

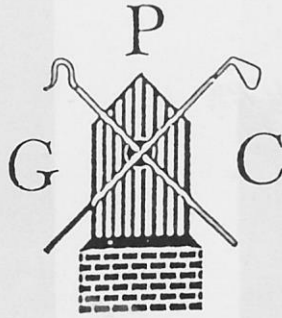
# PYECOMBE GOLF CLUB

## 1894 - 1994









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## *A Centenary History*

*Edited by Dick Smithard*





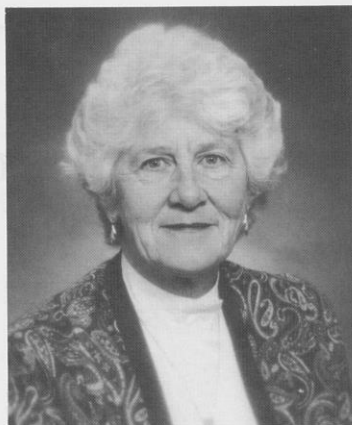
Charles Walter Campion Esq.  
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First President of Pyecombe Golf Club  
1894



Geoffrey Opitz Esq.  
President of Pyecombe Golf Club  
1994



John Hufflett  
Centenary Year Captain 1994



Mrs. Joan Higinbotham  
Centenary Year Captain 1994  
The Ladies Section



## Foreword by the President - Geoffrey Opitz

A Centenary for any organisation is a most important occasion and deserves to be celebrated fully, but to us who play and love the game of golf the Centenary of a golf club must be of a particular significance.

We at Pyecombe Golf Club are exceptionally lucky for our club has always had the reputation of being a very friendly one where new members are welcomed and not ignored. Many of us have been privileged to enjoy this friendly atmosphere for a considerable number of years and during the countless number of rounds of the course we have walked, we have enjoyed the lovely Sussex Downs about which Henry Longhurst used to talk so eloquently of the flora and fauna.

We have always had a high number of joint memberships of husband and wife and only one communal lounge which has assisted non-segregation and perhaps contributed to our friendly reputation.

So far as I am concerned I can only be thankful for 40 years of sheer enjoyment and the opportunity of meeting so many charming people. Perhaps we should all be grateful to that body of men who founded Pyecombe Golf Club in 1894.

A final word of appreciation is due to our Centenary Sub-Committee under the Chairmanship of Ken Barnard, who have arranged such an interesting and lively programme of events for our Centenary Year, which I hope you will all enjoy and participate.

Geoffrey Opitz - President

I would like to thank the members of Pyecombe Golf Club for offering to support the intensive care unit of the Princess Royal Hospital. We are most grateful for this assistance. Advances in knowledge and understanding of illness are such that in a relatively short period of time conditions which were once regarded as hopeless are now becoming treatable. It is therefore a constant battle to keep the unit up to scratch, so that local people can receive a standard of care equal to the best units in the country. For this reason we look to all sources of funding to allow us to achieve the best possible standard of care.

# *The Cardiac Output Monitor*

by **DR. DAVID READ BSc. MBChB. F.R.C.A.**  
**Princess Royal Hospital**

Our most recent project is stimulated by the new knowledge available on the importance of oxygen in the body's defence of severe infective illness. It is now realised that the body uses vast amounts of oxygen in response to a severe infection in the blood stream. Those patients who are unable to get this oxygen into the tissues of the body are the ones who die from their disease. Those who can achieve the high supply rates necessary usually survive. This has led to a new range of drugs, as well as new uses for old drugs, in order to maximise the amount of oxygen reaching the tissues.

There are two features of the patient that determine the supply; firstly the amount of oxygen getting into the bloodstream from the lungs and secondly the amount of blood flowing into the tissues from the heart. It is this latter factor which has previously been ignored because it has been difficult to measure the amount of blood that the heart is pumping and so this has been mainly restricted to research units. However, if we are to be able to adjust the patient's treatment properly then we have to be able to not only measure the amount of oxygen in the blood stream but also the amount of blood that the heart is able to pump around the body and the total amount of oxygen that the tissues are using. These figures can reach three or four times the normal; in other words, the sort of levels that an athlete would achieve during a race. The fact that the increases are so great is one of the reasons why some patients cannot raise the oxygen flow sufficiently and die.

Machines are now available to make these measurements for us in a way which is suitable for use in an ordinary hospital such as ours, and it is one of those that you will enable us to buy. They are called Cardiac Output Monitors. Although patient's will have a special tube inserted into their heart in order to make the measurement, the machine can be shared amongst a number of patients at the same time. It will not only measure the amount of blood that the heart is pumping but also the amount of oxygen that the body is using. This will then allow us to adjust the therapy in the knowledge of what is happening, whereas without this advantage we can only guess.

Once again we thank you for your offer of help in assisting us to improve the quality of care that we can give our patients.



# Centenary Year 1994

## Programme of Special Events

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| April 11th,12th,13th | Sussex County Ladies Golf Association Match |
| April 29th           | Mixed Dinner                                |
| May 8th              | Mixed Match Purley Downs (Home)             |
| May 20th             | Sussex Colts Open Competition               |
| June 4th             | Mixed Open Competition                      |
| June 7th             | Ladies Invitation Meeting                   |
| June 13th            | Veterans Open Competition                   |
| June 25th            | Men's Invitation Open Meeting               |
| July 1st             | Friendship Bowl Competition                 |
| July 3rd             | Club Championships                          |
| July 13th            | Pro-Am Competition                          |
| July 19th            | Lady Captain's Day                          |
| July 21st            | Men's Open Competition                      |
| August 21st          | Mixed Match Purley Downs (Away)             |
| September 10th       | Centenary Gala Competitions                 |
| September 11th       | Captain's Day                               |
| September 16th       | Mid-Sussex Summer League Finals Day         |
| October 7th          | The Centenary Ball                          |
| November 19th        | Annual General Meeting & Prizegiving        |
| November 20th        | Captain's Drive-In                          |
| December 10th        | Christmas Cocktail Party                    |

*Local and national sporting news was a strong feature of the Sussex Daily News. It is not surprising then that the formal opening of the Club on Saturday 6th October 1894 was reported in full on the following Monday. It was the leading news item under the heading Golf and it took precedence over reports from Ashdown Forest and Tunbridge Wells Ladies Golf Club at Forest Row and the monthly medal at the Brighton and Hove Club.*

## GOLF

### THE PYECOMBE CLUB

So far as the weather was concerned, Saturday was by no means an ideal day for playing golf, but notwithstanding the unfavourable atmospheric conditions which prevailed at the earlier part of the day, the formal opening of the Pyecombe Golf Club attracted a numerous and representative company. Nearly 50 members and well wishers of the Club, of whom a very fair proportion were members of the fair sex, journeyed to Pyecombe in the morning in a drizzling rain, the large number pleasantly surprising the Committee, among others the party included :-

Mr. W.H. Champion. J.P. (Danny Park), Mr. Fred Champion (Hon Secretary), Mr. A.J. Bridge (Burgess Hill), Mr. C. Camberledge (Pyecombe), the Rev. C. Cooper (Hurst College), Mrs. J Gordon Dill (Brighton), Mr. C.R. Draper (Haywards Heath). The Misses Jordon, Mrs. and Miss Heathcote (Brighton), the Rev. R. Helme (Hurstpierpoint), Mr. W. Keen (Patcham), the Rev. J. Little (Haywards

# THE OPENING OF PYECOMBE GOLF CLUB 1894

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Heath), Miss Martin and Miss Blanche Martin (Brighton), Mr. Marsh (Hurst), Mr. H. Paravicini (Brighton), Dr. Pearce (Hurstpierpoint), Colonel Rogers (Burgess Hill), Mr. L. Shand (Clayton Rectory), Dr. Scott (Hurst), Dr. Malcomb Smith (Hurst), Mrs. Sidney Wilson (Sayers Common), and Mr. H. Woods (Wivelsfield).

No formal ceremony had been arranged for the occasion, but in order to give the Club a good send-off. Rowe the Forest Row professional and Ross the Seaford Professional, had been engaged to play the first match on the new links; and inasmuch as there was a small purse at stake, it was far from being a purely exhibition affair. Fortunately the weather cleared up in the afternoon, and the match was brought off under very favourable conditions. Lunch was provided at the Plough Inn, where the Club have been lucky enough to find very cosy head-quarters. At one o'clock and a little over an hour later the visitors repaired in a



body to the links, which are in close proximity to the inn, a short stroll to the Hassocks road bringing the first putting green into view.

No time was cut to waste in preliminaries, as before half-past two the two professionals had commenced their match, one of eighteen holes up. Both were in good form and so evenly matched until quite the concluding stage that the enthusiasm of the spectators was thoroughly aroused. Needless to say they followed the play right round the course, but were not so entirely absorbed in the fortunes of the players as to miss the grand view obtainable from the hills, along the top of which the course runs. Rowe commenced brilliantly, taking the first three holes straight off, but Ross then came out in his true form, the next four all falling to his skill. Rowe made matters even by winning the eighth hole, and followed this up by taking the ninth, but Ross won the next, making matters even once more. The rivals halved the eleventh, and after Ross had won the twelfth, halved the thirteenth hole. Rowe again made the honours even by winning the fourteenth hole, and as there were only four more to play, each brilliant drive or clever "putt" was watched with increased interest. At this point Rowe came out in brilliant form

and secured the next three holes straight off, thus winning the match by three up and one to play. The winner completed the course in 86 strokes, and Ross in 88. The professionals were highly pleased with the links, and expressed the opinion that in time the course can be made a superb one. It was generally felt however, that the fourth hole made the course rather too severe and it has therefore been decided to change its position. Other improvements are in prospect and it is evident that the Committee intend to leave no stone unturned to make the links one of the best in the county. The laying out of the Ladies course will be proceeded with almost forthwith. The opening on Saturday was unanimously voted a highly promising one. Already the Club has over eighty members, a number which is expected will be largely augmented in the near future and with a corresponding increase in the funds of the Pyecombe Golf Club will be a good way on the high road to prosperity. In Mr Fred Champion of Danny Park the Club has a gem of a Secretary. He worked very zealously to establish the Club and golfers in the Pyecombe district owe him a debt of gratitude for the success which has so far attended his efforts.

