



Bramhall Golf Club Ladies Newsletter

WELCOME TO THE AUTUMN 2014 NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM LADY CAPTAIN



I am calling on you to help spread a little seasonal cheer to needy children living in Stockport this Christmas, by donating new toys and gifts for Christmas presents.

Many of us have no idea what it feels like to have little or nothing on Christmas morning but there are children in our community facing a bleak Christmas. By donating a new gift you could make a real difference and put a smile on the face of a needy child.

Therefore, as an alternative to dressing up for the Christmas Competition you are invited to drop new, **unwrapped**, gifts into Santa's Sack and these will be handed to the Salvation Army representative after lunch on CHRISTMAS COMPETITION DAY.

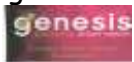
Please, don't forget the teenagers, particularly the boys who sometimes tend to get left out of such appeals.

Santa's Sack is located in the Ladies Foyer.

Thank you to one and all for your donations and I wish you a very Happy Christmas.

GIVE A GIFT, LIGHT UP A LIFE



Rather than sending lots of cards there will be a large Christmas card placed in the Ladies Foyer for you to sign should you wish. A small donation to  is all we ask.

CHRISTMAS COMPETITION



THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2014

This will be a SHOTGUN START at 9.30am.

Every player will have the chance to meet Father Christmas in his Sleigh on the 1st Tee.



Christmas hats are optional and a Prize has been donated for the best Hat.

There will be a Soup and Sandwich Luncheon at 12.00 to 12.30pm followed by the The Salvation Army Band and Presentation of Children's Gifts in Santa's Sack to the representative of



If you are not playing golf sign up on the lunch sheet and have some Pre-Christmas fun with friends.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS



Lady Captain is raffling Hampers at the Christmas Lunch. Proceeds from this will go to her Charity, Genesis. If anyone would like to donate items for the Hampers there is a sheet on the notice board where you can indicate what you would like to donate. It would be helpful if you will bring in your items prior to 11th December and put in the box in the foyer.



CLITHEROE EXCHANGE

The Lady Vice-Captain organized a fabulous Exchange Day in September at Clitheroe. The weather was kind to us; we enjoyed a lovely meal at this very friendly club with a Quiz thrown in for fun. Lady Captain forgot her make-up and managed to beg, steal and borrow some lippy - but hey she doesn't really need make-up does she! The prize table looked magnificent. The winners were Carol Coulson, Di Symmons, Carolyn Eadsforth and Kath Kirwan with 88 Points. Runners-Up were, Pat Marriott, Maria Spencer, Caroline McGeorge & Linzi Webster with 87 points. Longest Drive - Fiona Kelsall. Nearest the Line - Linda Fegan Nearest the Pin - Frances Gell. I'm sure everyone will join me in thanking Lady Vice-Captain, Jacquie for such a lovely memorable day.



Clitheroe Exchange Winners
Carol Di Carolyn & Kath with Lady Vice-Captain

CLOSE OF SEASON



The Close of Season Competition saw the Lady Captains Team take on The Secretary's Team. The weather could have been kinder to us but spirits were high. The hard-fought match was followed in the evening by a dinner attended by 95 Ladies. It was great to see and chat to many non-playing ladies who attended. A lovely meal was followed by the presentation of the following Major Prizes.

The Bramhall Park Exchange

Winners with an amazing score of 93 Points were, Gill Ridley-Fink, Claire Fitzpatrick, Sue Taylor and Fiona Stafford.

The Eclectic Results 2014

Division 1	Fiona Stafford
Division 2	Frances Gell
Division 3	Maggie Beadle
Division 4	Avril Hill

The Birdie Tree 2014

Division 1	Caroline McGeorge
Division 2	Claire Fitzpatrick
Division 3	Maggie Beadle
Division 4	Carrie Ogg

The Somhill Trophy

(Best Aggregate from 3 Majors)
Winner Frances Kelvin



Frances Kelvin This was presented by Avril Hill who donated the Trophy.

The Richard Green Order of Merit

Winner	Maria Spencer
Runner-Up	Pat Marriott



Maria Spencer (Sorry Maria - you Shut Your Eyes just at the wrong time!)

Singles Knockout

Winner	Katy Marriott
Runner-Up	Kay Thomas



Katy Marriott

Doubles Knockout

Winners Pat & Katie Marriott
Runner-Up Kay Thomas & Kath Kirwan
Pat & Katy will go forward to represent
the club in the 2015 Daily Mail
Foursomes.



