shipston (High Legh), Jo Coutts (Bramall Park). Many congratulations.

Lady Captain sold 'Mulligan's' at £1 each - How many of you forgot to use them! This made over £100 for Whizz Kidz.

BUSINESS LADIES



The Business Ladies played at Astbury on Saturday 6th June in sunny but extremely windy conditions.

It was an excellent match, against lovely opponents on an interesting course resulting in a draw. Congratulations to Jude Wheatley for winning 5 and 3 on her match playing debut for Bramhall.

They played their last mini league match on 26th July (in the pouring rain) against Astbury. The team of Linzi Webster, Judith Hill and Sarah Brown won 2 matches to 1.

Having won 2 matches and halved 2 matches they should have won their

group and will move forward to the knockout stages of this competition. Thanks to the 11 ladies who have contributed so far!

MORE



HAZEL GROVE LADIES OPEN

Bramhall had a great result in the Hazel Grove Ladies Open in May. Winners with 76 Points were: Vicki Snape, Claire Eyre, Linda McKenzie and Sarah Brown, on Rule as to Ties from: Di Symmons, Carolyn Eadsforth, Pat Marriott and Kay Thomas (Tytherington).

WESTMINSTER SHIELD

The Westminster Shield is a Cheshire County Golf Competition and on 1st July the Bronze Division was won by Bramhall Ladies, Di Symmons, Lynn Simpson, Carolyn Eadsforth and Sarah Brown.

DUNHAM LADIES OPEN

This was on 21st July and Runners-Up with 85 Points were: Carolyn Eadsforth, Di Symmons, Pat Marriott and Sarah Brown.

HEATON MOOR INVITATION

Judith Hill was runner-up with her partner at the Heaton Moor Invitation Day. Guess you'll be invited back next year Judith. Well done!



Runner-Up at Heaton Moor - Judith Hill

CHESTER LADIES OPEN

Change of names but we're not as good! Frances Gell, Enid Kibble, Jean McGrail and Kath Ince got 4th Prize at Chester on 6th July.

Well done to all the Ladies who have played in the following prestigious events. They are tough matches and you should be congratulated for getting as far as you did. There's always next year!



MAIL ON SUNDAY

In awful weather we lost to Bramall Park in the 3rd Round.

LIZ WILSON SCRATCH

Lost in the 2nd Round against Royal Liverpool.

BELL CUP

The 2nd Round of The Bell Cup was played against Birchwood on 31st May. Unfortunately we lost 4 and 3.

MATCHES



The A Team won 3 and lost 3.

The B Team won all 6. They now play Hale in the quarter-final.

The Plate Team won 4 and lost 2.

The Friendly Team won 3 and lost 1 but still have 1 to play at the time of writing.

Well done to all the Ladies who have played this year in the Matches. It is a great experience and honor to represent the Club.

Many thanks to Claire Fitzpatrick and Frances Gell for organizing all the matches - not an easy task.

BRONTE



Bronte set out to stamp her authority on the English women's amateur championship - and she succeeded, retaining her title at Hunstanton on 13 under par and with a 16-shot winning margin.

Bronte said, 'I didn't just want to come here and win by a bit. I really wanted to put a stamp on this, that's what I came here to do.'

'Coming back and winning this again is big for me. You can win once, but winning again really proved to me that I have come a long way as a player.'

Her outstanding performance was recognised by Hunstanton which made her an honorary member. Bronte made her title intentions very clear from the first round when she opened with a score of nine-under par 63, which included 11 birdies. She followed up with 69 in the second round and was one-under for the final 36 holes with scores of 69, 74, returned in an ever increasing wind. Her lead grew throughout the tournament, from three shots, to 10, to 13 and finally to 16. But she never relaxed: 'I don't get complacent; I know there are a lot of good players out there. I never think I'm cruising. For me it's about creating my own challenges each day and trying to be the best player I can be.' 'I kind of forgot about the score and tried to enjoy the experience - and having my family with me made it so nice,' she said. Bronte was accompanied by her Mum, 11-year-old sister Bella, 91-year-old Grandfather and the family dog. Dad had to go work! She paid tribute to her home coach, Richard Green at Bramhall, who 'has taught me the sort of shots I needed out in the wind. He has been really influential throughout my career.'

Her experience at university in America, where she is a student at UCLA (University of California, Los Angeles) has also played its part. She has two more years there.

Bronte has also represented Great Britain and Ireland in the Vaglione Trophy playing against Europe at Malone Golf Club. Europe won 12.5 to 11.5 .

On 22nd to 25th July Bronte played in the International European Ladies Amateur Championships in Murhof, Austria, where she tied for 4th place with 9 under.

