



The Haymaker

(The Newsletter with a Punch!)

Newsletter of the Little Hay Golf Club

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A Word from the Club Captain

I would like to offer my sincere good wishes to both Carol Kent, the new Lady Captain, and to Lance Redler, the new Seniors' Captain, for their coming years. I am sure that they will be very successful and make a lasting contribution to golf at Little Hay.

The winter has finally arrived, although we have had some glorious golfing days in the last few months it is time to wrap up to stay warm and keep swinging.

The festive season is fast approaching and I and the committee would like to wish every member of the Club and the Complex a very Happy Christmas and successful 2012. Thanks to all those who have taken part in Club events; their continued support is much appreciated.

Finally, if there is any member who would like to join the committee and help in running the Club, please let me or one of the committee know, as our AGM takes place in early March which is when the committee is elected.

Tony Alford

Newsletter

This bumper edition is the 13th issue of the newsletter since its introduction in December 2010 as *Senior Moments*, which was a newsletter just for the Seniors of Little Hay Golf Club. It 'morphed' into a Club newsletter in April 2011, starting afresh as Edition 1.

Two different logos appear at the head of this issue of *The Haymaker*. Lance Redler, the new Seniors' Captain, has nominated Iain Rennie Grove House Hospice Care as his charity for the year,

whilst Carol Kent, the new Lady Captain, has chosen Keech Hospice Care as hers. The Club Captain continues to have Shed@The Park Theatre Company as his charity.

Readers will find the two items by John Poston of interest, regarding the Club's working relations with Sportspace, current issues and future plans. Please take time to read George Reid's important article regarding a player's liability for injuries received on the course. Are *you* adequately covered by your household insurance, or should you take out specific golf cover?

Websites

Keep an eye on the right hand side of the Club website, for Phil Jefferson will be posting there shortly the complete Club events calendar for 2012.

Rules of Golf

Now that Winter Rules are in force, members should remember the following Local Rule for Little Hay Golf Club:

7-6. RELIEF FOR EMBEDDED BALL

When Winter Rules are permitted, through the green, a ball that is embedded in its own pitch-mark in the ground may be lifted, without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to where it lay but not nearer the hole. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the course through the green.

(N.B. 'through the green' means anywhere on the course, except on the teeing ground or putting green of the hole being played, or in a hazard. But you knew that!)

This quiet period may be an opportunity for Members to refresh their knowledge of both the Club and the Complex Local Rules. These are contained in Section 7 of the Club's competition rules document, a copy of which is kept with the competition folder in Reception. A copy is also available from a button on the left side of the Club website home page.

Club Competition Rules – New Version

A new version (V3 November 2011) of the Club's competition rules has now been issued. A copy is available adjacent to the competition folder in Reception, and also via the Club website. The principal changes are:

- a. Section 2-6: details of a new midsummer evening league, played on six occasions over nine holes;
- b. Section 2-7: rules for the Puddiphatt All-Sections Cup, previously known as the All-Sections Cup. This Cup was presented by Keith Puddiphatt in 2011 on stepping down as Club President.

Greens Committee

The next formal meeting with George Reid by the Club's Greens Committee is on 6 January 2012. Anything that Members feel should be raised at this meeting should be written in the Greens Committee section of the special folder in Reception or raised directly with a Committee member (the Committee consists of: Paul Rickard, Ray Moore and Jenny Williams).

The Sportspace/Little Hay Golf Club Partnership Document...by John Poston

During the past four years there has been a great deal of development in the relationship between our golf club and Sportspace and, at the end of 2010, the Club proposed embodying this in a Partnership Document. The Liaison Group brought this to reality and the agreed document was

signed by our President, Jenny Williams, and the Sportspace CEO, Dave Cove, on 13 October. So the idea, which was initiated by Mark Sheldrake and Tony Alford, now has reality and defines a programme of joint action for the following 15 months - with the intention of a renewal of the agreement at the start of 2013.

The whole document can be found on the Club website, but it seems worthwhile to highlight its main features. It recognizes that the two organizations have their own separate existence, but that they have a lot in common and should work together to make Little Hay Golf Complex really successful. In Sportspace's own words '*Sportspace are committed to working in partnership with Little Hay Golf Club. They believe the success of Little Hay is dependent on a vibrant and welcoming Club being based there, and also a high quality and accessible pay and play offering aimed at attracting and retaining a large number of local golfers*'.