*The Brighton Evening Argus also reported the opening but restricted it to a brief resume of twelve lines, sandwiched between news of a "terrible and fatal balloon accident" at Frankville, New York, and the birth of triplets at Sutton-in-Ashfield. On Tuesday 9th October the Mid Sussex Times gave an account similar to that in the Sussex Daily News and clearly written by the same correspondent. Following on from this was a letter from a lady member:*

*Miss Blanche Martin, Hon. Secretary of the Ladies Golf Union, and Hon. Secretary, pro-tem. of the Ladies Committee Pyecombe Golf Club, writing from 35 Brunswick Square, Hove says :-*

In answer to my many correspondents, will you allow me to state that I am no longer Hon. Secretary to, nor on the Committee of, the Southdown and Brighton Ladies Golf Club. Having resigned my position in August last, when several other members of the Committee resigned also. Having also resigned my membership of the Club, to date from the expiration of my present subscription, I later received the usual courtesy extended to retiring Secretaries, and was made an honorary member of the Club. In this position I am, of course, ineligible for prize meetings, competitions, or inter-club matches connected with the Southdown and Brighton Ladies Golf Club. All communications respecting this Club should now be addressed to Major Campbell, Burgess Hill. I am acting as Hon. Secretary of the Ladies Section Pyecombe Golf Club, near Hassocks and Brighton, until some lady resident in the immediate neighbourhood of the Club be ready to fill my place, when I shall continue to act on the Committee of the Club. After October 20th all communications to me should be addressed to South View, Hassocks, Sussex, until further notice

*We can only surmise the reason for the resignation of Miss Martin and some Committee members from the Southdown and Brighton Ladies Golf Club; it may have been the superior attraction of the Pyecombe Links or possibly the opportunity for the ladies to have their own course and to act independently of Gentlemen members. Whatever the reason Miss Martin seems to have been a lady of some interest for she was worthy of a news item in the Mid Sussex Times of 21st November 1893, it read . . .*

Miss Blanche Martin the pretty and popular honorary treasurer of the Ladies' Golf Union, is one of the most energetic and voluntarily hard working girls of today. She commenced to play golf two years ago, and though her multifarious duties prevent much devotion to the game, she is a skillful and very promising player. Besides her own good looks, Miss Martin is happy in being sister to a beauty, Mrs. H.C. Willock whose fair face and graceful figure are familiar on the Wimbledon Ladies Course, where her reputation for accurate and careful play is steadily growing.



*As reported in the Sussex Daily News on 8th October 1894, "The laying out of the ladies course will be proceeded with almost forthwith". Quite clearly, no time was wasted for the ladies held their first medal competition on the 6th November. This was reported at the foot of the last column on the final page of the Mid Sussex Times one week later, on Tuesday November 13th 1894.*

## PYECOMBE

The Golf Club - Last Tuesday witnessed the competition for the Ladies monthly medal in connection with this new Club. Mrs Stewart made the best score, and became the first holder of the medal presented by Mrs Bridge of Burgess Hill. Miss Andrews, Mrs Fisher, Mrs Gordon Dill and Mrs W.G. Nicholson were also competitors. Some alteration to the Ladies course were found to be necessary, and in consequence, the competition for the Lady Louise Loder's Challenge Prize, fixed for the 15th inst., has been postponed. A Club-house is to be erected on the course.

*Nothing seems to have delayed progress with the Club-house for it was opened "without ceremony" a few weeks later at the first annual meeting on Saturday 19th January 1895. Reports again written by the same correspondent appeared in the Sussex Daily News and the Mid Sussex Times. In the former, the news item read as follows over-leaf.*

# GOLF

## PYECOMBE CLUB

Since October, when the Pyecombe golf links were formally opened, the Committee of the local Club have achieved a great deal of work in making the ground playable, comfortable, and convenient for the members; and considering the weather that has favoured the Downs district of late they must be congratulated on the progress made. The Club possesses a neat and comfortable pavilion, which faces the links and is situated but a short distance from the main road. The pavilion contains a central saloon, the general Club room, on the right the ladies' room and on the left the gentlemen's room both replete with every convenience, and at the rear is the professionals room and workshop. When completely furnished they will be extremely cosy quarters. The Club has secured the services of Henry Peck, late of the Ranelagh Club as professional, with Henry Bye as his assistant. The professionals have brought the gentlemen's course of eighteen holes into capital condition, considering the unfavourable weather, and the state of the course on Saturday was the subject of unstinted praise. The ladies are provided with a separate course of nine holes, also in excellent condition, particularly the greens; but a few more "difficulties" are to be introduced as time speeds on. Mr. Shand and Miss Blanche Martin, the Secretaries were present, and were most energetic in their duties to the respective sections. The initial meeting, indeed, passed off most encouragingly. The Hon. Mrs. Campion and Mrs. A.J. Bridge, members of the ladies Committee, were also present. The Clubhouse was opened without ceremony in the presence of a good attendance visitors and players. There were four handsome prizes for competition. The gentlemen played for the silver challenge cup (scratch) presented by Mr. C.W. Campion (Captain) and for the handicap silver bowl presented by Mr. A.J. Bridge, the Hon. Treasurer. The ladies competed for the

antique silver challenge dish, presented by Lady Louise Loder, and a silver toilet box given by Mrs. W.G. Nicholson, the Vice-Captain of the ladies section. The weather was fine during the greater part of play, but the late starting couples came home in a drenching rain shower, which proved almost continuous. Mr. F.H. Campion won the scratch cup with the creditable score of 85 less 3 = 82. To play the Pyecombe course in 85 allows little or no margin for mistakes and it also speaks well for the management that a player could get round so well. Mr. H.C. Willock became first holder of the handicap bowl, with a score of 90 less 6 = 84. The scores were as follows:-

|                       | Gross | H/cap. | Nett.  |
|-----------------------|-------|--------|--------|
| Mr. F.H. Campion      | 85    | .. 3   | .. 82  |
| Mr. H.C. Willock      | 90    | .. 6   | .. 84  |
| Colonel G.W.M. Rogers | 115   | .. 30  | .. 85  |
| Mr. C.B. Cumberlege   | 111   | .. 25  | .. 86  |
| Mr. H.F. Paravicini   | 91    | .. 4   | .. 87  |
| Mr. W. Keen           | 95    | .. 8   | .. 87  |
| Mr. H.B.W. Gardiner   | 108   | .. 20  | .. 88  |
| Mr. W. Gardiner       | 112   | .. 20  | .. 92  |
| Mr. C.W. Campion      | 105   | .. 12  | .. 93  |
| Rev. E.R.D. Little    | 126   | .. 25  | .. 101 |
| Mr. E. Campion        | 115   | .. 12  | .. 103 |
| Rev. S.B. Field       | 126   | .. 18  | .. 108 |
| Mr. C. Wilson         | 138   | .. 28  | .. 110 |
| Mr. F.W.R. Blake      | 124   | .. 12  | .. 112 |
| Colonel Germin        | 146   | .. 25  | .. 121 |



Mr. W.H. Campion, Rev. R. Helme and Mr. A.J. Bridge made no returns. Mrs. W.G. Nicholson won Lady Louise Loder's Challenge Prize with the score of 108 less 15 = 93, Miss Martin taking the prize presented by Mrs. Nicholson with the score 99 less 6 = 93. The scores were:-

|                     | Gross. | H/cap. | Nett. |
|---------------------|--------|--------|-------|
| Mrs. W.G. Nicholson | 108    | 15     | 93    |
| Miss Martin         | 99     | 6      | 93    |
| Miss Andrews        | 99     | 2      | 97    |
| Mrs. Stewart        | 100    | 2      | 98    |
| Mrs. Sanderson      | 99     | scr.   | 99    |
| Miss Campion        | 137    | 30     | 107   |

## THE LADIES SECTION

The Ladies Section have decided that their Medal day shall be the first Tuesday in each month. Mrs. Stewart is the first and present holder. Miss Blanche Martin presents the Ladies' Club with a quarterly challenge prize in the form of a silver medal of special design, cut into the form of a photo frame mounted on a dark green marble stand, supported by silver golf clubs &c. The quarterly winners will compete for the ultimate possession of the prize

*Running on from an almost identical report was the following :*

In connection with the Club and already receiving influential support, to promote the provision of a station on the Brighton line in the district immediately south of Clayton tunnel. It is argued that not only the Club, but numerous members live both north and south of the Clayton downs, over which the links extend, but that hunting men, in addition to the residents, would find a station in the vicinity a great convenience.

*The idea of a railway station at Pyecombe now seems quite unrealistic but one must remember that at this time, members made their way to the course on foot, by horse and carriage or perhaps by hired carriage from Hassocks station. Few, if any, members owned motor cars for they were expensive and generally unreliable. The first motor show in England was held in October 1895 and attracted only six cars; the LOCOMOTIVES ON HIGHWAYS ACT, better known for the abolition of the man with the red flag was not brought into effect until November of the following year. This was celebrated by the "Emancipation Day" run from London to Brighton, and still commemorated annually on the first Sunday in November. Members experiencing heavy traffic and delays in arriving for their Sunday morning four-ball should spare a glance at those cars made in 1894 and 1895; they are, along with hickory shafts and gutta-percha balls, delightful and tangible reminders of life in the mid 1890's and the formative years of Pyecombe Golf Club.*

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# The Course 1897

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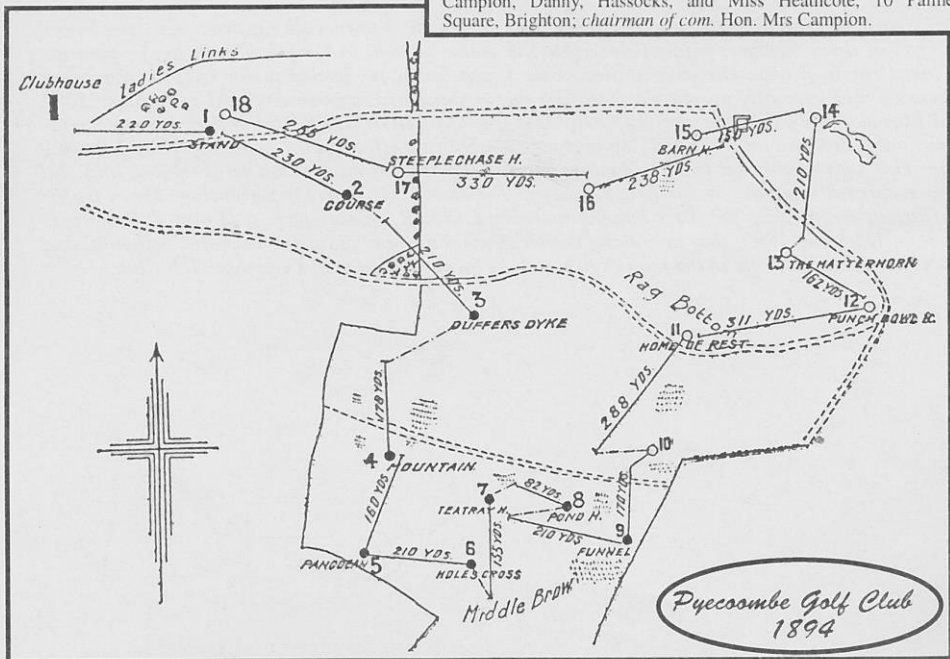
Pyecombe

Pyecombe Golf Club, Hassocks, Sussex. Inst. 6th October 1894. - The eighteen-hole course of this club is on a ridge of the South Downs, and has a variety of hazards. The length holes in yards is - 1st, 284; 2nd, 238; 3rd, 197; 4th, 183; 5th, 172; 6th, 216; 7th, 180; 8th, 127; 9th, 190; 10th, 185; 11th, 309; 12th, 271; 13th, 152; 14th, 132; 15th, 175; 16th, 244; 17th, 331; 18th, 264. The course is about two miles from Hassocks Station, where cabs are always to be had. Fare from station is 3s. On Saturdays conveyances convey members to the links, starting at 10.30 A.M. fare 1s. per head. There is an inn about a quarter of a mile from the course, and a hotel about two miles away.

