



Bramhall Golf Club Ladies Newsletter

WELCOME TO THE SPRING 2015 NEWSLETTER

GOLF SEASON NOW UNDERWAY



TIP FOR THE SUMMER

Hit long and straight - but not too often!

MESSAGE FROM THE LADY CAPTAIN



Lady Captain 2015 - Jacquie Thomas

A Date in Disley

Lady Captain is hosting a Garden Party at her home in Disley on Saturday 23rd May from 3pm onwards. There will be stalls, games and a raffle. Afternoon Tea will be available and Paella will be

prepared by Kurt. Paul Mizen will entertain. Tickets are £10 available from Alison Jobes or Jean McGrail or by asking any member of the Ladies Committee. We hope some of the gentlemen will play golf early and be able to come and join us later. We will keep everything crossed for a fine summer's day.

LADY CAPTAIN'S CHARITY LUNCHEON



The Charity Luncheon was held on Friday 27th March. Over 100 Ladies sat down to lunch prepared by Jamie and his team during which there was a fashion show presented by S.O.S. Our Dessert was demonstrated and cooked by David and Kurt Thomas - 'Vesuvius' was presented to each table to be demolished and wow - were they demolished - absolutely delicious.



'Vesuvius' is Prepared



'Vesuvius' is Served

Unfortunately there was hiccup in that the representative from Whizz Kidz was unable to be there at late notice, but Lady Captain gave an outline of what Whizz Kidz does to help children and young people on the road to independence. Whizz Kidz have apologised for the misunderstanding and as you will see later in this Newsletter they were represented at Lady Captains Charity Day. The main raffle prize, a long weekend in the Lake District was won by a new Lady member, Marjorie Altringham. We look forward to you joining us to play golf soon Marjorie and hearing all about the weekend. The day was a great success and extremely enjoyable and made £1766 for the Club Charity Whizz Kidz.



'The Girls' Caught on Camera!

WINTER LEAGUE

This years' Winter League Winner was Janet Ballard who had, I think it's safe to say, a very consistent season. When names were drawn everyone wanted to play with Janet! Congratulations Janet you were a very popular winner. Congratulations also to runner up Pat Marriott and winner of the best average Lynn Simpson. Well done to

everybody who took part in the Winter League, it was great fun.



Winter League Winner - Janet Ballard

OPENING OF SEASON & ALL PRIZE DAY



All Prize Day was held on Thursday 9th April 2015. Everyone brought a prize and everyone won a prize. 76 Ladies sat down to a lovely meal and we were 'entertained' by Lady Captain's guest speaker, Geoff Scargill. When the formalities had finished, we were further entertained by a sing-a-long - you know who you are - Don't give up the day jobs!!!!!!



All-Prize Day Prize Table 2015

Winner of The Rose Bowl was Linzi Webster with 40 Points. Linzi was thrilled to win and in her speech thanked everyone for their support throughout the recent months. Many congratulations Linzi.



Rose Bowl Winner - Linzi Webster

LADY CAPTAINS CHARITY DAY



This took place on Thursday 30th April. Surprisingly, green was the prominent clothing colour on that day, some even played with a green ball. We had a 9.30am Shotgun-Start, in the rain, but the weather improved! We all came in to browse the stalls then enjoy a sandwich and cake lunch. Thanks to all the ladies who helped with stalls.



Rachel provided her new season stock for some of our ladies - to model whilst we lunched. Ruth Madeley and her Dad, Geoff from Whizz Kidz were introduced by the Captain. Ruth talked to us about how, over the past 25 years she has benefitted from Whizz Kidz with her special wheelchair and Geoff talked about how much the whole family were indebted to Whizz Kidz as it had changed their lives around completely. Ruth says getting a wheelchair from Whizz-Kidz was like being handed a life and has enabled her to realise her aspirations.



The Captain with Ruth Madeley & Geoff

The day raised over £600 for the Club Charity, another great success. Congratulations to the Divisional Winners - Fiona Stafford, Pat Newall,

Lady Vice-Captain and Janet Ballard. They all received a nice prize donated by Lady Captain.

RULES EVENING



On Thursday 16th April the Competition Team organized a Rules Evening. Lady Captain welcomed Elisabeth Wilson, President of Cheshire County Ladies who was invited to run the evening. We enjoyed a glass of wine and nibbles, courtesy of Lady Captain. Lis handed out a quiz which led to an informal but good discussion. I think we all learnt something from this. Lis has been playing golf at a high level for over 50 years and says she is 'still learning' where rules are concerned. This was an interesting, helpful and enjoyable evening.