There are four areas of joint activity which have been agreed:

1. **CONSULTATION ON FUTURE PLANS FOR LITTLE HAY.** There is a commitment that Sportspace will always consult the Club, through the Liaison Group, on all plans for future developments. We also agree that, if either of us wishes to undertake surveys about the Complex and its use, we will talk to each other before and after such surveys. An example of this consultation is the most recent sharing of Sportspace's ideas for development of the buildings and their use - which we are confident will continue through the planning process, in a way that did not happen in the rebuilding in 2009 and 2010.
2. **PROMOTION OF GOLF AT LITTLE HAY.** This includes planning another open weekend in April 2012 and support for charity events, such as Help for Heroes, and other similar events. We also plan to work together on promotion of the Complex and Club events.
3. **ATTRACTION OF NEW GOLF PLAYERS AND WORKING TOGETHER TO MAXIMIZE CLUB MEMBERSHIP.** We see this as a very important area of cooperation, with the Club helping some of the Complex's promotion of golf to new players - such as the programmes with schools, the Academy and ladies' groups. Some further areas of cooperation will be explored, with a special emphasis on better linkage to Club membership. Also, we will have publicity in Reception about the Complex being the home of Little Hay Golf Club - with staff of the Complex being briefed on how to approach the Club about membership.
4. **EXTENDING THE CURRENT PARTNERSHIP ON JUNIOR GOLF.** The revival of junior golf has a great deal of assistance from the Complex, with free or low cost coaching for juniors and assistance with all arrangements and the prizes for some of the competitions. The attempt to obtain GolfMark is also a joint activity and this will continue and develop. We plan to continue all of this and to make a special attempt in 2012 to attract girls to play in competitions.

In an Appendix, Sportspace lists the continuing support to the Club in terms of booking fixture dates and competition tee times, for example, and free room hire for any evening events - the first time, we believe, that these have been written down. So, while there have been some differences with Sportspace, the Club Committee is very happy to have concluded this Partnership Agreement with them - and now intends to work within its framework to further the cause of golf at Little Hay and the success of the Golf Club.

Any questions on this agreement and on any issues to do with cooperation should be addressed to the members of the Liaison Group: John Poston, Jean Dove, Suzanne Brady or Keith Puddiphatt.

The Liaison Group Meeting on 19 October...by John Poston

The Group had a pretty meaty meeting on 19 October - some continuing issues are not yet quite laid to rest: the colours of the shirts for the Juniors (half being paid for by Sportspace) and the

schedule for the extra toilets for the ladies are still to be settled. We shall not forget those, but we are also moving on to new issues.

Rebecca Hemmant showed us the first plans for the envisaged development of buildings at the course - to include a new, larger, function area running south of the current building along the entrance road and a spa facility to the north of the current building. This would need financing and full planning permission and might well be implemented in two phases. When we asked about timing, Rebecca said she thought construction would not start until 2013, though the demand for the function facility might bring that forward. The details of this will obviously be followed up in future meetings and we will do our best to make sure that you are all informed and given a chance to comment.

We raised two new subjects ourselves – first, a request for society-type discounts for visiting teams (we have to pay the green fees for all visiting teams), which would potentially reduce costs to the Club and those who represent us - and secondly for a discount card for food and drink to all who have annual season tickets to the course. Both of these are being considered by Sportspace. We also raised the possibility of notices giving priority to golfers when they cross the entrance road between the 12th green and 13th tee.

Of course, on occasions one of the two parties has to bring up issues where there have been problems between us and the Liaison Group does provide a forum for open discussion of such matters. On behalf of all users of the Complex, the Club expressed dissatisfaction about the closure of the bar and restaurant facilities one Saturday because of a wedding reception. Rebecca said that lessons had been learnt from this event and that if such a function presented itself again, it would need very careful consideration before acceptance and would be agreed only as a considerable exception. The demand for such events was real and was the foundation of the plan for a larger function facility as discussed earlier.

So...it was a good meeting, with a lot to follow up.