*Capt.* C.A. Cumberbye; *hon. sec.* L.H.B. Shand; *ladie's secs.* Miss Campion and Miss Heathcote; *hon. treas.* A.J. Bridge; W.C. Standen. *Mem.* 100 gentlemen and 60 ladies. Professional record, 73 T.C. Cheal, July 1896; amateur record, 77, Dr. Bruce Goff, 18th July 1895; record score in a club competition, 77, Dr. Bruce Goff, 18th July 1895. Medallists and trophy-holders for 1896 - Bridge handicap challenge cup, C. Marsh, 102 less 24 - 78; H.B.W. Gardiner, 92, less 11 - 81; Champion scratch challenge cup, T. Widdowson, 90; C. Cumberbye, 81. Entrance fee £1. 1s.; sub. gentlemen £1. 10s. ladies £1. 1s. Visitors after having been introduced by a member, three days free, then 2s. 6d. a week.

Pyecombe Ladies' Golf Club, Pyecombe Near Hassocks, Sussex. Inst. 1894 - The ladies have a nine hole course.

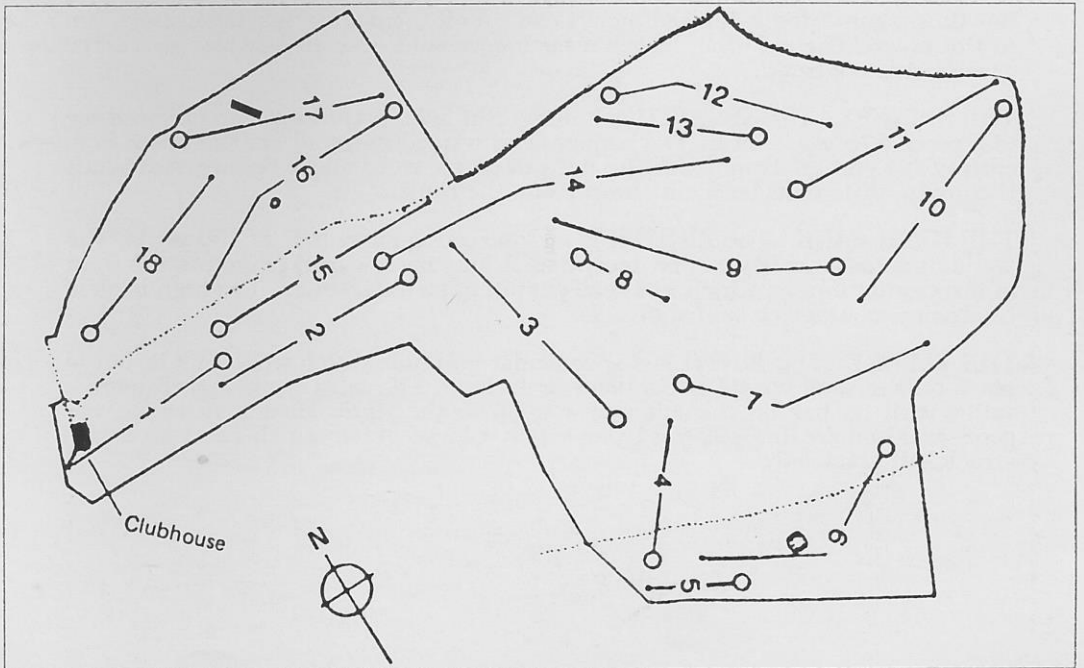
*Capt.* Mrs. Keen; *ex-capt.* Mrs. Gordon Dill; *hon. secs.* Miss Campion, Danny, Hassocks, and Miss Heathcote, 10 Palmeira Square, Brighton; *chairman of com.* Hon. Mrs Campion.





The barn in the middle of the 15th fairway on the 1897 course

# The Course 1994





## THE COURSE 1994

*As originally compiled by CHRISTOPHER WHITE the Club Professional in 1986 and modified 1994 to incorporate changes made.*

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**THE HUMMOCKS** The **FIRST** measuring 289 yards is played up an incline to a double-tiered green guarded by a large bunker on the right hand side. Trees sparsely line both sides of the fairway.

**BANKSIDE** The **SECOND** is probably the trickiest hole on the course. The fairway slopes from the left to right, with a long narrow green cut into the slope, some 388 yards from the tee.

**THE SWITCHBACK** From the **THIRD** tee the whole course opens out magnificently. The tee and green are on a similar level, with a wide valley in between. Playing much longer than its 426 yards, this hole is the most challenging on the course. The green, which is set into trees, is also guarded by bunkers to the right.

**THE FUNNEL** The 272 yard **FOURTH** has a narrow drive through trees to an elevated wide fairway. A small copse of trees and a bridle path can catch a long drive. A gusting wind often makes the shot to this undulating green deceptively difficult.

**THE TEA TRAY** The **FIFTH**, although only 158 yards, is probably the best short hole on the course. It has a deep bunker cut into the right half of the green with a further bunker guarding the left and a smaller bunker just beyond. An "out of bounds" fence stretches down the right hand side. Any wind makes this a very testing hole.

**THE PIT** The **SIXTH** hole is a 398 yard left-hand dogleg. A brave drive over hawthorn, gorse and a disused quarry can cut off the dogleg, leaving a short iron to the green. The safe line leaves a far longer shot over an oak tree to a large green cut into a bank.

**THE SPINNEY** The **SEVENTH** is a delightful hole, played from an elevated tee to a green 378 yards away. Two bunkers and a wood deter all but the brave from cutting the corner. Trouble, in the form of gorse, trees and a bunker, surrounds the green, which has been cut sharply into the bank.

**THE HIGH BANK** The **EIGHTH** is an interesting short hole of 156 yards. The tee shot across a valley can be deceptive. A long narrow bunker guards the front of the elevated green which has been cut out of an escarpment. The high bank at the back encourages a bold shot.

**THE VALLEY** The **NINTH** is a spectacular golf hole which would not be out of place on the west coasts of Scotland or Ireland. The fairway sweeps through a valley with bushes on the left and a wood to the right. Having threaded two good wood shots this 492 yard par 5 has a large green which receives a well struck ball graciously.

**THE POND** Following the same valley the 400 yard TENTH is a most attractive and challenging hole. Choose your line to either the left or right of a copse of trees that mark the centre of the fairway, some 230 yards from the tee! The second shot is played to an elevated two tier green that is guarded by a wood to the right and a hidden pond to the left. Beware of being too bold - beyond the fence at the back of the green is "out of bounds".

**WARREN'S REST** To reach the ELEVENTH fairway a good drive is needed to clear a steep escarpment. The second shot is blind to an elevated green some 327 yards from the tee.

**SHORT BREAK** The TWELFTH hole plays for its entire 342 yards alongside the South Downs Way, which is "out of bounds". Try to approach the green, which is cut in very close to the out of bounds fence from the left hand side of the fairway.

**THE SKATING RINK** Playing to the slightly elevated, sloping and undulating green makes the 232 yard THIRTEENTH the most difficult par three on the course. Definitely a par three and a half.

**THE LONG HOLE** The 543 yard par 5 FOURTEENTH played into the prevailing wind can be a real "tiger". The fairway sweeps along the top of the escarpment with a slight right to left slope. The green is cut into the hill and guarded by cross bunkers some 40 yards short of the green.

**CHANCTONBURY** The prevailing south-west wind make the drive at the 367 yard FIFTEENTH the most difficult on the course. The South Downs Way marks the "out of bounds" down the right hand side of the fairway. The two hawthorn trees cut out an easy route to the left. The narrow green is guarded by a bunker to the right.

**JACK AND JILL** Crossing the South Downs Way to the SIXTEENTH tee opens up the views to the north. A dogleg of 403 yards, this hole can be played either by carrying the pond to the right, or by the longer route to the left. Either way a good drive is needed to bring the well guarded green within reach. The practice area to the right of the fairway is "out of bounds".

**THE WEALD** From the 367 yard SEVENTEENTH tee the views are the best on the course. The famous windmills Jack and Jill watch over your drive to a fairway that doglegs to the left. "Out of bounds" down the right will certainly catch a drive heading towards the Sussex Weald, which sweeps away to the North Downs several hundreds of feet below. If a "safe" line, aiming at Chanctonbury Ring, is taken, a fairway bunker blocks the way. The green with its superb backdrop of a deciduous wood is bunkered on both sides.

**THE WHITEBEAM** The 344 yard EIGHTEENTH, a right hand dogleg, is played from an elevated tee to an undulating fairway. The second shot is played to an elevated "holding" green guarded by a cluster of four bunkers. Heavy rough, trees and "out of bounds" deter a short cut to the green.

# The Club 60 Years Ago

*Compiled and researched by David Leach*

The "Inter war" years (1919 - 1939) for Pyecombe Golf Club form part of the halcyon era of the Club's history. Few records now remain. Memories, the occasional letter, invoice and the odd note book are all that we have to piece together this time slice of Club history.

By the standards of today the Club was small in number. Sixty years ago in 1934 Gentlemen members totalled 35 of whom about 25 were "ardent golfers". The Juniors were, even then, variable in size being able to muster about a dozen boys in the summer school holidays. One of these early members was Wilfred Lynn who joined the Club in 1930, his father and elder brother already being long established Members. Wilf Lynn was later to become not only a fine golfer, the Club Secretary and ultimately Club President, but also one of the "restitution group" of Members who recovered the Club from its occupation by the military in the late 1940's. Without the burning enthusiasm of Wilf Lynn and Archie Piper we would not be celebrating the centenary birthday of the Club.

The Ladies Section, as it has always been called in the Club, was less in number with 25 members. All were regarded as "ardent golfers" and within the Club the Ladies were recognised as the strong golfing section. Indeed the very earliest maps of the course for 1894 show that the Ladies had their own course. During the years that followed the "Great War" the Ladies of Pyecombe frequently won the Sussex Championship and were the dominant Club within Sussex golf. Miss Williams-Bulkely, latter to become Mrs Cleary, carried the Club even further by winning the Open County Championship five times.

It was a Club membership that was exclusively professional and particularly military in background. Application for membership was made strictly by Member recommendation. Forms for formal application ruled out "shopkeepers and trades persons", an entry qualification that lasted for a further thirty years. Like Pyecombe of 1994 the Club of 60 years ago had its "north - south" divide. The "north" drawing its members largely from Hurstpierpoint, Hassocks, and Ditchling with very few from Burgess Hill. The "south" being dominated by the Brighton and Hove catchment area but not entirely so with a Colonel Whiteman registering his address as Deolali, India.

A bus stop was located opposite the Club entrance in 1929 but few members used it. Taxi and private car were the main means of transport and as today car parking was a major problem on popular golf days.

During the early 1920's it is known that the annual subscription was one guinea (£1.1.0d). The low overheads of the day rarely prompted annual budget increases and when they occurred the Captain was expected to bear a major share of them. Interesting revenue expectations also existed. By 1934 new members were paying two guineas a year as their annual subscription although "established" members were still being invoiced for one guinea! Subscription income for 1934 has been estimated to have been approximately £69.9s.6d.





