



# Bramhall Golf Club Ladies Newsletter

## WELCOME TO THE WINTER 2017 NEWSLETTER



May I take this opportunity of wishing a belated happy and healthy New Year to all our readers. (Ed.)

## MESSAGE FROM THE LADY CAPTAIN



Lady Captain 2017 - Frances Gell

First of all I would like to thank you all for your cards, gifts and messages of support. I am looking forward to serving the Ladies Section and the Club to my utmost ability over the next 12 months, and I thank the Past Lady Captains for selecting me to be Lady Captain for 2017. I regard it as a great honour and privilege.

Next I would like to apologise for topping the ball at the Drive In. I have never done that before on the first hole and am only just about recovering from the embarrassment! I had said jokingly to Sandra, Lady Vice Captain, that I would make sure she didn't have too hard an act to follow, but as I said to her afterwards - I didn't really intend making it that easy for her next year!

There are exciting, if not occasionally fraught, times ahead as the rebuilding works continue. Initially the ladies will be affected most, and we might have to suffer some inconvenience - especially when our only access on a miserable day to the Rowbotham Lounge for food and drinks will mean an outside journey in the rain, or even snow! We'll laugh about it at some time in the future, when everything has been completed and we have a wonderful clubhouse to partner our fantastic golf course.

There is not a joint Charity this year. My Charity will be the M.S. Society, and the Captain will be supporting Prostate Cancer, both very worthy Charities, and both of which have affected our family, past and present. The Captain and I have decided to continue with a joint Charity Account, and any funds raised will be split at the end of the year between the two Charities.

It's been brilliant to have a lot of new ladies join the Section over the last 12 months. I would like to reiterate Maggie's words from last year that it is important that high handicap players play competitively with lower handicappers. They learn such a lot. To

keep the Ladies Section as friendly and inclusive as it's always been in the past, it would be wonderful if everyone, over the season, could play with at least 4 people they've not played with before. My 'Partners Wanted' sign-up sheet is on the notice board. I would love to play with as many ladies as possible so please add your name to the list at least once. Please don't be put off by my performance at the Drive In!

May 2017 be a fantastic year in every sense for Bramhall Golf Club. I wish you all good weather, good golf and good friends. If we all have that, then what a wonderful year it will be for me as your Lady Captain.

*Frances Gell*  
Lady Captain

At the Drive in Lady Captain, hit her drive ~~143~~ - oops typing error! - 43 Yards. As you will have seen Frances apologised for this in her introduction. No need to apologise Lady Captain, we do realise just how daunting it must have been. The winner of the sweep was Wendy Woodhead who, I seem to remember, was equally embarrassed at putting 90 yards on the sheet! Good move Wendy!



Lady Captain hits her Drive

## LADY CAPTAINS TUESDAY ROLL-UP

The fortnightly Tuesday Roll-Up has been a great success with ladies coming along for 9 holes of golf, lunch and friendly banter. New ladies have joined in and it is a great way of 'Getting to Know You' - (there's a song in there somewhere but I'll refrain from singing it.)! Our new Lady Captain plans to continue this so do come and join us. The first one will be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017 and will run until Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017. A pound a round. Winner gets 60%, runner up 40%. Sign up by 9:30am and be ready to play at 10:00am. Lady Captain has requested that if you think you might be a few minutes late, text her (07766 017388) and you will be added to the draw.

Roll-Up Dates are:-

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Put these dates in your diary now and we hope to see as many as possible joining us.

## MESSAGE FROM OUR RETIRING LADY CAPTAIN

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you all for your support and friendship during the past year. I have had a most enjoyable experience playing golf, meeting with bridge ladies and socialising with you all.

My thanks also to the Lady Vice Captain, all the Ladies Committee members and to those who organise the Open's and the Bridge Drives. You have made it so easy for me to concentrate on my role

without having to worry about anything else.