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Notes by the Little Hay Complex Manager/Head Greenkeeper, George Reid

Course Maintenance

All planned work on the course in the last month has been completed. The heights of cut will now remain the same throughout the winter period. Aeration of the whole course has now started; thinner tines will be used on the greens (6mm) and on the fairways and tees (18mm). This machine travels at less than 0.5 mph, so please be patient. When the operator sees you he will move at the earliest opportunity and allow you to play.

The weather is still mild enough for the grass to grow, so cutting of fairways and rough is still taking place every week. Fungicide applications will take place as and when required in our continued battle against Fusarium.

The course was reassessed by Herts Golf Union for degree of difficulty on 28 November and the results are awaited.

The ladies third and seventh tees will have some levelling work carried out in the next few weeks. No other tees will have any levelling work carried out this year.

The two additional toilets in the ladies have been agreed and work should start on them early next year.

Functions. The clubhouse has been busy in the last month with various functions, including golf societies, private parties, carveries, a pamper evening and our first Christmas function on 22 November. Every day between 2 and 24 December the restaurant has a Christmas booking, mostly during lunch times, so Karen and her staff are going to be extremely busy. We would like to thank the Little Hay Golf Club for their continued support.



Golf Insurance

I would like to bring to your attention a recent ruling concerning a golfer being hit by a ball on a course in Scotland and the judgement that followed.

Would you be able to pay if you were to hit a fellow golfer on the course? For about £0.75p per week you would be covered if it happened to you. Lots of golfers are under the impression that if you shout 'Fore!' you will not be liable if you hit a fellow golfer. Please take the time to read the following article:

GOLFER WINS CLAIM

A NOVICE golfer who lost an eye after he was hit by a wayward ball as a call of "fore" rang out when he was playing a round has won almost £400,000 damages today. Anthony Phee, 44, sued both the player who struck the bad shot and the course where he was playing for the first time and has secured a damages award against both.

Mr Phee, a railway engineer, was walking between holes on the Niddry Castle golf club at Winchburgh, in West Lothian, when he was hit by a shot struck by James Gordon from the 18th tee and felt his left eye "explode". He was later given a prosthetic eye.

Mr Phee, of Hurst Avenue, Sale, Manchester, originally raised an action seeking £750,000 against Mr Gordon, of Talisman Rise, Livingston, and the club.

Damages were agreed at £397,000, but liability was disputed in the action by both the other player and Niddry Castle Golf Club.

But a judge at the Court of Session in Edinburgh today ruled in favour of Mr Phee and held that Mr Gordon was 70 per cent liable and the club 30 per cent liable.

Mr Gordon had seen the group of four players, including Mr Phee, walking down a path from the sixth hole to the seventh tee along the edge of the 18th fairway. There were no warning signs alerting users of the path to any potential danger or hazard caused by golfers driving from the elevated 18th.

His intention was to drive the ball well to the right side of the fairway, but it veered sharply to the left.

The court heard that Mr Gordon was in a confident mood as he thought he was having a very good round of golf and anticipated playing a successfully executed shot.

Lord Brailsford said: "By his own admission when he came to strike the ball he was no longer thinking of the safety and security of the pursuer (Mr Phee) and his three companions."

The judge said on the basis of the evidence he had come to the view that Mr Gordon made the error of overestimating the likelihood of his tee shot following its intended path and underestimated the degree of risk it would place Mr Phee and his companions in.

"I consider that these errors were caused by an inflated degree of confidence occasioned by what Mr Gordon considered, wrongly in my view, to be the very good round of golf he was having," said Lord Brailsford.

"As a result of overconfidence Mr Gordon made his tee shot at a time when the exercise of reasonable care should have informed him that there was a foreseeable risk that his shot might be bad and, further, might encroach on the area being traversed by Mr Phee," he said.

The judge said a golfer of Mr Gordon's experience should have been aware of the risk his tee shot posed to a person in the place where Mr Phee was.

Lord Brailsford said the club had also failed in a duty because signs were not provided at the 18th tee or between the sixth green and seventh tee. Expert evidence said that signs would have been a proper and effective way to draw risk to the attention of golfers and if they had provided would have likely been heeded.

Lawyers acting for both Mr Gordon and the club had claimed contributory negligence based on Mr Phee looking up on hearing a warning shout of "fore".