This revenue maintained the Clubhouse, still on the original site although very much smaller in the 1930's the golf course and a number of staff.

The Professional during most of the inter-war period was "Wally" Wooller a local man who lived in the village. Wally came from a Sussex golfing family and his elder brother, George, was professional at Hollingbury Park. The duties of the professional in the 1930's were the "supply of golf balls and clubs to Members". A popular golf ball of the day was the Green Silver King., sold at 1/5d each and known as a "floater". Golf instruction and lessons were not a feature of the Club, rather the professional offered "advice" for a consideration. The professional like his modern day counterpart, managed the green fees. In 1930 a weekday round cost 1/6d and 2/6d at weekends. In maintaining the ethos and image of the Club golf professional sixty years ago Members would leave their clubs outside the front door of the Club for cleaning. Their expectations were always realised.

The Club Steward during most of the inter-war period was "Wally" Wooller a local man who lived in the village. There was no bar in the Club the steward was responsible for taking home the stock each day in a box supplied by the Club and storing it, presumably at his own risk. Each morning the bar was again carried from the village and set up in the Club. There was no running water in the Clubhouse and part of the duties of the steward was to carry, or arrange the carriage of, drinking water from the village. The only water in the Clubhouse came from a rain filled tank that was linked to a tap that was to be used by Members for washing.

There was no mains drainage of any kind. The Ladies traded upon Elson, the forerunner of the Portaloo, whilst the Gentlemen traded upon initiative. The steward was additionally expected to manage all this trade with the aid of Miss Mitchell, the daily cleaner who came from the village and was the sister of the Pyecombe blacksmith.

For virtually the twenty years of the inter-war period the Club employed only one man to act as the entire green staff. The greenkeeper was "Wally Wooller a local man who lived in the village. There was no mechanisation. All the greens were cut with a hand



Wally Wooller - A local man who lived in the village, Club professional, Head greenkeeper and Steward



mower which was maintained by the village blacksmith, a brother of the cleaner Miss Mitchell. The concept of five cuts of grass from green to rough is strictly a modern one. Country golf courses of the 1930's had only greens, fairways grazed by sheep in the case of Pyecombe, and the rough. The capital equipment that existed was strictly the patronage of the Club Captain and his privilege to supply. The only recorded Captain of this period is Leo Bear who purchased a Ransome Mower for the Club.

Club matches for the Ladies were very much of a formal golfing nature and they proved to be formidable opponents to visiting Clubs. The Gentlemen on the other hand were noted as much for their social character as their golf. The regular fixtures, which are still played 60 years later, were with Copthorne and Worthing. The Copthorne fixture was an established social occasion.



Mrs Clark Stewardess till 1914 - photographed in the front of the clubhouse the tree to her rear is probably the huge ash mentioned in an account by a Pyecombe caddie

| CLUB MATCH            |      |
|-----------------------|------|
| Pyecombe Vs Copthorne |      |
| 1934                  |      |
| Simon Campion         | (9)  |
| Wilf Lynn             | (5)  |
| Arthur Mills          | (7)  |
| Charles McKensie      | (10) |
| Archie Piper          | (9)  |
| Peter Dale            | (7)  |

All matches were singles match play over 36 holes with a Buffet lunch prepared by the ladies. Lunch included coffee and port.. The Club had a reputation within the County for serving its own port wine. The convention was to purchase part of a vintage from, unfortunately an unknown, London wine merchant who would both bottle and lay down the port with a Pyecombe Golf Club label and wax seal. The sherry wine was purchased from Williams and Humbert, Jerez and London. Club matches were as much a test of the skills of these wine merchants as they were of the golfers to play a second competitive afternoon round. There is no record of the result of this 1934 match.



Miss Mitchell daily cleaner, Stewardess and sister of the Pyecombe Blacksmith

The twenty years of 1919 - 1939 was a time of carefree golf at Pyecombe. The Club was at ease with the golf that was played, content with the port and sherry that was drunk and confident of a long term future. The Club neither owned the course or the Clubhouse and leased both on an annual lease of £5. 5s. 0d in a mood of an unchanging future.

The Sunday morning golf of September 3rd 1939 was the last of this era of carefree golf at Pyecombe. It was to be another eight years before a golf ball was struck with pleasure by Archie (Mike) Piper at the reopening of what was to become a very different Pyecombe Golf Club.

# The Pyecombe Blacksmith

by Dick Smithard

A press report in 1989 at the time when Pyecombe members purchased the club said: "Shepherds have long been associated with Pyecombe, but the shepherds have long gone. A maker of the famous Pyecombe crooks, by the name of Mitchell, was a familiar figure about the fairways until his death at a great age. Thousands of lambs were brought into the world by this old man in a flint barn on the crest of the course".

The photograph on the right was obtained from the records of the Ladies Section and was noted as W. Wooller, the Pyecombe Shepherd, maker of the Pyecombe Crooks. Could Mr W Wooller have been the shepherd, the blacksmith, the professional, the greenkeeper and the steward, and also the brother of the daily cleaner, Miss Mitchell?

Referring again to the Lady's records which state that we had a professional, Wilfred Wooller from 1921 to 1925. He won the Sussex Championship in that same year and then became professional at Hollingbury Park. Our own Dorothy Carter a much



**A NEAT BIT OF WORK**  
*There are various styles of shepherd's crook  
A well-known make is produced by the  
blacksmith at Pyecombe, Sussex.*

respected member of the Ladies section since just after World War II and wife of Fred Carter a past President and Secretary and for many years Treasurer of Pyecombe states, "In the late 1920's and early 1930's Fred was a member of Hollingbury Park, the professional there was Bill Wooller, the brother of Wally Wooller the then professional of Pyecombe. Fred and one of his friends would occasionally bring Bill over to Pyecombe for the day and if time and stamina permitted, they would play three rounds in the day".

The photograph on the left from a publication on Sussex history shows the Pyecombe blacksmith at work in the smithy with his son on his left, it provides the answer to the "who did what" question, however despite this the admirable Wally Wooller was still the professional, the greenkeeper, the steward, the brother of the daily cleaner and found time to smoke 100 Craven A cigarettes a day.

I just hope Fred Carter and Bill his brother gave Wally a hand when they came in.



# DISASTER UNDER THE FIRST TEE

by Brian Lacey

First time visitors to our course may well be intrigued by the circular brick built structure close to the first tee. They see it is not grand enough to be a folly and it is clearly not the Secretary's office. We members know that it is one of eleven ventilating shafts of the Clayton tunnel. This 2,266 yard long tunnel is a major civil engineering work of the London to Brighton railway. Its northern portal, graced by two octagonal

castellated towers with a cottage nestling between, is unique in railway architecture. Railway buffs everywhere know it. Such grandeur of the tunnel entrance reflected the permanence and stability of the then new London and Brighton Railway Company and was reassuring to those passengers about to enter the long dark tunnel, at first illuminated with widely spaced dim gas lights. More than other passengers, those travelling third class needed this reassurance as they made their journey through the dank darkness in open carriages. Their confidence in the safe operation of the railway, however, was shaken by events on Sunday morning, 25th August 1861. In the darkness of the

tunnel below the first tee, an accident made headline news. It was a major disaster and is recounted not only in the histories of the old and well respected London, Brighton and South Coast Railway but also in those railway histories devoted to safety and signalling.

On this Sunday morning, three trains were despatched from Brighton Station at the usual intervals of time. Through Clayton tunnel there was added safety with a newly patented system, where a train about to enter the tunnel tripped a signal to danger. This had to be released by the signalman at the other end that the train had passed through. The

alert signalman at the Pyecombe end noticed that the first train had failed to trip the signal to danger. He saw a second train approaching and held out a red flag as a warning. Had the driver seen this warning? the signalman wondered. He telegraphed the Clayton end of the tunnel and received advice that it had safely passed through. The third train now approached the tunnel and it was allowed to proceed. But the message from the Clayton end referred to the first train not the second. Meanwhile the driver of the second train having seen the signalman's warning flag, had drawn to a halt in the tunnel and was reversing back to the entrance. The third train ploughed into the back of the second train with the result that 23 passengers lost their lives and 176 were injured, all in the darkness, 200 feet below the first tee.



# Memories of a Pyecombe Caddie

by Tommy Atkins

I first caddied at Pyecombe in 1927 when I was seven years old, in those days there were no steel shafted clubs, they had steel heads, not rustless, with hickory shafts and were named, not numbered, as they are today, - Driver, Brassie, Spoon, Driving Iron, Mashie, Mashie-niblick, Niblick and Putter.

After a round of golf these had to be emery-clothed and made shiny and the hickory shaft straightened, this was done by flexing over one's knee, the golfer inspected each one before paying the fee of 1s. 6d in old money which would be 7.1/2p today. Golf balls were

very inferior to those of today, the in ball was the "Silver King" which had square dimples, the old gutty golf balls were sometimes found. The tee boxes which nowadays are used for litter were filled with sand, it was the caddies job to make a small mound and place the ball on it, if the player topped his shot he blamed the caddie for making it too low, if he skied it you were accused of making it too high.

In those days the Clubhouse was much smaller with the dressing room at the back, up the steps, but the roof is still the original. The Pro's hut was situated where the bar is now and was run by Walter Wooller who was a club maker and repairer, he smoked over a 100 "Craven A" cigarettes a day, outside his hut was a huge ash tree and a white wooden fence. Caddies were not allowed to go round the front of the Clubhouse, they had to go round the back and up to the first tee, now the practice putting green. The car park was made from ashes from the Clubhouse fire, which after heavy rain went down to the main road.

The golf course in those days was shorter but much more difficult. The First had cart ruts running up the fairway where the line of bushes are now, as farm wagons used this route up to the large barn which was located to the right of the now twelfth fairway, the first green in those days was only one level. The Second was as it is now, except the grass to the right of the fairway was allowed to grow some two feet tall, a ball sliced was a certain lost ball. The Third was as it is now with the exception that the present ladies tee was the main tee and the green was what is now the temporary. Across the bottom of the third and up to the now fourteenth fairway was



a wire fence with wooden styles, this was the only method of crossing it and if you caddied for a lady, you were supposed to turn your back, ladies didn't wear slacks in those days.



View across the third fairway looking towards Pyecombe village  
Note the post and wire fence across the valley with the step stile where the caddies dutifully looked the other way

The Fourth was a difficult hole because at the top of the hill, right across the fairway, were small bushes some two feet tall, one had to play short to avoid them. The Fifth hole was an old "Mangle Pie" mangles were stored there for cattle feed and the green had two banks about two feet in height, these ran the length of the green. The old Sixth tee can still be seen, just beyond the Fifth green, it was only a short hole in those days. The Seventh tee was right up in the corner where we rarely go these days, the fairway was fairly tight because it was out of bounds on the right if you went over the boundary fence into the adjacent cornfield, it was a slicers nightmare and even if you pulled your shot a little to the left there was deep rough,



gorse bushes and the the hawthorns just short of the present green. The green was quite small with about a five foot steep bank running down to it which was left as semi-rough to catch the dribblers. as the green could not be seen from the tee, various methods were employed over the years to speed up play, from a very high marker post painted like a bullseye on the back centre of the green, later when we had a hut shelter our present president made a box periscope which was fitted to the side of the hut, and even later than that we had a steel frame with a solid brass bell from one of her majesties warships, which you rang as you came off the green. Unfortunately this was stolen after a few years.

