



Bramhall Golf Club Ladies Newsletter

WELCOME TO THE SUMMER 2017 NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE LADY CAPTAIN



Lady Captain 2017

It's time for the Summer Newsletter. Some might ask - what summer, but in spite of the weather at times, we've not had to cancel any competitions.

From the clubhouse point of view, it was wonderful to be able to use the whole building again from mid July, and to enjoy our Official Opening on 16th July. We had a fantastic turnout, with lots of compliments. It was great to see the place absolutely "buzzing" and we were well entertained by Andrew Murray, and the 'trick' shot golfer, Paul Barrington. If you weren't able to attend you missed a very enjoyable afternoon. I hope you're all enjoying our new facilities.

The highlight for me in June was of course my Lady Captain's Day. OK - the weather could have been better but well done to Linzi for being a worthy winner. I have so many happy memories of that day, including afternoon tea with the bridge ladies. Thank you all for your kind wishes and gifts, and for making the day and evening so special. Thank you also to all the gentlemen who helped look after the ladies at the halfway house, Mel for acting as David Bailey, and Graham for supporting me through the day even though he ended up with a swollen ankle again for standing around so much!

I'd like to thank you all for your overwhelming support again for my Charity Day at the beginning of July. I never knew so many people suited orange and white! Fortunately the weather was kind that day and didn't spoil anybody's outfits! Nearly £1300 was raised on the day, plus donations of £100 made directly to the M.S.Society. Thank you also to everyone who manned the stalls etc. and were a big part in raising that total. We couldn't have done it without you.

Mr.Captain's Day and Mr.President's Day for the Ladies in July and August were further highlights in the golfing calendar. My thanks to both of them for their hospitality to us all. We had two great days and evenings. We were also particularly delighted to have the company of Bronte Law on the evening of Mr.President's. Well done Bronte for all you've achieved in your "rookie" year.

Congratulations to our 'B' and Plate teams on getting through to East Cheshire's quarter finals. Sadly both teams lost to Astbury's 'B' and Plate teams, but not without closely fought matches, losing 4 & 3 in both instances. Here's to 2018!

At the moment we have 6 Associate Lady Members, who are spending 3 months experiencing this frustrating game of golf. They all seem enthusiastic and we're hoping they will eventually join us in the Ladies Section. Please carry on giving them your friendship and support if you happen to meet any of them. It's been wonderful to see how well some of last year's G.I.G. ladies have done in competitions this year. Well done to you all.

We've plenty to look forward to in the following months - the Gold Medal Final, Abbeydale Exchange



Ladies Day is on Sunday 17th September, when any lady can invite any gentleman to play in the competition. The origin for this competition goes back to the heady days of when the Ladies were allowed to play in a mixed competition on one Saturday afternoon a year! Times may have changed but it would be great to keep the competition going. Please try and support both events.

Time to sign off. I imagine the next time I'm asked to contribute to the

Newsletter that I might be becoming demob happy!

Enjoy the rest of the season. See you all on the course. To those who have been having medical problems of late, you're not forgotten. You're in our thoughts and we wish you a speedy recovery and hope to see you back with us in the not too distant future.

Frances Gell
Lady Captain

LADIES INVITATION DAY



This is a great day in our golfing year. Winners with a score of 77 points were: Linda Walker, Wendy Woodhead, Fiona Tweedle (Bramall Park Golf Club) and Gwyneth Fielding (Davenport Golf Club). Runners-Up were: Jan King, Lynn Simpson, Jo Coutts (Bramall Park Golf Club) and Sarah Huxley (Cheadle Golf Club) with 75 points on Rules as to Tie from Brenda Bruce, Pam Knighton, Mary Dade (Rushcliffe Golf Club) and Jackie Cookson (Bramall Park Golf Club). Nearest the Pin was Linda Walker (Member) and Sue McDiarmid (Guest). 16 Cards were taken out. The golf was followed by a lovely buffet. This is a really enjoyable day but we could do with more ladies taking part. Keep a look out for the date of the 2018 Invitation Day and invite a guest. It's always nice

to meet ladies from other clubs both near and far.