But the judge said he accepted evidence from Mr Phee and his playing companions that on hearing the call he ducked or cowered to some extent while putting his left hand up to shield his head.

Lord Brailsford said: "I should make it plain that even if he had looked up I would not have been of the view that there was contributory negligence on his part. On any view there was a very short lapse of time between the uttering of the shout of 'fore' and the golf ball striking him."

The judge said there was also the consideration that Mr Phee was a novice golfer with at best "only a sketchy knowledge of how to react to warnings shouted on a golf course".

So what do the rules of golf say? The Rules of Golf as circulated by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews were referred to in this case. The following quote was highlighted:

'PLAYERS SHOULD ENSURE THAT NO ONE IS STANDING CLOSE BY OR IN A POSITION TO BE HIT BY THE CLUB, THE BALL OR ANY STONES, PEBBLES, TWIGS OR THE LIKE WHEN THEY MAKE A STROKE OR PRACTICE SWING. PLAYERS SHOULD NOT PLAY UNTIL THE PLAYERS IN FRONT ARE OUT OF RANGE.'

Tips 'n Hints from your Head PGA Professional, Lee Jordan

Top Shots - for the golfer who dribbles the ball along the ground quite often from chip to fairway metal, think 'Keep Chest Over the Ball'. Many thin or topped shots happen from simply coming out of your spine angle in the downswing. You are not looking up but you are standing up. Chest over the ball is a good golf course swing cue to eliminate the skinny shot.

Pull Hookers - to help eliminate this left of left miss for a right handed golfer, think 'Keep Your Back Facing the Target Throughout Entire Downswing'. When your shoulders stay coiled longer, the golf club will approach the ball more from the inside.

Chunky Misses - for the golfer who hits the ground before hitting the ball, think 'Pull the Handle'. With most heavy shots, the wrong end of the golf club is winning the race to the ball.

Greenside Bunker Anxiety - stop looking at the ball and finish very high with the club. The more sand you learn to throw out of the bunker with a full body finish the better. The sand throws the ball out of the trap!

Chilli Dip Chip - learn to putt with your hybrid. The hybrid is probably the most versatile club in the bag. Simply use a putting stroke with a descending blow on the ball around the greens. Now, if you can't putt then we have another problem!

Pop-Ups with the Driver - you must first understand this is a result of the downswing being too steep. To help flatten out the downswing, simply take the club back extra low for a long time. Think of an elongated U shape versus the letter V. 'Low and Slow' are good thoughts for the driver.

The Slicer - there is a tremendous misunderstanding in golf with regards to the responsibility of the wrists through impact. They never flip, but they must ROLL! Pronation, or forearm rotation, is paramount for power. Immediately to and through the ball in golf, from pitch to drive, think 'Right Palm Down'. Flippers slice and rollers draw!

Power Loss - this might sound silly, but lighten up the tension level in the hands, arms, shoulders, and chest. Relaxed muscles move quickly and tight muscles move slowly. It is your choice; you might just need to surrender to relaxation!

Men's Section News

Nothing to report, apart from the Doughty Cup results (the Doughty Cup was organized by the Men's Section on behalf of all Sections of the Club):

1 st : Martin Evans, Nick Jefferson, Jacky Pearson, Len Trangmar 62 Pts
2 nd : Suzanne Brady, Keith Muir, Rolf Stammeijer 63 Pts (on cb)
3 rd : Chris Dove, Mike Mason, Dave Moore, Quinto Rafique 63 Pts

Senior Moments

A Word from the Seniors' Captain

I am truly delighted – even if a little daunted – to now be Captain of Little Hay's Seniors. I already find myself asking where the past 12 months as Vice-Captain have gone, and no doubt will be even more amazed in a year's time now that I know just how busy the appointment as Seniors' Captain really is! My personal appreciation goes to Mark Sheldrake who maintained an enormous spirit throughout the year, encouraging us all despite several bouts of ill health, insisting on taking most of the workload himself. Formal thanks on everyone's behalf were paid to Mark (left in picture) at the Christmas lunch last week, when he was presented with an engraved salver to mark his tenure.