Mum & Daughter Pat & Katy Marriott

LADY CAPTAIN V SECRETARY

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



Winners

Secretary's Team

(By a very narrow margin!)

Well done everybody!

OTHER NEWS

All these very clever Ladies!

On Thursday 11th September Fiona
Stafford got an Eagle on our 1st (Par 5)
hole.

On 14th September Di Symmons got an
Eagle on the 11th (Par 4) at the Wilmslow
Mixed Exchange.

On September 30th The Stockport
Autumn Ladies Open was won by Linzi
Webster, Luci Foster, Sue Taylor & Gill
Ridley-Fink with 92 Points. Runners-Up
were Linda McKenzie, Jan King, Frances
Gell & Sarah Brown with 90 Points.

Our Ladies are certainly putting
Bramhall Golf Club on the map.

BUSINESS LADIES



Message from Fiona Kelsall our Business
Ladies representative.

Are any ladies interested in playing in
the Business Ladies League?

We have home and away fixtures
against Astbury and Prestbury to
arrange next season and these are likely
to be played on Saturdays or Sunday's.
Any lady who works (including part time)
is invited to play although the only
stipulation is that you may not play in
the Monday shield match during the
same week as a Business Ladies fixture.
If you are interested in playing please
contact me before Christmas at
fkelsall1@gmail.com so that I can begin
to gather availability.
Thank you.

DECEMBER COMPETITIONS

With effect from 4th December the Thursday Competitions will be Shotgun Starts at 9.30am. Please sign in at the Pro's Shop as normal and give yourself plenty of time to be ready on the tee when the claxon sounds.

There will be a **MINI FLORAL DISPLAY** over lunchtime on 4th December, this is very informal. Non playing members are welcome. We hope as many of you as possible will stay for this.

WINTER LEAGUE 2015

The Winter League Roll Up starts on Thursday 8th January 2015. If you haven't played in this before, come along and have some fun. Sign in at the Pro's shop before 9.30am. 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 Winter League Prizes. Lunch is 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.

BRIDGE



Lady Captains Charity Bridge Drive took place on 24th October. The results were:

Slam Marjorie Warren
Denise Mitchell
(Withington G.C.)

1st Prize Shirley Godward
2nd Prize Jean Marshall
(Bramall Park G.C.)

Consolation Linda Godward
Arno Gupta
2's Kath Wood

The recent Chorlton Golf Club Charity Bridge Drive was won by Brenda Bruce and Sylvia Howe. Well done you two!!

TABLE TOP SALE



On Saturday 11th October we had a Table Top Sale with the left-overs of Lady Captain Charity Day and a little bit more besides. This was 3 hours of great fun and certainly an eye-opener for us all. We made £120 for Genesis Breast Cancer Prevention.

BRONTE



Bronte has been 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. She is one of three England internationals who have been selected for the G.B.&I. team to defend the trophy. Together they will take on the top amateur players from Australia, Canada, New Zealand and South Africa at the Grange, Adelaide, from January 12th to 16th 2015. The event is held every four years and G.B.&I. are the reigning champions, having claimed victory in 2011 at Fairhaven Golf Club, Lancashire.

Bronte will also have the opportunity to play in the Australian Amateur Championship which will be played at The Australian Golf Club and The Lakes Golf Club in Sydney the following week 20th to 25th January.

Bronte - if you manage to read this Newsletter with your really busy schedule we send you our very best wishes. Good Luck.

GEORGINA DAY

At the recent Junior Presentation and Dinner it was good to see young Georgina Day, the only girl amongst all those junior boys presented with prizes. She won Captains Day for Juniors with an impressive Net 66.

Georgina, who is the Granddaughter of Margaret and Trevor Turnbull has reduced from 21 Handicap to 11 this season. Well done Georgina.



Georgina being presented with her Prize by Lady Vice-Captain

REMINDERS



PACE OF PLAY



Very few golfers would admit to being slow players but we can all do our bit to play a little bit faster.

Keep Up With the Group In Front

- Do not worry about the group behind - keep up with the group in front.
- If you feel that your group is falling behind take responsibility and bring this to the attention of the other players in your group.