On behalf of the President, Captain and myself, many thanks to all the members of Bramhall Golf Club for your wonderful generosity and support for the North West Air Ambulance. We raised over £9000 which will be put to very good use by them. And finally - I would like to wish Frances Gell and her Committee all the best for the coming year. See you all in the bottom car park after my holiday!



Retiring Lady Captain, Maggie & Geoff



In 2016, Lady Captain, The Captain and The President had a combined Club Charity - The North West Air Ambulance.

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017 the presentation of a cheque for £9126.61 was made to Debra Millican, a representative of The North West Air Ambulance - a fantastic result.

The cost of fuel for one helicopter for one month is £13500. £4950 could kit out one helicopters' clinical crew with uniform and medical kit and £250 could supply a response bag that carries drugs and medical equipment to treat patients in major trauma accidents.

As you will see keeping this lifesaving service in the air is expensive, but it has been fuelled by the generosity of our members. Maggie, Bill & Mel are extremely grateful for all the support given to them. Something tells me that Stuart Clegg would also have been very proud of our efforts.

The money raised will be used in the North West area so if you ever see the Yellow Helicopter up there in the sky remember - you have helped to keep it there.



Maggie Lee presents a Cheque for £9126.61 to Debra Millican

## 2017 CHARITY



The Charity chosen by Lady Captain for 2017 is The M.S. Society (Multiple Sclerosis). The M.S. Society fund research, give grants, campaign for change, provide information and support, invest in M.S. specialists and lend a listening ear to those who need it. We will all do our best to support it wholeheartedly. Further information on The M.S. Society can be found at [www.msociety.org.uk](http://www.msociety.org.uk).

The Captain will be supporting Prostate Cancer and the Captain and The Lady Captain have decided to continue with a joint Charity Account, therefore funds raised will be split at the end of the year between the two Charities.

## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY



Lady Captain has arranged a Charity Evening for Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017. This will be a fun night with a Fashion Show by 'Fuzzy Goose' (Avril's daughter is involved with this, and everyone tells me they have wonderful clothes), followed by a performance by ~~Kath Ince~~ - No! The Rock Choir. Those of you who came to see The Rock Choir in 2015 will remember what a great evening it was. If you missed it don't miss this second chance - they are amazing.

## LADY VICE-CAPTAIN



Lady Vice Captain - Sandra Smith

Our new Lady Vice-Captain is Sandra Smith. Sandra has been a member of

the Golf Club since 2006, her husband, Richard is our Greens Chairman.

Sandra has served on the Committee as Assistant Match Secretary and on the Competitions Team. She has also run the Bank Holiday and Archie Preston Mixed Competitions, and is currently on the Junior Committee. Sandra plays off a Handicap of 26 and her enthusiasm for the game and the Club is infectious. I know she will support our new Lady Captain. Congratulations Sandra - or as they say in Wales *llongyfarchiadau* . 

## CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

It seems a distant memory now but the Christmas Competition was on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016. The winning team was Sarah Brown, Colette Bryant and Jan King with 42 points. Runners up with 41 points were Maria Spencer, Claire Fitzpatrick and Sue Taylor. Congratulations to both teams.



Christmas Competition Winners Maria Spencer, Claire Fitzpatrick and Sue Taylor. with Lady Captain

A prize given by Lady Captain for the best dressed Christmas Golfers went to Pat Newall, Maureen Foster and Lesley Williams - they were 'The 3 Wise Golfers' - We'll not take a vote on that! Congratulations though - great imagination.



3 Wise Golfers Pat Newall Maureen Foster and Lesley Williams  
With our own Christmas Elf-Lady Captain

80 Ladies stayed or came for hot turkey rolls and mince pies. It is always nice to see the non-playing ladies on these occasions.



Lady Captain raffled the wonderful hampers, made possible again by your generosity. I would like to say that the Hampers were made up on the previous Saturday by Lady Captain, myself (Ed) and Chie Kayaba but Elsie and I were as useless as a chocolate teapot, although we did put our fingers on the ribbons whilst Chie titivated it! Thank you Chie for your time and effort I think everyone agreed the Hampers looked lovely. The raffle raised £482 for the N.W.A.A.