Whilst mentioning the Christmas lunch, our gratitude must be mentioned to the two organizers of it – Ralph Lane and Derek Tarling – who once again ensured that it was a terrific success for the 78 members, their spouses/partners and our guests who attended. We were pleased to welcome the Club President, Jenny Williams, as our principal guest, together with George Reid, Lee Jordan, Jacky Pearson, Pat Fellowes and Wendy McMillan who do so much for us all at the Complex.

What for next year, you may ask. Well, 2011 saw much happening both above and below the waterline, starting with the Seniors' Questionnaire and its follow-up, continuing through much progressing of ideas and suggestions with SportSpace.

You may be relieved to learn that is not my intention to initiate revolutionary new ideas for 2012, or to outdo Mark and his achievements, but rather to consolidate what adjustments have already been made and to ensure that you all continue to enjoy the friendliness of the Club, of fellow Seniors and the golf that we play together. Nevertheless I do feel it important to encourage Seniors to play in a variety of Club and Men's competitions during the year, dates for which always appear at the back of each issue of *The Haymaker*.



I will be assisted very fully by Phil Joslin (pictured left), whom I welcome as my Vice-Captain and whose carefully considered agreement to accept this post was a tremendous pleasure for me.

I do so appreciate that Phil and I will be well supported by the ever-growing band of former Seniors' Captains, whose advice and wise counsel, based on experience, is always invaluable. I thank them for this in advance. I am also hugely grateful to the many other members who have offered to assist during 2012, some of whom have already been co-opted.

I hope that you will be willing and able to attend one or more of the AwayDays that have been organized for the quiet months of January, February and March, and also the four Texas Scrambles+lunches that will take place during the year for the benefit of my charity.

As to our inter-Club matches, it would be terrific to repeat this year's successful season, but I feel that it is equally important to introduce to this form of golf as many Seniors as wish to enter. As used to be said of the Olympics: 'It's not the winning, it's the taking part', so in next year's match team selections I will be looking for an even broader selection of names than the 31 we had in 2011.

My chosen charity for the year is Iain Rennie Grove House Hospice Care, from which my late wife received invaluable support and comfort some years ago, and which is therefore very personal for me. I have no doubt that a beneficial sum will be raised for it by the end of my year, thanks to the usual generosity of our Seniors. The charity's website is www.irgh.org.uk and its new logo now appears at the head of this newsletter. Philip Dawson, a special ambassador for this charity (and a golfer), hopes to join us for the Texas Scramble and charity lunch on 31 January.

It is with gratitude that I can announce that:

- Ray Moore is continuing for yet another year as the organizer of our monthly Medal, Stableford and other key competitions;
- Graham Cracknell remains as Fixtures Secretary in respect of our inter-Club matches;
- John Ridgewell, whom you will know has only been a member of the Club for a few months, has agreed to be the new man after your money – in other words, organizing and running the raffles in aid of my charity;
- David Garbutt will be continuing as the supervisor of the results computer, when used for Seniors' competitions, and trainer of additional users;
- Peter Betts also continues as the organizer of the lunches on Charity Lunch days;
- Peter Balding will still be the organizer of entries for individual competitions of the National Association of Public Golf Courses (NAPGC), and will again organize the Texas Scrambles on Charity Lunch days;

- Martin Evans retains responsibility for the NAPGC Mitchell-Thomson Trophy (the senior (over 55) men's Stableford team knockout competition),
- Michael Clark remains the link for purchasing Club ties, polo shirts and jumpers and
- finally Dave Verrall who, although having decamped to Redbourn GC earlier this year, will still unselfishly convert the monthly Medal and Stableford teetime sheets for uploading to the Club website.

I am extremely grateful to them all for helping yet again to share the organizational workload on behalf of us all. Finally, insofar as tasks are concerned, I intend to continue as Editor of the Club newsletter, *The Haymaker*.

As this is the final newsletter of the year, I wish you and your families a very happy Christmas.

Speed of Play

Later in this section of *The Haymaker* is an impassioned letter from Peter Betts regarding slow play during competitions; this related to the inordinate time that it took to complete the Seniors' October Stableford competition. We had hoped that this was a one-off problem, but wholly unacceptable delays occurred during the November Stableford, with several groups finishing more than 30 minutes behind the group in front despite starting only eight minutes after them.