WARRINGTON EXCHANGE



WARRINGTON
GOLF CLUB

The Warrington Exchange on Tuesday 5th May was a great day enjoyed by 56 of us. The weather left a lot to be desired but even our Lady Vice-Captain a.k.a. Mary Poppins had no control over the forty-mile-an-hour gusts of wind! The golf was difficult, the meal was lovely and the company was fabulous.

And the
Winners
are...

1 st Place: (80 Points)	Sarah Brown Jean Hindmoor Vanessa Schofield Jan King
2 nd Place: (80 Points)	Caroline McGeorge Linzi Webster Helen Ronnie Melanie Williams
Longest Drive:	Claire Eyre (Silver) Jan King (Bronze)
Nearest The Pin:	Claire Fitzpatrick



Winners - Sarah Brown, Jan King, Jean Hindmoor & Vanessa Schofield



Runners -Up - Caroline McGeorge, Helen Ronnie, Melanie Williams & Linzi Webster

Thanks to Lady Vice-Captain, Maggie for your wonderful organisation of this event. We look forward to Bromborough in August.

MATCHES

Match practice this year wasn't well attended but the ladies who played were able to test their match play skills prior to the match season starting. 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.

BUSINESS LADIES



Fiona Kelsall continues to oversee the Business Ladies who played their first match on Sunday 26th April against Prestbury. The match was halved at home. Well done Ladies. Thanks Fiona for your continued efforts.



Our Ladies won the preliminary round of The Bell Cup 5 & 2, played on Sunday 12th April away against Wilpshire. Well done and Good Luck in the next round against Birchwood.



On Thursday 12th March Jan King got a Hole in One on the 14th. What a great start to her golfing year. A terrific achievement Jan, well done and many thanks for the glass of wine on the day - not that we need an excuse for a glass of wine!!



Hole in One Star - Jan King

The first round of The Mail on Sunday was played on Sunday 1st March and despite the appalling conditions we won the Match 4 & 1. Well done Ladies. Our Ladies then played the next round on Sunday 5th April against Bramhall Park, at Bramhall Park. Unfortunately they

lost 3 and 2. Commiserations on that one ladies but well-fought.

Sandra Smith, Jean McGrail and Kath Ince won the Visitors Prize in the Mellor & Townscliffe Spring Open with 82 points. *(Note from EdIt's nice to be able to mention my own name!)*

Congratulations to two new Ladies who have now got handicaps and are playing in our competitions. Nicola Hall (36) and Marjorie Altringham (30). Welcome aboard! If you need any help with anything, please do not be afraid to ask one of us.

BRIDGE



The Ladies Bridge Team finished the season on a high, narrowly beating Stockport at home. They played a total of 8 matches this winter against local clubs and won 7 of them. The only loss being the first game at Bramall Park. Thanks are due to Lady Captain and David for the delicious cakes they provided for the final match. The Bridge Ladies hope that you all have an enjoyable and successful golf season with lots of sunshine.

The Invitation Bridge Drive in February was enjoyed by many. The results were:

Winner: Jean Thexton
& Wendy Thexton

Runner Up: Shirley Godward
& Joan Hill
Slam: Janet Lee & Sylvia Brough
Consolation: Sheila Woolfenden &
Margaret Orlay

Well done to all the Bridge Winners and thanks to all the Ladies who support the Bridge Drives. We look forward to seeing you at Lady Captains' Bridge Drive on Thursday 25th June.



A CAKE AT THE HUT - IMPROVES THEIR PUTT!

Our Ladies Open is on 20th May and is full. We are obviously popular - perhaps that is something to do with the cupcakes or scones we serve at the lodge on this day! Consequently there is a list up on the notice board requesting help with not only the lodge, but also signing-in and raffle duties. Please put your name on the list if you can spare a couple of hours. It is quite a nice experience meeting ladies from other clubs and hearing all the, usually, positive, feedback from their day.

LADIES FORTHCOMING EVENTS

LADIES OPEN

Wednesday 20th May 201

'DATE IN DISLEY' GARDEN PARTY

Saturday 23rd May 2015

CHALLENGE BOWL FINAL

Thursday 28th May 2015

LADY CAPTAINS DAY

Thursday 25th June 2015

LADIES INVITATION DAY

Tuesday 30th June 2015

PROFESSIONALS DAY FOR LADIES

Thursday 2nd July 2015

CAPTAINS DAY FOR LADIES

Thursday 16th July 2015

PRESIDENTS DAY FOR LADIES

Thursday 13th August 2015

BROMBOROUGH EXCHANGE (DRAW)

Tuesday 18th August 2015

LESSONS



Scott, our assistant Pro is giving lessons to Ladies in groups of 3. He will cover putting, chipping, bunkers and anything else you request (careful Scott) and will charge £30 for 3 (£10 each). If you fancy joining a threesome it is worth mentioning it in the Pro shop as there may still be spaces available.