## WINTER LEAGUE

The Winter League is now well underway. We have had some very cold days and the course is still very wet. This doesn't deter our spirits as we battle for a top ten place in the Winter League Table. 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. So if you want to keep your competitive spirit alive come and join us - it's great fun.

## OPENING OF SEASON



All Prize Day is on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017. Everyone brings a prize to the value of £8 and everyone wins a prize. Due to the re-development the Ramsdale Room will be out of action, consequently will have to be flexible this year regarding our Opening of Season Presentation/Dinner.

With my 'Social' hat on I am liaising with the House Chairman and Lady Captain re options and as soon as I know what we can arrange, I will let you know.

You will have noticed the sign-up sheet for playing on this day is now on How Did I Do. This is to give me an indication of how many we will have to cater for. Please sign up as soon as possible if you intend to play.

All the Ladies Fixtures are on the Website [www.bramhallgolfclub.co.uk](http://www.bramhallgolfclub.co.uk). Click on Members then Diary & Fixtures. There is a list on the notice board if you wish to sign up to play with Lady Captain.

Our Spring Exchange this year is at Chapel-en-le-Frith Golf Club on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Other Dates for you diary are Exchanges with Abbeydale Golf Club on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017 and Bramall Park on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

## PRESENTATIONS

This year's presentations are as follows:

DATE	COMPETITION	TIME
9 <sup>th</sup> March	Winter League	After Comp
6 <sup>th</sup> April	All Prize Day	Evening
10 <sup>th</sup> May	Chapel Exchange	After Comp
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Lady Captains Charity Day	After Comp
25 <sup>th</sup> May	Challenge Bowl Final	After Comp
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Professional's Day	After Comp
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Lady Captain's Day	Evening Meal
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Invitation Day	After Meal
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Mr. Captain's Day	Evening Meal
27 <sup>th</sup> July	Centennial/ Ladies Bowl	After Comp
3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Mr. President's Day	Evening Meal
7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Gold Medal Final	After Comp
13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Abbeydale Exchange	After Comp
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Close Of Season	Evening Meal
30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Yellow Ball Shotgun	After Comp
7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Waltzing Stableford	After Comp
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Comp Shotgun	After Comp

## 9 HOLE COMPETITIONS



An Order of Merit will run throughout the season for the ladies who want to play in the 9 hole competitions. We hope it will tempt competitiveness and the winner of the Order of Merit will win The Poppy Trophy at the end of the

season. The 2016 winner, Joyce Mason was presented with the trophy at the Christmas Lunch by Rob Burling who donated the trophy. Congratulations Joyce.



Rob presents The Trophy to Joyce Mason

The nine hole competitions are listed on the fixtures.

## DIVISIONS

For some time there has been an imbalance in the Divisions. It has therefore been decided to amend the Divisions as follows:

DIVISION	PLAYING HANDICAP
1	Plus to 20
2	21 to 25
3	26 to 30
4	31 to 36

Check your Buffer Zone here:

CATEGORY	EXACT HANDICAP	PLAYING HANDICAP	BUFFER ZONE
1	Plus to 5.4	Plus to 5	0 to +1
2	5.5 to 12.4	6 to 12	0 to +2
3	12.5 to 20.4	13 to 20	0 to +3
4	20.5 to 28.4	21 to 28	0 to +4
5	25.5 to 36.0	29 to 36	0 to +5

## MATCHES

Match information for 2017 has been posted on the notice board in the ladies locker room.

Luci will put the 'availability' sheets up in the next few weeks. Please sign up as soon as you can, it will help the selection process run smoothly.

I can vouch that playing in the Friendly Team is a lot of fun and introduces you to match play. It's what it says on the tin 'Friendly'. Don't be afraid of signing up especially all you new ladies.