Slow play has also been an issue at Little Hay in weekend competitions, and gentle 'yellow card' warnings have recently been given to some players. Please be aware that the Rules of Golf do permit Committees to lay down maximum times per round, and also give details of penalties that can be applied to excessively slow players. We would regret having to go down the penalty route for Seniors, but are prepared to do so if absolutely necessary – so please do take proper heed of Peter's comments and see what you and your playing partners can do to speed up between shots!

New Members

A warm welcome is extended to three new Seniors who have recently joined the Club, whom we hope to see playing regularly in our competitions. They are: Tony Denton (from Berkhamsted GC), Alan Godfrey (most recently a member of Chesham & Ley Hill GC) and Frank Klimaszewski (with no recent golf home), all of whom are experienced golfers.

2012 Calendar of Events

The 2012 calendar of matches and competitions for Seniors has been emailed to all Seniors able to receive it by this means; paper copies are contained in the top drawer of the unit in the changing room for those who have no internet access and a reference copy is on the notice board. The Club website will shortly have a composite 2012 calendar for the whole Club, shown month by month on the right side of the home page and maintained up to date throughout the year.

Prizes - Monthly Medals

When monthly Medal competitions resume in February, a prize is to be instituted for the lowest gross score in each division of a Medal.

Group Lessons

A series of group coaching lessons by Lee Jordan during the winter months has been arranged for Seniors; a different technique will be coached each time. All will be on a selection of seven Mondays from December-March at a cost of £5 per person and lasting one hour, with a minimum of five and a maximum of 10 Seniors per session.

The dates for these lessons are: 5 and 12 December; 16 and 30 January; 13 and 27 February and 12 March. Entry sheets are in the competition folder, so please do enter your names.

Match and Competition Results (Seniors)

November Medal	Div 1: 1 st : Bill Howells Gross 88 Net 69 2 nd : Quinto Rafique Gross 83 Net 71 (on cb) 3 rd : Tony Hodson Gross 90 Net 71	Div 2: 1 st : Robert Bunn Gross 96 Net 72 2 nd : Bob Bussey Gross 97 Net 73 3 rd : Lance Redler Gross 101 Net 75
November Stableford	Div 1: 1 st : Chris Dove 43 Pts 2 nd : Mike Tatum 37 Pts 3 rd : Tim Farrow 36 Pts (on cb)	Div 2: 1 st : Lance Redler 39 Pts 2 nd : Terry Keeling 35 Pts (on cb) 3 rd : Trevor Sargent 35 Pts
Turkey Shoot, with Ladies – 28 November	Jenny Williams Dorcas Kindinger Gross 73 Net 60 Tim Farrow Trevor Sargent	

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

*Having been a member of the Senior section at Little Hay for at least the last 12 years and having tried to play in as many competitions as able, I feel I must have my say about the present state of **s l o w p l a y**. What is going on! In all that 12 years it has never taken me four and three quarter hours to complete a Medal round (been close once or twice) but we have now hit a new low.*

I'm not terribly competitive; if I could win a bottle of wine and get my handicap cut I would be more than pleased, but in the main I just enjoy a game with the good company to be found within the ranks of the Senior section.

What on earth is going on...do some of our members lose all track of time once out on the fairway? Do they have no thought for the groups coming up behind? The winter's coming on and you could have four balls being frozen to death out there, so please, please do keep moving. We are asked time and again, if you lose sight of you ball, play another there and then. It's only a game lads. Be ready to play your next shot, walk to your ball, as long as it's safe, make the club choice while your partners are playing their shot, take your shot and move on.

When you reach the green, park your trolley to the side nearest to the next hole to be played, not in front, line up your putt while your companions further from the hole are putting out, sink your putt and move off the green and away to the next before marking your card. No one is asking you to run! I too am too old to hurry, but do just move with purpose.

Many members will be thinking no doubt 'what a cheek' but you must agree something needs to be said and done.

One last thought. Could it be something I do not want to face up to? Could it be that some of us are getting to old to run with the pack? If so please, please tell me and maybe some other game could be organized so that I don't lose touch with all my pals.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Peter Betts

Ladies Section News

A Word from the (New) Lady Captain

As the Ladies Section sets forth on a new season, on behalf of all the ladies I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Jean for all her work as past Captain. With Jean's guidance and support to new and existing members, 2011 was a brilliant year.