The Eighth tee was what is currently the winter tee and had cart ruts running down the fairway, traces of which can still be seen. The ninth then went back up the hill a short hole of some 150 yards and the Tenth tee was up beyond this green amid the bushes from where you drove to the now ninth green, but, there were three un-mown banks which can still be seen if you look carefully. The Twelfth used what is now the winter green, in later later years called the tea tray or the postage stamp. The Thirteenth was a short hole uphill to the present ladies tee this was later called "The last wee climb".

The long hole, then the Sixteenth was very difficult, the bank between the top and bottom fairway was long thick grass and often resulted in lost balls, the approach to the green was difficult because, where the bunkers are now was a dense yew hedge with a small gap in the middle. The Eighteenth hole which is our present green for the foreshortened round had a high old ash tree in the centre of the fairway, for as long as I can remember it produced no foliage, some say it was struck by lightning, it was a real hazard as one had the choice of driving over or through its many branches, the latter could be costly on a medal round. Eventually it crashed down one windy night and provided us with logs for the clubhouse fire for a winter or so. Just beyond the famous old ash tree was a huge rabbit warren which no doubt provided the locals with many a rabbit pie.



Pyecombe during the early part of World War two seemed to be "business as usual" as a study of the Club Accounts for 1940 and 1941 show, but, on Thursday the 9th April 1942, the Admiralty announced the loss of two British cruisers, the Dorsetshire and Cornwall, both by the action of Japanese aircraft in the Indian Ocean, Ceylon had suffered an air raid and Washington announced that resistance on the Bataan peninsular in the Phillipines had ended. The Japanese were still advancing on all fronts in the East, Rangoon had fallen, India was threatened and Japanese troops were within 450 miles of mainland Australia. The RAF was pounding Germany nightly and Russian and German forces were heavily engaged in spring offensives in Eastern Europe.

Added to this news was the letter reproduced on the right. To members, especially those too old or too young to go to war, the news the then Secretary imparted must surely have made this period a low point of the six year war.

# THE WAR YEARS

by Brian Lacey

PYECOMBE GOLF CLUB

HASSOCKS

April 9th 1942

Dear Sir or Madam,

I regret to inform you that owing to the requisitioning of the Course by the War Department, the Club has been closed until further notice.

Members are requested to remove their belongings as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully

H. T. CUBBON.

Hon. Sec.

# THE CLUB FINANCES IN 1940

| Dr.   |     | Pyecombe Golf Club Income and Expenditure Account for the twelve months ended 31st August, 1940. |    | Cr. |                  |
|---|-----|--|----|-----|------------------|
| <b>TO GREEN EXPENDITURE</b>                     |     |  |    |     |                  |
| Wages and National Health Insurance...          | ... | 637  | 17 | 3   |                  |
| Sand, Soil and Sundries ...                     | ... | 16   | 17 | 1   |                  |
|   |     |  |    |     | 654 14 4         |
| <b>" CLUB HOUSE EXPENDITURE</b>                 |     |  |    |     |                  |
| Wages and National Health Insurance...          | ... | 92   | 4  | 0   |                  |
| Sundries ...                                    | ... | 9  | 10 | 1   |                  |
| Fuel ...  | ... | 23   | 7  | 0   |                  |
|   |     | 195  | 1  | 1   |                  |
| Deduct—Receipts for Teas ...                    | ... | 6  | 8  | 9   |                  |
|   |     |  |    |     | 118 12 4         |
| <b>" TELEPHONE</b>                              |     |  |    |     |                  |
| ...   | ... | 10   | 12 | 8   |                  |
| Deduct—Receipts ...                             | ... | 1  | 17 | 0   |                  |
|   |     |  |    |     | 8 15 8           |
| <b>" LADIES' SECTION EXPENSES</b>               |     |  |    |     |                  |
| ...   | ... |  |    |     | 2 2 0            |
| <b>GENERAL EXPENSES</b>                         |     |  |    |     |                  |
| Rent, Rates, Taxes and Water ...                | ... | 167  | 9  | 9   |                  |
| Repairs, Renewals and Replacements ...          | ... | 3  | 3  | 0   |                  |
| Stamps, Printing and Stationery ...             | ... | 8  | 16 | 0   |                  |
| Accountancy Charges ...                         | ... | 6  | 6  | 0   |                  |
| Subscriptions to Unions ...                     | ... | 1  | 11 | 0   |                  |
| Insurances ...                                  | ... | 15   | 17 | 11  |                  |
| Life Insurance Premium on Life of Employee ...  | ... | 17   | 8  | 6   |                  |
| Presentations, Gifts and Gratuities ...         | ... | 10   | 10 | 0   |                  |
| Bank Charges and Cheque Books ...               | ... | 7  | 18 | 0   |                  |
|   |     |  |    |     | 239 0 2          |
| <b>" COMPETITIONS AND MATCHES</b>               |     |  |    |     |                  |
| Prizes, Medals and Expenses ...                 | ... |  |    |     | 5 2 6            |
| <b>" DEPRECIATION</b>                           |     |  |    |     |                  |
| Furniture, Glass, Plate, Linen and Utensils ... | ... | 10   | 0  | 0   |                  |
| Lawn Mowers, Tractor and Outdoor Utensils ...   | ... | 10   | 0  | 0   |                  |
| Club House and Buildings ...                    | ... | 20   | 0  | 0   |                  |
|   |     |  |    |     | 40 0 0           |
|   |     |  |    |     | <u>£1068 7 0</u> |
| <b>BY ENTRANCE FEES</b> ... 27 6 0              |     |  |    |     |                  |
| <b>" MEMBERS' SUBSCRIPTIONS</b> ... 422 2 0     |     |  |    |     |                  |
| <b>" GREEN FEES</b> ... 203 16 0                |     |  |    |     |                  |
| <b>" LOCKER RENTS</b> ... 7 8 0                 |     |  |    |     |                  |
| <b>" CLUB HOUSE RECEIPTS</b>                    |     |  |    |     |                  |
| Sales of Wines, etc. ...                        | ... | 515  | 7  | 3   |                  |
| Add Stock on Hand ...                           | ... | 16   | 12 | 10  |                  |
|   |     |  |    |     | 532 0 1          |
| Deduct Stock ...                                | ... | 26   | 4  | 9   |                  |
| Purchases ...                                   | ... | 386  | 0  | 1   |                  |
|   |     |  |    |     | 412 4 10         |
|   |     |  |    |     | 119 15 3         |
| <b>" INTEREST</b>                               |     |  |    |     |                  |
| On War Loan (net) ...                           | ... | 8  | 8  | 0   |                  |
| Lloyds Bank Ltd. Deposit Account ...            | ... |  |    |     | 6                |
|   |     |  |    |     | 8 8 6            |
| DEFICIENCY carried to Balance Sheet ...         | ... |  |    |     | 279 16 3         |
|   |     |  |    |     | <u>£1068 7 0</u> |

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st AUGUST, 1940.

|  |     |     |    |    |                  |
|--|-----|-----|----|----|------------------|
| SUNDRY CREDITORS ...   | ... | 58  | 9  | 6  |                  |
| THE WARREN MEMORIAL FUND ...   | ... | 90  | 0  | 0  |                  |
| OVERDRAFT AT BANK per Cash Book ...  | ... | 352 | 16 | 6  |                  |
| <b>SURPLUS ACCOUNT</b>   |     |     |    |    |                  |
| Balance per last Balance Sheet ...   | ... | 282 | 0  | 1  |                  |
| Deduct Deficiency per Account to date ...                                    | ... | 279 | 16 | 3  |                  |
|  |     |     |    |    | 2 3 10           |
|  |     |     |    |    | <u>£503 9 10</u> |
| <b>CLUB HOUSE AND BUILDINGS</b>  |     |     |    |    |                  |
| Balance per last Balance Sheet ...   | ... | 85  | 10 | 2  |                  |
| Deduct Depreciation ...  | ... | 20  | 0  | 0  |                  |
|  |     |     |    |    | 65 10 2          |
| <b>FIXTURES, FITTINGS, PLATE, LINEN AND UTENSILS</b>                         |     |     |    |    |                  |
| Balance per last Balance Sheet ...   | ... | 28  | 2  | 10 |                  |
| Deduct Depreciation ...  | ... | 10  | 0  | 0  |                  |
|  |     |     |    |    | 18 2 10          |
| <b>TRACTOR, LAWN MOWERS AND OUTDOOR UTENSILS</b>                             |     |     |    |    |                  |
| Balance per last Balance Sheet ...   | ... | 12  | 13 | 10 |                  |
| Deduct Depreciation ...  | ... | 10  | 0  | 0  |                  |
|  |     |     |    |    | 2 13 10          |
| STOCK-ON-HAND as certified by the Hon. Treasurer ...                         | ... |     |    |    | 16 12 10         |
| £400 3½% WAR LOAN (at Cost) ...  | ... |     |    |    | 392 12 9         |
| Note—£100 of this War Loan has been earmarked for the "Warren" Memorial Fund |     |     |    |    |                  |
| <b>LLOYDS BANK LTD. Deposit Account</b>                                      |     |     |    |    |                  |
| Balance per last Balance Sheet ...   | ... | 4   | 12 | 3  |                  |
| Add Interest to date ...   | ... |     |    |    | 6                |
|  |     |     |    |    | 4 12 9           |
| CASH IN HAND per Cash Book...  | ... |     |    |    | 3 4 8            |
|  |     |     |    |    | <u>£503 9 10</u> |

R. J. S. ASHBY, Hon. Treasurer.

We have examined the above Balance Sheet of the Pyecombe Golf Club dated 31st August, 1940 and the Income and Expenditure Account for the twelve months ended that date, with the books and vouchers of the Club, and certify the same to have been correctly prepared therefrom and from information and explanations given to us by the Officers of the Club.

5, High Street, Bognor Regis, Sussex,  
and at London and Burgess Hill.

BUZZACOTT, LILLYWHITE & Co., Incorporated Accountants.  
2nd December, 1940.