In the Bell Cup we have got a home draw against Lowes Park on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2017. We have also entered the Liz Wilson Scratch Competition. The Mail on Sunday Competition is not being run this year; we are awaiting further information regarding this.

## COMMUNICATION



You will notice that the Ladies notice boards have disappeared due to the redevelopment. Urgent notices will be emailed and ongoing, current notices have remained on a small board. Match notices are in the locker room. There is a file in the locker room which houses the notices which were taken down. This is a temporary measure and it won't be long before we get our new notice boards in place.

The Mixed notice board is in the Men's foyer.

Ladies are reminded that, to help with lines of communication, the Ladies Committee Meeting Minutes are kept in the file and are available for all to read.

There is also a suggestion book. This is currently hanging in the locker room.

If you find anything in the clubhouse that needs attention (e.g. blown light bulb) there is a book in the Rowbotham lounge under the television where you can report it. This will then be dealt with by the maintenance staff.

Gill Gee has asked me to appeal to anyone who is de-cluttering. She is collecting 'flowery' china cups, saucers and tea plates, tea party style for Beechwood Cancer Care Centre. Please give them directly to Gill.

## OFFICERS



For anyone who doesn't already know the newly appointed Officers of the Club for 2017 are:

President:	Howard Bickerton	(26)
Captain:	Ian Hazlewood	(18)
Vice Captain	Michael Spencer	(12)
Lady Captain:	Frances Gell	(19)
Lady Vice:	Sandra Smith	(26)
Junior Captain:	Ross Clewley	(1)

The numbers are their handicaps - not their ages!

I am sure they will all be grateful for your help and support throughout the year. Remember -



*'Instead of thinking about what the Club can do for you, think about what you can do for the Club.'*

## LADIES COMMITTEE



A very smooth running Ladies Annual Meeting took place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017 with 63 Ladies attending.

Good reports were given by all sections.

Retiring from the Committee were Pauline Evans, Judith Hill, and Helen Clegg who had served 5 years as Hon. Secretary. Thank you to you all for your hard work and contribution to the Ladies Section.

New Committee members are Jean Hindmoor, Linzi Webster, Ali Hicks, Diane Symmons and Wendy Woodhead. Welcome to all of you! I have served for 3 years (1 year left) and I can assure you it is both fun and a privilege to serve the ladies section in this way.

It may be helpful for Ladies to know who is responsible for the various 'jobs' on the Committee. (\*\* Co-opted)

Lady Captain	Frances Gell
Lady Vice Captain	Sandra Smith
Hon Secretary	Jean Hindmoor
Assistant Secretary	Sandra Smith
Hon Treasurer	Linzi Webster
Assistant Treasurer	Caroline McGeorge
Competition Secretary	Pat Marriott
Comp. Assistants	Caroline McGeorge
	Sue Taylor & Ali Hicks
Match Secretary	Luci Foster
Match Assistants	Caroline McGeorge
Opens Organiser	Alison Jobes **
Opens Assistant	Wendy Woodhead
Turkey Trot Organiser	Judith Hill**
Social Organiser	Kath Ince
Flowers	Diane Symmons
	Chie Kayaba**
	Jane Sprowson**
	Jacquie Thomas**
Greens Rep	Pat Marriott
House Rep	Diane Symmons
Trolleys/Lockers	Wendy Woodhead
Toiletries	Wendy Woodhead
	Sue Taylor
Bridge Organisers	Janet Lee **
	Breege Clarke **
Sunday Ladies Rep	Luci Foster
Newsletter	Kath Ince
Junior Liaison	Sandra Smith
Get Into Golf	Luci Foster, Ali Hicks
	& Maria Spencer
Handicaps	Comp.Team LC LVC

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.



Caroline modeled a napkin on her head - new style golf hat? - take note Richard Green! We exchanged our 'Secret Santa' gifts played games and laughed so much that we ached. Lady Vice Captain presented Lady Captain with a Voucher from the Committee. There was a tremendous atmosphere enjoyed by all.