For 2012 I will endeavour to carry on the spirit of the events that Jean has already laid in place and endeavour to build upon the membership which is steadily growing. I look forward to working with my new committee to make 2012 another great year.

My charity will be the Keech Hospice in Bedford. The reason behind this charity relates to my great nephew Kieran Coniam who is eight years old. Some of his disabilities are cerebral palsy, autism, epilepsy plus other problems, and he has suffered greatly.

Keech Hospice Care provides emotional and practical support for adults and children diagnosed with a life-limiting condition. Their aim is to help patients enjoy the highest quality of life, while also providing vital support for their family and friends. I hope you will fully support me and the charity during my term.

So thanks to everyone involved in running the Ladies Section for 2011. Let's enjoy the golf for 2012

Carol

Match and Competition Results (Ladies)

New Captain's Cup 19 & 21 November	1 st : Suzanne Brady 33 Pts (on cb) 2 nd : Pauline Manning 33 Pts 3 rd : Jackie Joslyn 32 Pts	
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Junior Section News

Little Hay Juniors brought their season to a close at half term with their two final competitions of the year. The final Medal was tightly contested, with several best rounds of the year and consequent handicap reductions. Jake Conroy had a great 61, but he was only two shots better than Jamie McIvor, and Michael Burton was only one shot further behind with a 64.

The Stableford earlier in the week could be considered even more remarkable, for Harry Chapman had his first win ever with an unrepeatable 59 points and a dramatic fall in handicap. Other season-best scores were achieved by Ben Smit with 43 and Miraj Hussain with 42 points; Jake Conroy and George Archer were not far behind with 40 points each.

The Friday event was followed by the year-end prize giving, with Andrew Varney being awarded the Order of Merit prize and James Moss being the runner-up.



Tom Butler with Club President
Jenny Williams

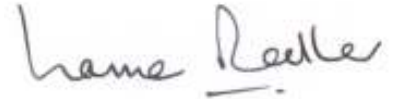


Jamie McIvor with past President Keith
Puddiphatt

and in Conclusion...

...the last word is... the whole Editorial staff wish all readers a happy and memorable Christmas, however you may be celebrating it.

...and a touch of humour... Golfer: *'This is the worst course I've ever played on.'*
Caddy: *'This isn't the golf course. We left that an hour ago.'*

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lane Redle". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.

Editor &
Seniors' Captain

cc: Club President, Club Captain, Club Vice Captain, Club Secretary, Lady Captain, Juniors
Captain, Complex Manager, Head PGA Professional, charities, advertisers

What's on This Month and Next?

Club/Men:

Saturday 3 December – Medal
Sunday 11 December – Winter League
Saturday 17 December – Turkey Shoot
Monday 2 January – Winter League
Saturday 7 January – Medal
Sunday 15 January – Winter League
Saturday 21 January – Founders' Day
Sunday 29 January – Winter League

All Seniors are eligible to play in any of the competitions listed above.

Seniors:

Thursday 8 December – Stableford
Sunday 11 December – Winter League
Monday 2 January – Winter League
Monday 9 January – Greensome with Ladies
Sunday 15 January – Winter League
Thursday 19 January – Stableford
Thursday 26 January – Mentmore AwayDay
Sunday 29 January – Winter League
Tuesday 31 January – Texas Scramble/Charity Lunch

Ladies:

Saturday 3 December – BL Friendly Stableford
Monday 5 December – Christmas Cracker Lunch + 12 holes
Saturday 12 December – Friendly Stableford
Sunday 11 December – Winter League
Monday 12 December – Friendly Stableford
Monday 19 December – Friendly Stableford
Monday 2 January – Winter League
Monday 9 January – Greensome with Seniors
Monday 14 January – BL Friendly Texas Scramble
Sunday 15 January – Winter League
Saturday 21 January – Bingo Bango Bongo
Monday 23 January – BL Bingo Bango Bongo
Saturday 28 January – BL Waltzing Matilda
Sunday 29 January – Winter League
Monday 30 January – Waltzing Matilda

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