# THE CLUB FINANCES IN 1941

| Dr.                                     | Pyecombe Golf Club Income and Expenditure Account for the twelve months ended August 31st, 1941. |            | Cr.        |
|---|--|------------|------------|
| <b>GREEN EXPENDITURE</b>                |  |            |            |
| Wages and National Health Insurance...  | 321 11 1½  |            |            |
| Sand, Soil and Sundries ...             | 10 11 0  | 332 2 11½  |            |
| <b>CLUB HOUSE EXPENDITURE</b>           |  |            |            |
| Wages and National Health Insurance ... | 95 14 6  |            |            |
| Sundries ...                            | 10 0 8   |            |            |
| Fuel ...                                | 29 5 2   |            |            |
|   | 135 0 4  |            |            |
| Deduct Receipts for Teas ...            | 6 14 0   | 128 6 4    |            |
| TELEPHONE ...                           | 15 3 11  |            |            |
| Deduct Receipts ...                     | 7 14 0   |            |            |
|   |  | 7 9 11     |            |
| <b>LADIES' SECTION EXPENSES...</b>      |  |            |            |
| <b>GENERAL EXPENSES</b>                 |  |            |            |
| Rent, Rates, Taxes and Water ...        | 171 12 2   |            |            |
| Repairs, Renewals and Replacements ...  | 10 5 8   |            |            |
| Stamps, Printing and Stationery ...     | 8 12 6   |            |            |
| Accountancy Charges... ..               | 6 6 0  |            |            |
| Insurance ...                           | 15 19 0  |            |            |
| Gratuities ...                          | 4 16 6   |            |            |
| Bank Charges and Cheque Books ...       | 14 17 1  | 232 8 11   |            |
| <b>DEPRECIATION</b>                     |  |            |            |
| Furniture, Glass, Plate, etc. ...       | 10 0 0   |            |            |
| Tractors, Lawn Mowers, etc. ...         | 1 13 10  |            |            |
| Club House and Buildings ...            | 20 0 0   | 31 13 10   |            |
|   |  | 4734 3 11½ |            |
|   |  |            | 4734 3 11½ |

|  |            |          |          |
|--|------------|----------|----------|
| By ENTRANCE FEES ...                     |            | 2 2 0    |          |
| " MEMBERS' SUBSCRIPTIONS ...             |            | 412 3 9  |          |
| " GREEN FEES ...                         |            | 118 3 0  |          |
| " LOCKER RENTS ...                       |            | 4 5 0    |          |
| " CLUB HOUSE RECEIPTS                    |            |          |          |
| Sales of Wines, etc. ...                 | 357 14 11½ |          |          |
| Add Stock on Hand ... 31.8.1941          | 21 10 4    |          |          |
|  |            | 379 5 3½ |          |
| Less Purchases ...                       | 271 11 7   |          |          |
| Stock 1.9.40 ...                         | 16 12 10   |          |          |
|  |            | 288 4 5  |          |
|  |            |          | 91 0 10½ |
| <b>INTEREST</b>                          |            |          |          |
| On War Loan (net) ...                    |            | 7 3 6    |          |
| Lloyds Bank Ltd. Deposit Account ...     |            | 6        |          |
|  |            |          | 7 4 0    |
| " DEFICIENCY carried to Balance Sheet... |            |          | 99 5 4   |

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st AUGUST, 1941.

|                                      |            |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| UNDEBTED CREDITORS ...               | 153 9 4    |
| WARREN MEMORIAL FUND ...             | 90 0 0     |
| CHEQUE DRAFT AT BANK per Cash Book   | 327 1 6    |
| <b>TRUST ACCOUNT</b>                 |            |
| Balance per last Balance Sheet ...   | 2 3 10     |
| Less Deficiency per accounts to date | 99 5 4     |
| Balance to Contra ...                | 97 1 6     |
|                                      | £570 10 10 |

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| <b>CLUB HOUSE AND BUILDINGS</b>  |            |
| Balance per last Balance Sheet ...   | 65 10 2    |
| Deduct Depreciation ...  | 20 0 0     |
|  | 45 10 2    |
| <b>FURNITURE, FITTINGS, PLATE, LINEN AND UTENSILS</b>                      |            |
| Balance per last Balance Sheet ...   | 18 2 10    |
| Deduct Depreciation ...  | 10 0 0     |
|  | 8 2 10     |
| <b>TRACTOR LAWN MOWERS AND OUTDOOR UTENSILS</b>                            |            |
| Balance per last Balance Sheet ...   | 2 13 10    |
| Deduct Depreciation ...  | 1 13 10    |
|  | 1 0 0      |
| STOCK on hand as valued ...  | 21 10 4    |
| £400 3¼% WAR LOAN at Cost ...  | 392 12 9   |
| Note—£100 of this War Loan has been earmarked for the Warren Memorial Fund |            |
| <b>LLOYDS BANK LTD.</b>  |            |
| Deposit Account ...  | 4 13 3     |
| DEFICIENCY per Contra ...  | 97 1 6     |
|  | £570 10 10 |

We have examined the above Balance Sheet dated 31st August, 1941, and the Income and Expenditure Account for the twelve months ended that date with the books and vouchers of the Club and certify the same to have been correctly prepared therefrom and from information and explanations given to us by the Officers of the Club.

5 High Street, Bognor Regis, Sussex.  
and at London, Radlett and Epsom.

BUZZACOTT, LILLYWHITE & CO., Incorporated Accountants.



During the early summer of 1942 Pyecombe Golf Club being then owned by the Crown was taken over by the military as a training area. In those days Sussex was host to many hundreds of the Canadian forces, training no doubt for the raid on Dieppe. I was at this time too young for the forces but had joined the local Home Guard some time previously, where no awkward questions were asked about the age you gave, I belonged to "C" Company who had their headquarters in the large house called "Elmsleigh" at the bottom of Carden Avenue on the London Road at Patcham, it's still there today.



**A WEEKS  
HOLIDAY  
AT P.G.C.  
by Dick Smithard**

In those days we expected the German invasion at any time consequently, no doubt to make us possibly more useful if this should occur, arrangements were made with the Canadian Forces in the area to give us a weeks intensive training under their command. Of course you didn't get a week off work, You were instructed to take your weeks summer holiday at a certain date, you would then parade every day at the Patcham H.Q. complete with your own rations and all your various bits of equipment which you kept with you at all times in those days.

The Canadians in the area then were The Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry and every day of that particular week we were picked up by a couple of Canadian 5 tonners and taken up the A23 to Pyecombe Golf Club, as I remember it then the clubhouse was much smaller and was the Sergeants Mess of the P.P.C.L.I.

On the first day after de-bussing from the trucks we were told to make ourselves comfortable on the somewhat longer grass then in the vicinity of the old 18th green. We were all feeling a bit apprehensive, I know I was, and even more so when we were told that our exercises were known as "Baptism of Fire" all ammunition used would be "live" and they were allowed ten percent casualties A joke of course, but we didn't think so at the time. We were then split up into a number of sections and a section at a time taken up the course in Bren Gun Carriers, which in case your don't know are light tracked vehicles and could crack along at a fair old pace and they did over banks through gorse and bushes, we thought it was great, of course we didn't know anything about fairways and greens then, how they must have suffered after having been mown and cosseted for the previous 48 years. Who would have thought then that 52 years later we would be celebrating our centenary.

As the week progressed we were put through our paces using up a lot of ammunition which we were sure was left over from the 1914 war, we fired mortars at dummy tanks made up from corrugated iron and earth, we lobbed hand grenades from trenches dug on what is now the new 10th fairway, I think that made a bit more mess than the 1990 land-slip and flood. Came the last day of our holiday at Pyecombe and we arrived as before, but this time on our briefing by our Canadian instructors of the days events before us, we were told, this time we will be shooting at you, or rather close to you, so when you are told to hit the deck, just don't hang about and keep your heads down as close to the ground as you can, those steel helmets you are wearing are expensive so we don't want to put any holes in them. So we advanced up the course nicely spread out in what they called extended order,

along the second fairway and down into the valley of the third, we heard rifle shots behind us and almost immediately came the order "Down" we got down, very quickly I might say, and stayed down when we realised that the buzzing we could hear wasn't bees but bullets. I remember that the thought crossed my mind, that perhaps some of those Canadian snipers might have had a night on the beer last night. Came the order to "advance" and we got up and they ran us up the bank of the present eighth fairway over what was the green and shouted "Down" when we were halfway up the steep bit at the back. The instructors then lined us up shoulder to shoulder and told us to lay down and stay down. We heard a lot of dull "whumps" way back behind us probably in the vicinity of the seventh green and the mortar bombs started to land about 50 yards to our front on the part of the hill that lies between the eighth green and the fourteenth fairway. We were safely tucked in, with heads down just below the top of the bank. "Piece of cake" we thought. Then we heard the rattle of machine gun fire from too close behind us and the top of the bank spewed up earth and dust, we didn't need telling again to keep our heads down, mine was down so far that I am sure it gave my nose the slight upward tilt it has to this day. When it was all over, they took us back to the present eighth tee to show us a couple of Canadians with Bren guns lying hidden in the bushes behind the tee. In fact it was only a few years ago that a member for some reason or other, went into those bushes behind the eighth tee and stumbled upon a couple of loaded Bren gun magazines, they had been lying there undisturbed for well over forty years.

## *The day I found the bomb and lost it again*

### **MORTAR BOMB ON GOLF COURSE**

Pyecombe Golf Course has a new "bunker" provided in effortless fashion by a bomb disposal squad.  
A golfer looking for his lost ball, found an unexploded mortar bomb.

The Army were called in and decided on Saturday that the best way to dispose of it was to blow it up

Result . . . . . a new hazard !

*Copy of the press cutting*

The press report on the bomb was not quite correct, the facts were . . . . Sometime back in the seventies on a very rainy Friday evening while playing our usual Friday four-ball, we came to the 13th tee, it was then the 15th, there had been so much rain that the ground was awash and I noticed a glint of metal in a certain muddy patch, I poked at it with my finger and wiped some of the mud away and realised that it was a mortar bomb with its tail missing. My pals didn't really believe me, they wanted to get on, we were all dripping wet so I marked the position with one of the small litter bins. We got back to the Clubhouse and I reported the facts and promised to come back the next morning to guide them to the spot. This I did and when we got to the tee we found that someone, possibly one of the early morning players had shifted the litter bin back to where it should be. I could not find the bomb, the rain had washed the mud back over it. I was convinced it was there and for many months thereafter I searched the spot whenever I arrived at that tee. Eventually I found it again and marked it more sensibly, it was a Friday again and this time the Bomb Disposal people came up on the Saturday morning, closed the course for an hour and blew it up. They said it was an H.E. (high explosive) 2 inch mortar bomb and in a very dangerous condition. I was pleased to have found it again.

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***It was not long after World War II was over that Pyecombe Golf Club members were dusting of their clubs and looking to reinstatement of their war ravaged course. Below is a copy of a memo sent to the then newly formed Committee from Messrs. Friend-James Sinclair & Yarnell***



GHY/VJ

27th July 1948

The Committee  
Pyecombe Golf Club

Gentlemen,

Pyecombe Golf Club

We recently conferred with members of the Finance Sub-Committee regarding the capital expenditure necessary before the club is opened again for play and reviewed the estimated annual outgoings once the rehabilitation of the course has been completed. We summarise below the general conclusions which were reached by the Committee in conjunction with ourselves and we have noted certain points for the general guidance of the main body.

Messrs. Hawtree & Sons, Golf Architects, estimate the total cost of reinstatement of the course ready for play by next spring at £4550.