Frances presents a Voucher to Maggie

## **CESHIRE COUNTY LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION (C.C.L.G.A.)**



Ladies, you may not be aware that we are all members of the C.C.L.G.A. as a subscription is included in our Club fees. C.C.L.G.A. manages our handicaps and CONGU rules. They have regular meetings which are attended by a delegate from our Club. We want to make you aware that you are entitled, indeed encouraged, to enter the Cheshire Competitions which are in the C.C.L.G.A. booklet. If you haven't got a 2017 booklet please ask any member of the Committee. For more information go to: [www.cheshireladiesgolf.org](http://www.cheshireladiesgolf.org)

## **BRIDGE**



The Members Bridge Drive was held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Results were:  
 1<sup>st</sup> Ann Bennett & Kath Wood  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Moreen Thompson  
 Slam Gill Gee & Mary Hirst  
 Consolation  
 Margaret Brewer & Jan Knowles

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

## KEY EVENTS 2017

### FINAL WINTER LEAGUE

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017

### ALL PRIZE DAY/OPENING OF SEASON

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

### CHAPEL EN LE FRITH EXCHANGE

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017

### LADIES OPEN

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017

### LADY CAPTAINS CHARITY DAY

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017 (Shotgun)

### CHALLENGE BOWL FINAL

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017

### PROFESSIONALS DAY FOR LADIES

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017

### LADY CAPTAINS DAY

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

### MIXED EXCHANGE @ SICKLEHOLME

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017

### LADIES INVITATION DAY

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

### PAST LADY CAPTAINS DAY

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017

### CAPTAINS DAY FOR LADIES

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

### PRESIDENTS DAY FOR LADIES

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2017

### BRAMALL PARK EXCHANGE

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

### GOLD MEDAL FINAL

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2017

### ABBEYDALE EXCHANGE

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

### LADIES DAY

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September

### KNOCKOUT FINALS DAY

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017

### LADIES TURKEY TROT OPEN

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

### LADY CAPTAINS CHARITY EVENING

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

### CLOSE OF SEASON

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

## BRONTE TURNS PROFESSIONAL



Great news - Bronte turned professional at the end of 2016 after finishing 24<sup>th</sup> in the L.P.G.A. final qualifying school.

After a golfing marathon of 5 rounds, Bronte scored, 75, 68, 73, 70 and 72 to finish 2 under, only 2 shots off the top flight qualification. Her score however, is enough for entry into 75% of the competitions on the American Tour in 2017.

Another fantastic achievement.....Well done Bronte. We wish you an exciting and successful career - all the very best from us all.



Bronte said - "Well there it is my amateur career has come to an end. I will be starting 2017 with a partial L.P.G.A. Tour Card after finishing 24<sup>th</sup> at Q-School, and I am officially a professional golfer. I want to thank my family for supporting me, and U.C.L.A

for all they have done for me. I am excited for what is to come."

Bronte took a well-deserved break at Christmas and is now finishing her studies.

We have another up and coming youngster at Bramhall in Daniel Hayes who at the age of 10 is currently playing off a Handicap of 15. Bronte took time out recently to have a photo taken with Daniel.



## THE BRONTE LAW TROPHY

A Trophy is to be presented in Bronte's name. This will be named 'The Bronte Law Trophy' (I never cease to surprise you, do I)!

It will be played for, over 36 Holes. Round 1, a Medal will be played on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017 (G.M.Q.5) and Round 2, a Stableford, will be played on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2017 (C.B.Q.1).

The best score over the 36 Holes will win the Trophy.

## REMINDERS



## MATS

A reminder that when using a mat a practice swing is not allowed. If you choose to move your ball to the rough please remember to go at least 2 Club lengths into the rough.

## COURSE CONDITION

When we are 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.

Please carry a pitch repairer and repair any pitch marks you see on the greens. Our Greens staff work very hard to keep the course in good order and our help and consideration is appreciated.