LADY CAPTAINS CHARITY DAY



On 6th of July the Ladies turned the Course, Clubhouse and themselves Orange to raise money for Lady Captains Charity, The M.S. Society. We played 15 Holes of Golf and came in to spend our money on various stalls including Cakes, Books, Jewellery and Crafts. There was also a Raffle and Quiz's to have a go at. It appears that our Lady Captain was so focused on boosting her Charity that she bought some cakes and then accidentally (allegedly) she left them on the stall. They were consequently re-sold - a canny trick Lady Captain if you ask me! The winners of the Golf Competition were Judy Stocker, Claudia Cresswell, Linda Walker and Dehrne Hancock. The winners of the 'best dressed' team were Gill Gee, Kate Sumner, Linda Forbes and Ruth Riley. The winner of the 'Faces' competition was Wendy Woodhead.

The magnificent sum of over £1200 was raised on the day. A big thank you to everyone who made this possible.



Competition Winners Linda Walker Claudia Cresswell Judy Stocker Derhne Hancock



'Best Dressed' Team Ruth Riley Linda Forbes Kate Sumner Gill Gee



Lady Captain & Sarah from the MS Society



PROFESSIONALS DAY FOR LADIES

The winner of Professionals Day for Ladies was Caroline McGeorge with 36 Points. The runner up was Rosa Sheard On Rules as to Tie from Ali Hicks with 35 Points. Fourth prize went to Frances Kelvin with 34 Points. Obviously a very closely fought competition. The prize for the best front 9 went to Judy Stocker and the best back 9 to Alison Jobs. Caroline McGeorge had the longest drive and there were several nearest the pins:

- 3rd Carol Coulson
- 6th Carol Coulson
- 12th Caroline McGeorge
- 14th Alison Jobs



Winner Caroline McGeorge



Congratulations to all the winners

Richard presented the prizes to the prizewinners at an informal gathering with drinks and nibbles.

Thanks once again to our Professional, Richard Green for his hospitality.

LADY CAPTAINS DAY



Lady Captain and Graham

All the Ladies had an amazing day on Thursday 22nd June and hopefully Lady Captain had a wonderful day to remember. There was a little drizzle but our spirits weren't deterred one bit. 93 attended a lovely meal in the evening.

*And the
Winners
are...*

The Lady Captains Prize was won by Linzi Webster with a score of Net 69. Runner up was Chris Kelly with Net 72. Congratulations Linzi & Chris.



Lady Captains Day Winner Linzi Webster



Lady Captains Day Runner-Up Chris Kelly

Divisional winners were:

Division 1
Division 2
Division 3
Division 4

Claire Fitzpatrick
Wenche Penny
Judy Stocker
Nicky Russell



Lady Captains Day Divisional Winners

Best Front 9
Best Back 9

Avril Hill
Linda Fegan



9 Hole Winner
9 Hole Runner Up
Nearest the Pin

Paula Hamilton
Beryl Blessitt
Ali Hicks

More Photos of the day can be viewed following the link.

<http://www.bramhallgolfclub.co.uk/index.php/news/club-news>

LADY CAPTAINS DAY BRIDGE

A good number of Ladies played Bridge during the afternoon which was ably run by Doris Kirwan. It is always nice to see these Ladies taking part in the major days. Winner of the Bridge Competition was Moreen Thompson and the Runner-up was Maureen Ball. Well done Ladies.



Lady Captains Bridge Winner Moreen Thompson & Runner-Up Maureen Ball

Ann Bennett and Kath Wood won the Slam and the Consolation Prize was won by Marie Francom.



Ann Bennett & Kath Wood & Marie Francom

Lady Captain hosted a lovely afternoon tea for the Bridge Ladies which was enjoyed by all.