Mr Lynn gave us his opinion as to the cost of repairing the existing Club building, dealing with the Roadway and Car Park and also such fencing as is necessary, in addition, it is considered that for the efficient and economic running of the course and the Club in future, certain equipment is desirable including a tractor, mower, overgreen and auto-scythe. It is known that the furniture and equipment of the Club is stored but some additional expenditure here will obviously be appropriate and an allowance must be made for this. We therefore summarise the capital expenditure required from the information and estimates available as follows :-

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Rehabilitation of the course                 | 4550         |
| Repairs and rehabilitation of the Club house | 2400         |
| Roadway and Car Park                         | 200          |
| General fencing                              | 300          |
| Tractor and other equipment                  | 1000         |
| Furnishings and fittings of Club             | <u>200</u>   |
|  | <u>£8650</u> |

The total compensation which the War Department has so far offered to pay to cover all matters is £6933 and whilst possibly a small increase in the rehabilitation allowance may finally be negotiated, for the present purpose no additional sum is anticipated. It will be seen from these figures that the minimum capital commitment exceeds \$1700. In addition to this the Club owes certain moneys for arrears of rent if approximately £250 and will have rent and other outgoings in the period from now until the spring of next year.

There is a very small balance at the Bank of approximately £30 and there is the investment in respect of the Warren Memorial Prize Fund of £100 3.1/2% War Stock. Allowing a reasonable margin for contingencies, it would seem that funds approaching £2500 are needed before the Course and Club is completed and ready for play again.

Careful consideration was given by the Sub-Committee to the future running of the Club and the staff that would be required. It is estimated that satisfactory maintenance should be possible by the employment of three men and it might well be that for most of the year only two men would be required. It is however, deemed expedient to estimate for three men plus their insurance, an annual total of say £800.

It is understood that Ellecker, a former employee of the Club is available and would be prepared to reside on the Club premises. His wife will to some extent be employed by the Club and an additional £100 per annum has been added to the estimate for staff wages for these services.

Rent and Rates should not absorb more than £200 per annum and there then remains the general items which are difficult to forecast. General maintenance say £100, the expenses of running the general business of the Club, that is printing, stationary and such items say £30 and other sundries not designated say £100. All these items total £1350 and as some provision may have to be made for interest on borrowed money, it would appear prudent not to proceed with the re-opening of the Club unless the Committee are fairly satisfied that an annual income in the region of £1500 can be attained.

The principal source of revenue will naturally be the members subscriptions, although there may be some income from Green Fees and Bar Profits. These ancillary sources of revenue are difficult to assess at this stage as one cannot foresee what Bar facilities will be available next summer and the possible receipts from Green Fees are also a matter of some conjecture. Certainly the income from these items should take care of all unexpected contingencies and if the annual amount required to run the Club as mentioned above is achieved from subscriptions, these receipts should be available to provide for depreciation and the general replacement of the Club property and equipment.



We have obtained certain information as to the subscriptions charged by other clubs and we schedule the details as hereunder.

|                 | Full playing<br>subscriptions men | Entrance<br>Fee |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| East Brighton   | 8. 8. 0.                          | 8. 8. 0.        |
| Brighton & Hove | 8. 8. 0.                          | nil             |
| West Hove       | 8. 8. 0.                          | 4. 4. 0.        |

The above Clubs as usual have a number of variations of the above subscriptions, being less in most cases for women and for "Five day Players" and also for non-playing members.

It seems to us that it is probably not wise at this stage to charge an entrance fee as such might well prove detrimental to initial applications for membership which are vital for the successful resuscitation of the Club. It is quite obvious that an active membership of not less than 200 will be needed to start up the Club again and it would be safer to strive for a total of nearer 250. Numerous considerations must of course apply but it seems that an annual subscription for a full playing member of £6. 16s. 6d. would compare favourable with other Clubs and if the membership reached the desired strength would achieve the required income it appears necessary to assure. There would presumably be subscriptions at lesser rates for country members and perhaps a guinea less for lady members. Such figures would probably produce an average subscription per member of about £6 and if 250 members were obtained the annual outgoings should be safely covered. To summarise the position it seems that the Committee should hesitate to proceed unless they are satisfied that not less than 200 members will be forthcoming and that there is a good prospect of this minimum figure being exceeded.

It is difficult to recommend the best method of raising the capital required. Several alternative ideas have been considered and much will depend on the financial support of pre-war members. The raising of £2500 by way of debentures of say £25 each carrying interest of 4% per annum and providing an inducement of a small premium payable on redemption has much to recommend it. Probably a number of supporters would be prepared to risk £25 to see their old Club active again but it would be necessary to have several friends who would be prepared at the outset to take up several such debentures.

An alternative would be to borrow money from the bank. Having regard to the security available, it is we think certain that such an advance would not be forthcoming without personal guarantees from individual members. Whilst the

capital expenditure will result in there being an appreciable value in the equipment acquired and in the premises, much of the expenditure will be sunk in the course itself, which the Club only holds under lease. Thus guarantees must entail some risk for those undertaking them. This comment applies equally to a debenture issue but it is probable that with debentures ones commitment is more limited. However, if say ten or twelve supporters could be found who would be prepared to guarantee the Club's account to the extent of say £200 or £250 each, this would certainly be simplest and probably the cheapest idea. It would be desirable to make certain that the liability of each individual was limited to the amount of his guarantee and that the risk is not to be joint and several. It is not always easy to arrange with Bankers such a form of advance but it could at least be explored if sufficient members are prepared to enter into guarantees.

Both in the case of debenture issue and a Bank guarantee it might be possible to give some encouragement to members to accept some capital commitment by a reduction in subscription according to such commitment. Naturally if this suggestion is adopted it tends to reduce the estimated income from subscriptions.

The last suggestion considered was the raising of the capital sum in whole or part by way of life membership fees; a sum of say 50 guineas paid for a life membership might meet part of the initial outlay.

Whilst this suggestion looks attractive inasmuch as funds might be raised which do not carry an obligation to repay and to provide interest annually, never the less such fees are not strictly "capital moneys", they really are only a method of collecting future income immediately.

If life membership is to be incorporated in the Club's scheme of subscriptions, care will be needed in drafting the appropriate rules and conditions and careful consideration is necessary of the actual fee to be charged.

Probably the most likely way the necessary funds will be raised is by a combination of the three ways mentioned above, and no final recommendation can be made until some idea of the possible financial support that is to be expected.

We can finalise our conclusions by saying that the Committee ought to be satisfied that they will have no difficulty in raising by one means or another not less than £2250 and preferably rather more before they undertake any substantial commitments. It is, of course, quite obvious that unless the membership question is also assured, the whole venture will be jeopardized from the very start.

We hope that these comments will be of help to the Committee and if we can be of any further assistance kindly let us know.

Yours faithfully  
Friend-James, Sinclair & Yarnell

Ladies golf has been played at Pyecombe from the outset and it is sad that no records survive from the pre-world war I period apart from a few newspaper cuttings and a medal won by Mrs Gell-Woolley in 1902, that can still be seen in the clubhouse. It is interesting though, that in those early days not only was there a separate nine-hole ladies course, but that it was laid out and brought into playing condition by two men in what seems rather like wet autumnal probability they enjoyed their golf as much as we do. Life certainly becomes more expensive, but the quality doesn't necessarily

# PYECOMBE LADIES

by Dennis Hall

The Ladies Section lapsed during the first world war and seems to have been restarted in 1919 by a Mrs Wheelwright, who together with her husband donated the Wheelwright Trophies which are still played for today. Unfortunately, the inter-war period apart from a few photographs of members, is virtually a blank.

The section lapsed again during World War II when the course was used by the military as a training area and whilst no one name stands out in connection with the restart, Miss Gwen Gell-Woolley, who was ladies Secretary from 1923 until 1976 (should be in the Guinness Book of Records?) and was Ladies Captain several times, must surely have been involved.

The Ladies have been active on the Club Committees since the World War I restart, something that was certainly uncommon between the wars and not usual for quite a while after the second. Full-playing ladies both attended A.G.M's and voted from those early days and their Officers were regularly co-opted onto the General Management and House Committees, though the first elected members of the Management Committee did not sit until 1975.

They were active in the wider field too. Miss Lavinia Martin was County Captain in 1967 and several other ladies have served on their County Committee at various times. Their playing successes include: The County Junior Shield in 1938, Division II Finals in 1958, The Tritton Cup in 1960, The Rider Foursomes in 1975 and The Scratch Foursomes in 1984.

weather, in just 29 days ! and in all as we do. Life certainly becomes more improve with the cost.



Miss Lavinia Martin, Sussex Ladies Captain 1967 with Henry Longhurst examining a set of clubs sent to her from the U.S.A.

Following the success of the Pyecombe Ladies Section team in winning the Sussex Club Championship (Junior Division in 1938 a celebratory dinner was arranged at the Hotel Metropole in Brighton, the team were invited as guests and were without doubt feted and congratulated on their achievement Below is a reprint of the front and back pages of the menu.

## Pyecombe Golf Club

### A Dinner

in honour of the team of  
Lady Members of the Club  
to celebrate the winning

of the

### SUSSEX CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Junior Division

**Hotel Metropole**

**Brighton**

**Saturday 26th November**

**1938**

Lt. Col. Sir William Robert Campion, K.C.M.G., D.S.O.  
in the Chair

Mrs. H.C. Allen.  
Mrs. B.R. Armstrong.  
Mrs H.A. Cleary (Captain).  
Miss G. Gell-Woolley.  
Mrs. C.R. Norman.  
Mrs. R. Norman  
Mrs. A.R. Piper.  
Miss M.E. Watts  
Miss Q.O. Watts.  
Mrs. A.J. Williams

Following on from this a team of six ladies from Pyecombe reached the semi final of the Sussex Inter-Club Foursomes which they played at Goodwood also in 1938 which was lost by two matches to one, the team five of whom are pictured on the right was:

Mrs. S. Williams-Bulkeley  
Miss M.E. Watts.  
Mrs. A.R. Piper.  
Mrs. C.R. Norman.  
Miss Q.O. Watts.  
Miss G. Gell-Woolley.





## *Miss Gwen Gell-Woolley*

*A local newspaper reported the following after the death of Miss Gell-Woolley, it gives a comprehensive and true recount of her astounding record, not only to Pyecombe Golf Club Ladies Section, but in two World Wars.*

### **Seventy years with golf club**

Miss Gwen Gell-Woolley, who has died at Hurstpierpoint at the age of 84, was born in Brighton and was the only daughter of Col. and Mrs. Gell-Woolley, who in later years moved to Greenlands, Burgess Hill. Her father was a solicitor in the Brighton firm of Fitz Hugh, Baines and Woolley, and her two brothers predeceased her.

A radiographer by profession, in World War One Miss Gell-Woolley was a V.A.D. in a London hospital and in World War Two worked as a theatre sister at Haywards Heath Hospital.

She was an original member of the Weald Tennis Club, Hassocks, and was made a life member after the second war, having been Ladies match secretary from 1923 to 1929.

Readers of this paper may remember an interview with her in 1976, when she retired as Hon. Secretary of the Ladies Section of Pyecombe Golf Club, a post she had held for the remarkable period of 53 years. Her association with this club spanned over 70 years, first as a junior and latterly as President of the Ladies Section.