Bronte never forgets her roots and I know many ladies like to hear of her progress.

LESSONS



Scott is still prepared to give lessons to a group of three ladies for an hour on Tuesdays at a cost of £30. This is a good offer and any ladies interested should enquire in the Pro Shop. Even if you are on your own you may help to make up a threesome. Scott is hoping to continue this arrangement through the winter in the 'shed'. (Sorry Richard!!)

OTHER NEWS

HOW DID I DO

If you cannot play in a Competition for any reason, it would be helpful if you will

remove your name from H.D.I.D. as soon as possible. This gives other people a chance to put their name up. If you have trouble removing your name please ask the Pro Shop to do it for you. You should also let your playing partner(s) know as a matter of courtesy.

NO RETURNS

If you decide to 'No Return' please ensure you still enter the score into the computer before placing your car in the competition box.

LOST PROPERTY

There appears to be a lot of clothing and shoes etc. left in the locker room and lost property cupboard. It would be appreciated if all ladies would check to see if anything is yours before it is cleared. For anyone who doesn't know the lost property cupboard is below the match notice board.

BROMBOROUGH EXCHANGE

Looking forward to the Bromborough Exchange on Monday 17th August, and hoping for a sunny day. There are still a few seats available on the coach. If you have had second thoughts and decided you prefer not to drive please let Lady Vice-Captain know as soon as possible. Coach leaves at 8:30am.

MONEY DOESN'T CROW ON TREES!

One Monday morning prior to a match Frances Kelvin was given the job of collecting the tea money - She collected £4 from each player, and envelope in hand went to do some chipping practice. Frances put the envelope down on the grass. A few minutes later a very clever

Crow (probably the one that pinches your bananas at the lodge) swooped down and took the envelope complete with money. Perhaps there is a tree on the course somewhere where the Crows stash their money and maybe if we can find it we could put it towards the refurbishment! I believe the team were very amused but thankfully they still got their cream tea after their match! Hope your chipping practice paid off Frances!



ROSEMARIE HORTON - A DATE WITH ROYALTY



Ro's Official Invitation

St Dunstan's (now called Blind Veterans UK) which was my chosen charity in the year of my Captaincy celebrated their Centenary with a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on 4th June. I was invited as a result of the kind and generous donations of our Ladies Section.

Her Majesty the Queen was not in attendance as it clashed with the Centenary of the Women Institute so she was represented by Sophie, Countess of Wessex.

The day was a unique and humbling experience, to be at such an iconic venue, surrounded by veterans of all ages sadly wounded in conflicts past and present.

So once again, a big thank you to the members of Bramhall Golf Club.

P.S. Re photo - Yes, I did get through the gates!!



Ro Outside Buckingham Palace

Congratulations



MDLGA PRESIDENT 2016

Past Lady Captain Avril Hill has been appointed President of Manchester & District Past Lady Captains 2016. This is a great honor both for Avril and for the Club. I am sure that Avril will carry out her duties impeccably. Congratulations Avril we will support you all the way.

WEDDING BELLS



Mr.&.Mrs.Lee - Maggie & Geoff
Many Congratulations

Lady Vice-Captain, Maggie McKeown and Past President Geoff Lee were married on 18th July at St.Peters Church Hazel Grove followed by reception for family

and friends at the Golf Club. This is one of the nicest stories I have written in the Newsletter and I am sure you all join me in wishing Maggie & Geoff a very happy, and healthy married life together.



Congratulations

SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

Best wishes to anyone who has had, or is having a special birthday. (I am told every birthday is special when you get to our age). I thought I'd share this shot with you of Frances Gell being serenaded by Mike Summerbee and Francis Lee at her 70th Birthday celebrations. Be thankful there's no sound!



Mike Summerbee, Frances & Francis Lee

CLUB CHARITY BUNKER & POND



Don't forget that Lady Captains Charity Trap is the Left Hand Bunker on the 4th Hole and 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 Club Charity unless, of course, you have taken out the Whizz Kidz insurance and made an upfront donation of at least £5 when you can have as many visits to these hazards as you wish without it affecting your pocket, even though it might affect you card!!

GOOD WISHES



Good to see Jo Lingwood back amongst us after her op.

Jenny Wells has a brand new knee and is improving day by day - breaking news - I have just seen Jenny in Waitrose managing extremely well on her crutches. She asked me to pass on her thanks to you all for all her cards and good wishes.

Special wishes to Luci Foster who underwent major surgery some weeks ago, recovery will be slow but we are thinking about you and your family Luci.

To any other Ladies who are not well or need cheering a little we send our Best Wishes and hope you will be back amongst us soon.



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 Autumn Newsletter 1st November 2015.

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