LADIES COMMITTEE

Maggie Beadle has resigned from the Ladies Committee to enable her to give one hundred percent commitment to her new role as Junior Organiser. Good luck Maggie. We will miss you; however, the Ladies Committee will give you as much support as possible in your new role.

COMMUNICATION

Ladies are reminded that, to help with lines of communication, the Ladies Committee Meeting Minutes are available on the notice-board in the lobby. There is also a suggestion book above the cupboard and if you discover anything 'house' related which isn't working properly e.g. a light bulb or switch or you discover a leak, there is a report book under the television, this will then be picked up and acted on by the House Committee.

BRONTE

[Extract From *Golf Week U.S.A. Magazine*]

U.C.L.A. Bronte Law Excels in Los Angeles

UCLA sophomore Bronte Law's hometown is thousands of miles away, but she's found her new home in Southern California. 'The big thing with Bronte is that she really enjoys living. She's got lots of friends, she's active socially, she doesn't only do golf or only do school, UCLA head coach Carrie Forsyth says, 'She's embraced everything we've done. She seems to really be enjoying her time.' Bronte said, 'I've always lived close to a city, so living in LA wasn't a big shock for me. I'm used to being around lots of people and always being busy, so I feel really comfortable in my surroundings. In her second year as a Bruin, the Stockport, England, native has excelled this season, winning among strong fields at the Stanford Intercollegiate and Northrop Grumman Regional Challenge. Success at some of the top tournaments in the country has given Law the most head-to-head wins against top 25 golfers in the *Golf week/Sagarin* rankings.



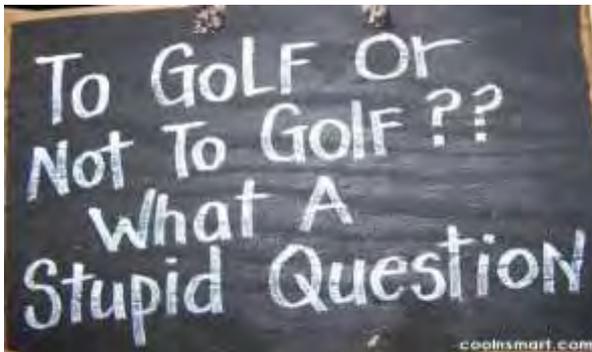
Bronte April 2015

Bronte is still going from strength to strength. Since Easter she has climbed from 9th in the *World Amateur Rankings to 3rd. Congratulations Bronte.

**Women's World Amateur Golf ranking system ranks the top female amateur golfers in the world on the basis of their average performance in Counting Events over a rolling cycle of the previous 52 weeks.*

Bronte sends her best wishes to all the Ladies for the Season and hopes to see us all in June.

REMINDERS



DRESS CODE

As summer approaches, we hope, please try to remember the dress code.

This is explained in more detail on Page 14 (Item 13) in your Club diary.



DIVOTS AND PITCH MARKS



Pitch Mark on Our 4th Green

Our very nice greens can be ruined by pitch marks, which in the summer months cannot be helped. However they **can** be repaired and if they are repaired immediately they do not cause as much damage to the green. The green-keepers do sterling work on our course, particularly on the greens so please help by carrying a pitch mark repair tool and repairing not only your own marks, but any others you notice.

Please also remember to repair Divots.

There are plans afoot to change the Ladies 5th Tee to the left hand side of the fairway. This will hopefully give us a straight hit onto the fairway instead of 'flirting' with the trees!

NEW LADY MEMBERS



The Club is in the process of advertising 'taster sessions' for ladies who may be interested in joining a golf club but are unsure whether they will take to it. We are advertising in the SK Magazines in the local area. The sessions are for 3 months Bronze Membership with a lesson and full social membership. Some of you may have friends who would like to give golf a try. Bring them along and introduce them to us. The more the merrier.

PASSAGE THROUGH INDIA

Gill Gee and Janet Lee spent some time in India whilst we were braving the wind, rain and cold here. They posted almost daily reports on the web and several ladies who read these were engrossed to say the least. I felt that some of you would like to hear a little about their trip so Gill has kindly agreed to write an account of their antics.



Gill & Janet with a 'Friend'
(Not sure what he's smoking)!