Lady Captains Day Bridge Ladies (& Graham)

Our thanks to Lady Captain for giving us all such a wonderful day. ❤️



On that special day, Lady Captains Day, Maria Spencer got a Hole in One on the 12th. Well done Maria and thanks for the drinkies!



Hole In One - Maria Spencer

CAPTAINS DAY FOR LADIES



Take Note Future Mr.Captains!

The Captain welcomed us all onto the first tee throughout a superb day. He even got the weather right! The winner of the Captains Prize was Judy Stocker with a score of Net 71 Runner up on Rules as to Tie was Gill Ridley Fink who also scored a Net 71. Well done ladies.



Captains Day for Ladies Winner
Judy Stocker



Captains Day for Ladies Runner-Up
Gill Ridley-Fink

Divisional Winners were:

Division 1	Chris Kelly	Net 74
Division 2	Pauline Evans	Net 73
Division 3	Nicola Russell	Net 73
Division 4	Melanie Williams	Net 72



Captains Day for Ladies Divisional Winners

Longest Drive (Bronze Division)	Pam Knighton
Longest Drive (Silver Division)	Caroline McGeorge
Nearest The Pin	Kath Kirwan



Winners Longest Drive & Nearest The Pin



Lowest Gross Caroline McGeorge

The 9 Hole Competition was won by Margaret Turnbull and Runner Up was Janet Lee.



9 Hole Competition Winner & Runner-Up

The Captain enjoyed Afternoon Tea with 13 Ladies who had played Bridge, as

always superbly organised by Breege Smithers and Janet Lee and run by Doris Kirwan.



Captains Day for Ladies Bridge Gathering

Bridge Winners were:

Winner	Marie Francom
Runner Up	Sheila Wolfenden
3 rd & 4 th	Mary Lowe & Shirley Godward
Consolation	Kath Wood



Captains Day for Ladies Bridge Winners

Following the days golf 95 Ladies attended the Dinner and presentations. Thank you Mr. Captain on behalf of all the Ladies for a wonderful day. ❤️

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BUNTY BOOTH

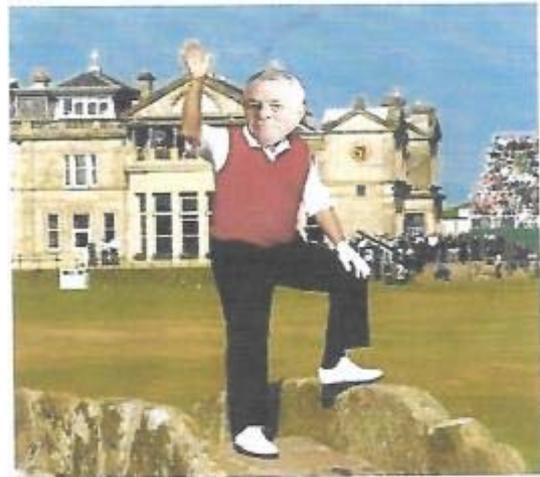


The Bunty Booth Bronze Trophy

The Bunty Booth Centenary Trophy is a beautiful bronze which was given to the Manchester & District Ladies Golf 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. The Bunty Booth Trophy is played for every year, with the winners of the qualifying competition going forward to the final the following year. This was played on 30th July and the winner with 40 points was Vicki Snape. The runner-up was Maggie Beadle with 39 points. Vicki will go forward to play in the Bunty Booth Final on 8th June 2018 at Lymm Golf Club. Congratulations Vicki and Good luck in the final.



PRESIDENTS DAY FOR LADIES



The President, Howard and the Ladies had a great day despite the downpours on Thursday 3rd August. The day started with the first ladies teeing off at 8.00am. The President enjoyed welcoming the ladies to the tee and a few laughs were had on the way. The President then welcomed the Bridge Ladies and following the Bridge they sat down to afternoon tea.



Bridge Ladies Afternoon Tea

The Winner of the Bridge was Betty Harrison and Runner Up was Mary Greer.