## CHARITY BUNKER & POND



Lady Captain's Charity Trap is the centre, front bunker of the 3<sup>rd</sup> hole. This should generate a few £'s each week! Should your ball enter this bunker you may wish to forfeit £1 for the benefit of the M.S. Society.

The Captains trap is the pond by the 4<sup>th</sup> green, should your ball go into the pond the Captain would like £1 in his Charity box for the benefit of Prostate Cancer

If you wish to make an upfront donation of £5 (more if you wish) you can have as many visits to these hazards as you like without it affecting your pocket every time! You will then get a 'bag tag' as proof of payment! Bag tags are available from the Bar or any member of the Committee.



Ball in Bunker equals £1 in Pot!



Ball in Pond equals £1 in Pot!

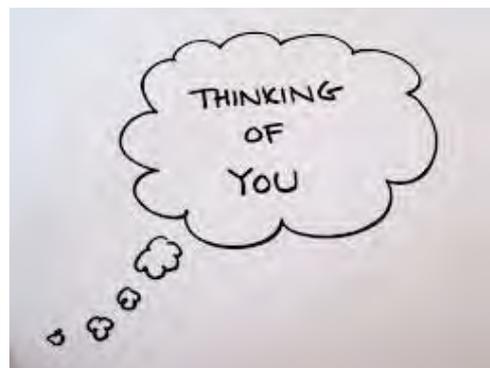


## CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Sandra Short on her recent 'Zero' birthday. We hope you had a good day and enjoyed your special holiday Sandra.

## GOOD WISHES



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.



Jacque Thomas has asked me to pass on her thanks to you all for your concern, cards, flowers and good wishes during her recent illness. She is improving but it will be a slow process. She sends her love to everyone.

Mel asked if I had space would I pass on his thanks to the ladies for making his 2 years as Captain so enjoyable. He loves the Ladies!

This is from me (Ed)!



"Remember I said I wanted you to stop golfing so you could spend more time at home? Well if you don't mind, I'd like you to go back to golfing."

## JUST A THOUGHT



As we embark on our new golfing year .... May the drives be long and true. May the putts drop and may life beyond the fairways and the 19<sup>th</sup> be good.

**HOW TO STAY MOTIVATED**

- TAKE IT ONE DAY AT A TIME
- SURROUND YOURSELF WITH POSITIVITY
- CREATE A VISION BOARD
- MAKE S.M.A.R.T. GOALS
- REWARD YOURSELF
- BELIEVE IN YOURSELF
- ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR POSITIVE ATTRIBUTES
- RECOGNIZE YOUR PROGRESS
- VISUALIZE ACCOMPLISHING YOUR GOALS
- BE KIND TO YOURSELF
- DON'T COMPARE YOURSELF TO OTHERS

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## NEWSLETTER



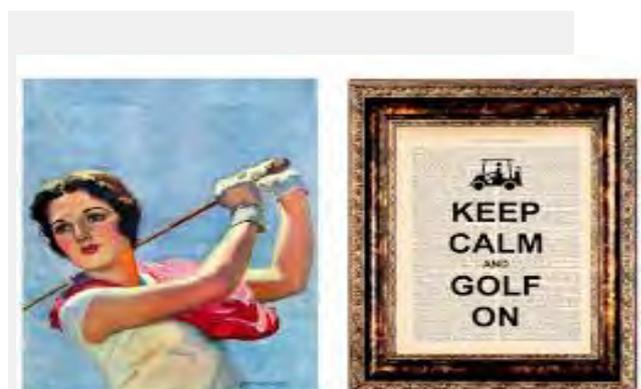
I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you all for taking the trouble to read the Newsletters during 2016 and hope that you will continue in 2017.



Some members have commented on the Newsletter being a bit long. We are such an active lot but I shall try to keep it shorter in future. (Don't think I've succeeded this time - Sorry)!

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 Spring Newsletter 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

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Winter 2017