Sensual assault, sensual harassment - pardon the puns but that's India! From the minute you leave the airport, there's no doubting you're somewhere very different. The cacophony of constant horn blowing; the women looking beautiful in their brightly coloured outfits; the intricate, subtle spiciness of the unpronounceable dishes; the feel of someone standing just inside your (very English) personal-space; and the smell..... well, we won't go there! Our itinerary consisted of Delhi, Agra, Jaipur, Jodhpur, Rohet, Chanoud, Udaipur and Varanasi, crossing the three states of Delhi, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. We had planned a very full itinerary, determined to see all the sights on offer. The architecture was stunning but, I confess, by day three I was tempted out! Janet did a sterling job of looking interested but eventually I gently broke it to the guide that I was a heathen and didn't want to know any more about the history or the architecture but would he please just tell us what was going on around us. I was so glad I did! He showed us how the farmers sold their milk from the back of a motorbike, he explained that the huge groups of men by the side of the road every morning were an impromptu Job Centre, he talked about the significance of different coloured saris and turbans, we were taken through the back streets of the local market, he told us about the reliance on astrologers, about the different styles of moustaches - but my favorite of all was the day we were taken into the local primary school. Old habits die hard and before I could stop myself, I was in front of a class taking an English lesson and singing Heads, shoulders, knees and toes! Magic!

I won't bore you with a day-by-day account of our holiday, but as a group of independent women I thought you may be interested in marriage India-style. Even in the 21st century, 95% of marriages are arranged and dowries are still expected.

Once a young person is considered 'ready', feelers are put out to find a suitable mate i.e. same caste, different town. (Despite the government's efforts, the caste system is very much alive and well.) Astrological charts are drawn up and, if the couple is suitable, photographs will be exchanged. One guide had been married to his brother's intended after it was discovered the stars weren't right, and another hadn't got over the fact that the picture he had been sent was an old school photo and she'd put weight on since then!

After the photos, the wedding is set for 7 days later. Separate celebrations take place in the homes of the intended until eventually the groom and his all male entourage go to claim the bride. They still haven't met and he still hasn't seen her.

The bride is taken to the groom's home - on her own- and they are married. It is expected that she will live with her in-laws and that she will be on her best behaviour. These young women are often given an 'adopted' family where they can go and just be themselves, and contact with their own family and friends is now mainly by phone.

This system is the norm in India and according to the men we spoke to (!), it works very well.

Having said that, I can't imagine it ever catching on over here!

I think that most of us would shudder to think who our parents might have

conjured up for us but on the other hand, imagine if we could choose for our own children.....



Gill with Children at the Local Primary School. Old habits die hard!

THUMBNAIL SKETCH OF A COMMITTEE MEMBER



Lady Vice-Captain - Maggie McKeown

What can I say about Maggie that you won't already know I wonder?

Maggie was born in Salford and trained as a nurse at Manchester Royal Infirmary. She joined Queen Alexandra Royal Army Nursing Corp as a nursing officer. On leaving the Army she became 'Training Manager' at Kendal Milne in Manchester (not a lot of

difference)! Maggie worked full time until her retirement in 2009. Whilst working Maggie played golf with the Business Ladies and says she doesn't worry too much about her golf handicap, she just enjoys it.

Believe it or not Maggie was a chorister for many years she loves all music, a passion that Geoff and she obviously share. She once broke her toe when diving of a jetty in Cyprus and the Doctor arrived to check it out only to find he was a Gynecologist! - That could only happen to Maggie!

Maggie is an avid 'Red' and there are two things she would particularly like to achieve in life. The first is to have a Hole in One and the second to see the Mormon Tabernacle Choir perform live. The one thing she **is** going to achieve, very soon, is of course 'getting married'. This leads me to telling those of you who don't know already that Maggie and Geoff are going to tie the knot on Saturday 18th July this year - Wonderful!

FROM ED

I am sure I speak on behalf of everyone wishing Maggie and Geoff a great day and much happiness in the future.

Congratulations from us all. (Photos in next Newsletter).

CLUB CHARITY BUNKER & POND



Ball in Bunker equals £1 in Pot!



Ball in Pond equals £1 in Pot!

Lady Captains Charity Trap is the Left Hand Bunker on the 4th Hole. 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. However should you wish to make an upfront donation of £5 (more if you like) you can have as many visits to these hazards as you wish without it affecting your pocket every time! You will then get a 'bag tag' as proof of payment! The 'bag tag' Insurance is available on the bar.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to our Assistant Professional, Scott and Rebecca who married on 10th April 2015 on the picturesque Island of Anglesey. Lady Captain presented Scott with a John Lewis Voucher to the value of £250 and a bottle of Champagne from all the Ladies. Shirley Godward made a beautiful card which many of us signed. Thank you Shirley and Congratulations again Mr.&.Mrs.Parry.



The Newly-Weds - Mr.&.Mrs.Parry

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 Newsletter is YOURS - without you it cannot exist. 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.

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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.



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