Presidents Day for Ladies Bridge Winner
Betty Harrison

Bronte Law (at very short notice) and everyone was pleased to see her. Lady Captain introduced The President with an interesting short history of his time at the club. The President presented the prizes. A lovely meal prepared by Adam and his team followed and again a lot of laughs and great fun. I think by the time we get to this stage in the year the gentlemen have come to realise how much we Ladies like to Par-Tee!!



Presidents Day for Ladies Bridge Runner Up
Mary Greer

The Winner of the Presidents Prize was Katie Marriott and the Runner Up was Chris Kelly (A particularly poignant moment as Chris was Lady Captain when Howard was Captain)



Presidents Day Winner Katie Marriott



Presidents Day for Ladies Bridge



Presidents Day Runner Up
Chris Kelly

In the evening 82 Ladies and a few gentlemen attended the Presentation and Dinner. We had a surprise guest,

Divisional winners were:

Division 1	Colette Bryant
Division 2	Wenche Penny
Division 3	Claudia Cresswell
Division 4	Rosa Sheard



The Winner of the 9 Hole Competition was Joyce Mason and the Runner Up was Marilyn Kershaw.



9 Hole Runner Up Marilyn Kershaw



Nearest The Pin
Vicky Clewley

Nearest The Line
Gill Gee

On behalf of all the Ladies thank you Mr. President for giving us such a lovely Day, 

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CHALLENGE CUP AND LLOYD GEORGE TROPHY 2017

The Challenge Cup was inaugurated in 1902. Mr. Ross-Couborough, who was then the secretary of Manchester Golf Club and a keen supporter of ladies golf, chaired a meeting of 20 Clubs - Anson, Ashton-On-Mersey, Burbage, Bury, Bramhall, Bowden, Cheadle, Didsbury, Entwistle, Failsworth, Fairfield, Knutsford, Manchester, Old Manchester, North Manchester, Oldham, Timperley, Withington, Wilmslow, Worsley. Each of these clubs sent 2 representatives. Some of them exist but others have just changed their names. Entwistle is now Davyhulme, and Burbage is now Cavendish.

The Challenge Cup idea was quickly accepted and the first committee was formed. Mr. Ross-Couborough offered a draft set of rules for the association which was discussed and accepted, very similar to the rules of today.

The first competition was held at Manchester Golf Club on the 5th June

1902. At this time the Ladies Golf Union (L.G.U.) was in its infancy and regarded as an Organisation of the South-East. Handicaps were assessed and allocated by a committee of gentlemen. The first handicap limit was set at 9 and 90 ladies took part.

This Major event of the Manchester and District Ladies Golf Association took place on Friday 7th July 2017 at Bramhall Golf Club, the home club of the Immediate Past President, Chris Kelly.

The Challenge Cup was won by Chris Kelly with a Net 69. Claire Fitzpatrick was the Runner-Up with a Net 75. Congratulations to both our own Ladies.

In 1952, the jubilee year of the Association, Mrs. Lloyd-Jones of Hale Golf Club presented a Scratch Trophy for a competition to be run alongside the Challenge Cup. The winner of this Trophy was Ro Horton Gross 82.



Challenge Cup and Lloyd-Jones Trophy
Winners 2017 Chris & Ro



CENTENNIAL TROPHY

The Centennial Trophy was presented to the Club in 2005 by Beryl Galloway when she was Lady Captain. A Medal competition, this year it was played on 27th July.

Divisional Winners were:

Division 1	Katie Marriott	Net 73
Division 2	Jan King	Net 78
Division 3	Emily Fletcher	Net 80
Division 4	Rosa Sheard	Net 80

The Winner of the Centennial Trophy 2017 was Nicola Russell. Nicola was absolutely delighted to win her first Board Competition, I am sure it will be the first of many. Beryl presented the trophy to Nicola.

Congratulations Nicola and many thanks Beryl.