- React positively to the situation.
- If your group is behind there is no need to run but try to catch up quickly.
- If you lose a clear hole and are delaying the group behind invite the group behind to play through.
- If there is no group in front of you and you are delaying the group behind invite the group behind to play through.

Be Ready To Play

- Decide on the type of shot that you are going to play.
- Select your club.
- Decide on the shot and execute it.
- You only need one practice swing.
- At The Putting Green
- Assess your line, repair pitch-marks on the green and remove loose impediments while others are playing.
- Move off the green as soon as all players in your group have holed out and mark score cards at or on the way to the next tee.
- Speed up your exit by positioning your bags on the way to the next tee.

If each player took a few seconds off their pre-shot routine then the cumulative effect would be very significant.

RULES

Do remember that when playing in competitions we are not allowed to give advice to our playing partners e.g.

suggesting the read of the green or how to play out of a bunker. Not easy when we want each other to do well but we can be encouraging in other ways.



For those interested Wi Fi is now available in the Club. The Wi Fi code is available from Office or the Bar.

THUMBNAIL SKETCH OF A COMMITTEE MEMBER ALISON JOBES-OPENS ORGANISER



Alison was born in Glasgow on 2nd August 1944, her mother was a native of the Isle of Arran and her father was a Yorkshire man. Her Grandfather, Uncle and Cousin were artists - she says her only claim to fame! Alison moved to Yorkshire (where) !!! when she was 7. She was educated at the local Secondary Modern School before moving on to Technical College and successfully completing a pre-nursing course. Alison started her Nurse training at Doncaster Royal Infirmary but unfortunately had to give up due to illness. She met John a Sergeant in The Kings Regiment in her Father's pub in 1969 - he and a mate were camping on the hill side in the snow!! They were

married in December 1969 and moved to Minden in Germany where they lived for 18 months. John's career took them to various places including Hong Kong, Northern Ireland, Colchester and York. John got his Majority whilst in York. They moved to Bramhall in 1983. Alison got a job in the Civil Service in Levenshulme working as an Administration Officer for the Air Cadets. She took early retirement at the age of 59 to look after John who suffered from Motor Neurone Disease. The skills learned during her Nurse training certainly came in useful. Alison took up golf in 2002 and became a member at Pott Shrigley Golf Club. She joined Bramhall Golf Club in 2008, trying to play as much as she could but her priority was nursing John. John died in October 2009. Alison became a member of the Ladies Committee 2 years ago. Alison was totally dedicated to caring for her sick husband and has now dedicated her time and energy to organizing the Ladies and Mixed Opens and does a sterling job. At the time of writing Alison is undergoing an operation on her foot. We wish you well Alison and hope to see you amongst us again soon.

APPEAL



Has anyone lost their Driver? During the Summer a Driver was handed in having been accidentally placed in another player's bag. It's a nice a Driver

that needs a good home for the Winter. If you think it is yours please have a word with any Committee member.

LADIES COMMITTEE

If you wish to stand for Committee you will need a Proposer and a Seconder. The Nomination Sheet is now on the notice board. Sign up if interested.

LADY CAPTAIN'S CHARITY BUNKER



Charity Donations are nearly at the counting stage - Don't forget - Ball in Bunker equals £1 in Pot!

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Margaret McKeown, our Lady Vice-Captain Elect. Margaret has been a member of Bramhall Golf Club for many years following in her Mothers footsteps. She is a great

ambassador for the Club and I am sure we will be in for a 'fun' couple of years.

Belated Congrats to Kath Wood who celebrated her 90th Birthday on 13th September. It was great to see Kath at the Close of Season Dinner.

Congratulations to Breege Clarke (nee Smithers) who was married to Dennis on 30th October. Our best wishes to you both.

Belated Congrats also to Nicola Buchanan on the arrival of Baby Aimee on 30th August.



Aimee

SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

There have been more than a few Ladies who have had 'Special' Birthdays over the past few months - you know who you are Shhhhhh!!!! Your secret is safe with me (Ed)! To you all - Many Congratulations. (One could say that every birthday is 'special' when we get to our age)!

GOOD WISHES



To any of our Ladies who are not well or need cheering a little we send our Best

Wishes and hope you will be back amongst us soon.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS



I would like to take this opportunity of wishing you all a Very Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Happy 2015. Happy Golfing! (Ed.)



NEWSLETTER

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 e mailed to me for inclusion. (Note the new e mail address). kathince53@gmail.com



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