Centennial Trophy Winner Nicola Russell
with Beryl Galloway

SENIOR LADIES BOWL

The Senior Ladies Bowl is played for on the same day as The Centennial Trophy. This was given to the Ladies Section by Edna Bayley in 2005 and is awarded to the best score for Ladies over the age

of 65. This years' winner was Linda McKenzie with a net score of 76.

Well done Linda and many thanks Edna.



Senior Ladies Bowl Winner Linda McKenzie

SILVER JUBILEE TROPHY

This was presented at the same time as the Centennial and Senior Ladies Bowl. It was played on 29th June and was won by Caroline McGeorge with a net score of 74. Congratulations Caroline.



Silver Jubilee Trophy Winner Caroline McGeorge

MATCHES



Our B Team and Plate Team have had a good season and got through to the Quarter Final play-offs. The B Team lost 3-4 against Astbury at Marple and the Plate Team lost 3-4 also to Astbury, at Mellor. Well done to all the ladies who have played in the Matches during the year and special thanks to Luci Foster and Caroline McGeorge for your hard work arranging, and sometimes, re-arranging fixtures.

BRIDGE



Apart from the Ladies major days there hasn't been a lot of Bridge to report on. However it would be remiss of us not to acknowledge the hard work that Breege Smithers, Janet Lee and Doris Kirwan put in to make these Bridge days run smoothly. The President, Lady Captain and Captain are all grateful for the support these ladies gave to them.

BRONTE

Bronte has graduated and a proud Mum and Dad Morven & Tim with Bronte's younger sister, Bella were all there for her big day. She has graduated in Sociology, with a Minor in Psychology! All this as well as playing amazing golf throughout her time at U.C.L.A. We send Congratulations to Bronte from us

all at Bramhall Golf Club and our very best wishes for the future.



Morven Bronte Bella & Tim at Bronte's Graduation

Bronte is now becoming established on the L.P.G.A. Tour. Whilst taking some time out before her well-deserved holiday I got the chance to chat with her on the putting green on Presidents Day for Ladies. I took the opportunity of inviting her to come to the dinner and, at extremely short notice and to the delight of The President and the Ladies she joined us. She spoke of how she has settled into her routine of golf, keeping fit and making all her own travel arrangements. She was looking forward to a holiday with her family and as I write she is playing in The Canadian Pacific Ladies Open in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada from 24th August to 27th August. It was great to see you Bronte and as always we wish you success, good health and happiness.



THE BRONTE LAW TROPHY



The Bronte Law Trophy

Bronte has presented a Trophy in the form of a Cut Glass Vase to The Ladies Section which will be played for annually over 36 holes. An 18 Hole Medal Competition followed the following week by an 18 Hole Stableford Competition. The inaugural Bronte Law Trophy took place on 1st and 8th June and was won by Vicky Clewley. This is Vicky's first Trophy but we are sure it won't be the last. Gill Ridley-Fink was the runner up. Congratulations Vicky.



Bronte Law Trophy Winner Vicky Clewley

OTHER NEWS

ABBEYDALE EXCHANGE



We are looking forward to the Abbeydale Exchange Wednesday 13th September organised by Lady Vice-Captain. The draw has been made and is on the notice board. If you are travelling by coach please be there for 8am. There will be a Quiz en route. Oh! - Anyone for a sing song on the way home? (Ed)!



TURKEY TROT



For the first time we are holding a Turkey Trot on Monday 2nd October 2017. So far we have 15 entries, but ideally we'd like more to fill all the slots. It's a 13 Hole competition for teams of 3, best 2 scores to count. Lady Captain is using it as an opportunity to invite 2 friends to play, a sort of mini invitation

day - and home players aren't docked any shots! Perhaps some of you could do the same. Your support in this inaugural year would be greatly appreciated.

LADY CAPTAINS CHARITY EVENING



Lady Captain is hosting a Charity Evening on Friday evening 6th October. There will be a Fashion Show by Fuzzy Goose (Avril's daughter is co-owner) in the first half, followed by an interval for people to have the opportunity to try on, buy or order clothes.



For the second half of the evening we welcome a return visit by the Rock Choir. Those who came to the Charity Evening when Jacqui was Lady Captain know they are in for a treat. They were fantastic.



There will also be a raffle. The star prize is 1 night's, dinner, bed & breakfast and a round of golf, at Rudding Park Spa & Hotel near Harrogate .

Tickets priced at £10, to include a glass of fizz or wine, are available from Lady Captain or Kath Ince or can be ordered from any member of the Committee. Partners, friends, neighbours are all welcome.

LADY CAPTAINS ROLL-UP



Lady Captains winter Roll-Up starts on Tuesday 7th November 2017. This is held fortnightly throughout the winter months. 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. We welcome any or all of the new ladies it's a good way of getting to know everybody. Come and join the fun.



On 23rd July we said goodbye to Caroline Gordon, our Assistant Bar Manager. Caroline has looked after us for the past few years in her wonderful, bubbly but efficient manner. The Ladies held a last minute collection and presented her with a Voucher to the

Value of £150. Caroline is retiring and moving to Rhos-on-Sea. Who knows she may even take up golf! We thank her for all the help and fun she has given us and wish her all the very best.



Helen & Kath Present a Voucher to Caroline

Congratulations

Congratulations to Past Lady Captain Beryl Galloway (and Bernard) on celebrating your Diamond Wedding on 17th August.



Beryl Celebrating!

Congratulations to June Whelan (and John) as they also celebrated their Diamond Wedding on 27th August.



I believe Derhne Hancock (and David) also has a significant Wedding Anniversary on the horizon. Congratulations to you both.

Congratulations

Belated congratulations to Nicola Hall and Eddie who were married in May. We wish you all the very best. Nicola is now Mrs. Nicola Tetley.



Nicola and Dad (Nigel) on her Wedding Day

To anyone who has had a birthday, Happy Birthday - especially to the Ladies who have had significant birthdays



GOOD WISHES



To any Ladies who are not well we send our Best Wishes for a speedy recovery. We hope you will be back amongst us soon. Specially thinking of the ladies going through a tough time at present. You have our full support and our thoughts.



On Thursday 31st August one of our Ladies lost a gold signet ring which is of great sentimental value. If you happen to find this ring please can you let me know and I will ensure it is returned. (Ed).

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF GOLF

1. Golf is a game where sportsmanship is paramount. Golf has its own code of etiquette.
2. Thou shalt maintain a good pace. Be ready to play when it's your turn and keep up with the group in front of you
3. Thou shalt pay attention. Be aware of other players in your group.

4. Thou shalt obey dress codes.
5. Thou shalt not step on a golfers putting line on the green.
6. Thou shalt leave the green as soon as everyone has finished putting.
7. Thou shalt help the greens staff by repairing pitch marks and divots and raking bunkers properly.
8. Thou shalt not talk, laugh or sing when someone is playing a stroke.
9. Thou shalt stay safe. Golf balls and golf clubs can do a lot of damage to a human body - and to a golf course.
10. Thou shalt enjoy.

.....AND FINALLY

I couldn't complete this newsletter without sharing this photo with you all. Yes! It's Moreen Thompson 'flirting' with the one and only Bobby Davro at Beryl Galloways' Diamond Wedding Party. Great fun!



Britains Got Talent Star -Moreen Thompson

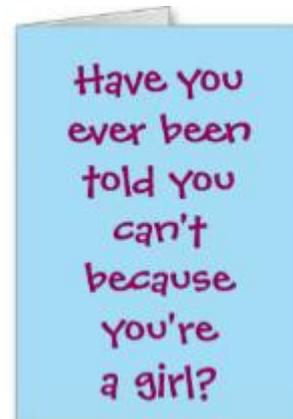
NEWSLETTER

Phew! I feel as though I've written a book! Apologies for this Newsletter being a little long however it has been a busy Summer with the major days almost back to back. I promise the next one will be short and ever so sweet! (Ed)

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 10th November 2017.
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JUST A THOUGHT!



Summer 2017