Miss Gell-Woolley was extremely kind and generous, and she will be sadly missed by her many friends, not only at Pyecombe Golf Club, but throughout Sussex.



Miss Gell-Woolley pictured at her retirement luncheon at Pyecombe in 1976

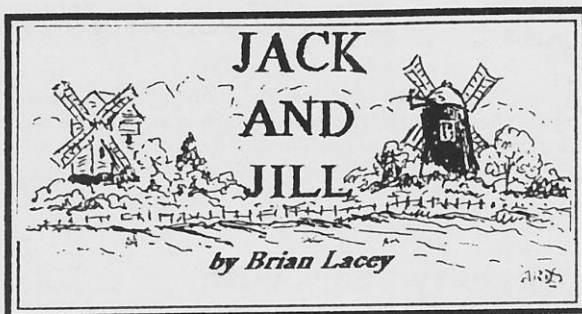
From the Sussex Weald two landmarks grace the South Downs skyline - Chanctonbury Ring and the Clayton windmills. Both are seen from the course.

Chanctonbury Ring, a grove of beeches and pines was planted in 1760 over the remains of a Romano-Celtic temple, an action that would no doubt enrage present day

archaeologists and conservationists. The beeches suffered a 75% loss in the 1987 storm but the remains can still be seen 10 miles west of the 16th green and 17th tee, framed in the vee formed by the northern slope of Newtimber Hill and the southern spur of Wolstonbury. The windmills, Jack and Jill, are the landmarks most closely associated with the Club. At their nearest they are only a field away and can be seen from many parts of the course. Black painted Jack with a white cap is a tower mill, built in 1866 and worked until 1907. Static sails or sweeps were added for realism when Jack featured in a TV drama. White painted Jill is a post mill in which the complete body of the mill rotates so the sweeps face the wind unlike Jack where the cap alone turns. Jill was originally erected in 1821 in Dyke Road Brighton and was moved to its present position in 1852. Like Jack, she worked until 1907.

The Jack and Jill Preservation Society fully restored Jill to working order in the mid 1980s. The 1987 storm very nearly brought about a complete disaster; the mill was shifted bodily backwards some feet and the sails overcame the brake and rotated at far above their normal working speed. Frictional heat started a fire, brought under control by the joint efforts of Dr. Bob Dearing the present owner and members of the Preservation Society lead by Mr. Simon Potter, all of whom braved the storm that wild night when access to Clayton Hill was made extremely difficult by storm damage and fallen trees. Jill has been restored again and what a sight it is to see the sails turning in a gentle breeze. It is a glorious picture, redolent of an earlier age and one that is unforgettable to all those who enjoy Pyecombe golf course.

More than this, Jack and Jill have a special link with the Club as Henry Longhurst lived in the house between them. Henry was a member of the Club and our President from 1975 to 1978. His commentating on radio and television was recognised as superb, his writing equally so. Such were his powers of observation and perception, combined with his mastery of English prose, his writings give immense enjoyment to golfers in particular and sportsmen in general and will continue to do so for generations in the future. One odd sight in this beautiful scene is during a north west breeze. Jill's sails have turned to face the wind while Jack's fixed cap and sails continue to face south east.



## THE GOLFER'S BEST FRIEND ?

BY HENRY LONGHURST

Reprint from Golf Illustrated April 1966

***A dog has found the World Cup. With golf balls the price they are we asked our contributor what he would think of golf clubs having a dog on the staff whose job it would be to find golf balls and return them to the secretary or professional. In other words make legal what dogs at St. Andrews have been doing for years illegally ?***

The finding of golf balls by dogs appeals strongly to the "something for nothing" instinct in us all, like finding mushrooms, and indeed one of my more pleasant dreams, when I am not stuck on top of a tall chimney or falling from some great height, is of being on a pebble beach and detecting a golf ball, and then another, and another, till I have crammed my pockets full of them. I do not know what the psychiatrists would give as an explanation of this, but my own is quite simple. It is a relic of playing so many foursomes with John Morrison in the Halford Hewitt at deal before the war and so often searching for our ball on the pebble ridge behind the sixth green !



Buster . . . 50 balls in half-an-hour . . . World record?

The first dog I ever watched finding balls belonged to my very old friend, Bill Moore, who retired a year or two ago after 40 years as professional to the Bedfordshire club. This dog was a spaniel and could walk straight to within a yard or two of the spot in which he suddenly began furiously digging at the leaf mould underneath the hedge on the left of what was then the 11th and is now the 14th. He eventually came up with an incredibly

ancient "Chemico Bob," a ball which had not been manufactured for I do not know how many years. It must have been buried six or eight inches deep.

How could the dog have possibly known it was there unless it was by scent? Yet the experts say that dogs find balls in ways which absolutely preclude their having been able to scent them. It is also said that, even though we ourselves can smell a new ball, dogs cannot and can only find one when it has been lost for a day or two and is beginning to "mature." Does anyone know if this is true either?

At the Pyecombe club, just below where I live on the Sussex Downs I remember some years ago watching the then professional training a small spaniel puppy to retrieve balls and so far as I know it only took about a fortnight. The dog is now middle aged but none the less keen for that. The other evening for the purpose of this article, I asked Mr Goldsmith, the present steward, whether the dog was still active as a ball-hound. He had just come in off the course after playing a round accompanied by the dog, "Buster," and his answer was to turn out one of the pockets of his golf bag. Out of it came twenty balls which the dog had picked up in that round alone. Altogether in the last two years he has found more than 4000 . . . some of them, I dare say, quite a number of times.

There is not the slightest doubt that Buster is better when the ground is damp and this lends force to the scent

theory. A veterinary friend of mine would only go so far as to say that scent was "a curious thing" and went on to advance the theory that it might go in layers. He often, he said, when out hunting, been able to smell a fox from the lofty eminence of his horse, whereas the hounds were unable to trace anything at all. I touched on this point about how dogs detect balls some time ago elsewhere and having been looking up some of the interesting correspondence it aroused at the time.

A Worthing golfer, for instance, quoted the case of his Jack Russell terrier which had been finding an average of 18 balls per round for several years and had established a "record" of 32. "I cannot," he wrote, throw any light on how they do it" but I can perhaps add to the confusion . . . The dog normally appears to detect by scent but there are some things that cannot be explained. More than once I have seen him jump into a ditch containing a foot or so of dirty water and emerge immediately with a ball which, from the state of his nose, has clearly been dug out of the muddy bottom. . . Several times he has been seen to drop a ball which he had been bringing to me, dive several yards into thick bushes or gorse and to come out with another ball. In every case the position of the second ball has been such that it would seem impossible for him to have detected it by smell or sight from where the first ball was dropped. This dog would find, sniff at, and leave alone, any ball belonging either to his master or to any of the



other three players with whom he was playing, but would pick up any other ball, even if it was in play at the moment being searched for by other players all of which again seems to add force to the theory of scent.

Huntercombe, where I spent many happy years, was a great place for ball-hounds, each with its own accepted territory, and nothing was more exasperating than to see Mrs. Wilkins and her pack of two (or should it be one couple ?) stationed at precisely the point where a high slice would pitch in the bushes and then to

pitch it there. Long experience had taught her, of course, exactly where to position herself and sometimes the dogs had only to burrow into the bushes for a yard or two in order to retrieve one's ball.

P.S. Since writing the above, I have been down to Pyecombe again. Mr. Goldsmith had just spent half-an-hour with Buster in a patch of rough on the right of the sixth hole measuring, he thought, 100 yards by 20. The dog scabbled incessantly in the long grass and came up with what must almost be the world half-hour record . . .50 balls.

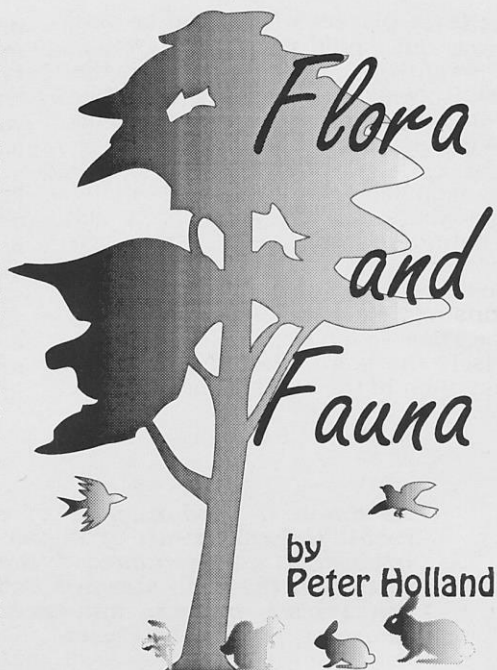
***No doubt a good number of our present members will recall the end result of Buster's labours. The balls were re-covered and renamed " Buster Specials " and then resold by the then steward Bob Goldsmith as opposed to the Pro's pick-up and re-covered balls which were renamed " Pyecombe Flyers ".***

Pyecombe is on the South Downs which are composed of chalk. This means we get only chalk tolerant flowers and trees. We have our seasons with the flowers as they have evolved a timing mechanism in order to flower when there is the best chance of pollination and therefore continuation of the species.

Some flower early in woods for instance, before the foliage arrives and blocks out the light. Some will delay flowering until there is a greater certainty of insects being about for cross pollination.

The timing mechanism is controlled by light. During the day the plant makes chemical 'A' and during the night chemical 'A' breaks down to chemical 'B'. When the proportions of these two chemicals is right the plant will flower. All plants of the same species will then flower together for cross pollination.

Some flowers have a two way safeguard, in that they produce multiple flowers over a period of time so that at least some are blooming on a warm sunny day when insects are on the wing. Some flowers stay open at night producing a scent to which moths can home in on, by smell alone. These flowers do not need the strong colours of the day flowers. Insects prefer big brightly coloured flowers rather than the smaller if given the choice. Other flowers use the wind to pollinate, hence we have 'hay fever' sufferers allergic to the pollen of the grasses and the flowers on the trees. On a golf course like Pyecombe the best place to find wild flowers is in the semi rough or on a bank, where the green keeper's mower only visits when necessary. The semi rough on the lower side of the second fairway has a great mixture of wild flowers, not that they are noticed too often if you are there in search of your ball after a wayward shot. We are fortunate that below the men's winter tee and the ladies' tee on the third we have orchids, the Early Purple is one, followed later by the Pyramidal. Rarer orchids do exist such as the Bee Orchid but are much harder to find. The path connecting the second green to the third tee has a very nice tree, it's a Spindle, it has bright red angular berry like flowers



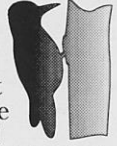
and can be seen from a long way back down the second fairway.

We have Rose Bay Willow Herb in profusion, with its tall purple flowers later to become fluffy seeds to be blown all over the course.

At one time we had a burn off policy to the left of the ninth, tenth and fourteenth fairways, so once a year the area was black and sooty and dotted with hundreds of large ant hills, after the first heavy shower it was also dotted with scorched golf balls. We no longer burn off having changed to a conservation policy a few years back and now the whole area is a mass of Silver Birch, Oak and Hawthorn, much more pleasant to look at and no doubt most welcomed by the small birds and other creatures that live closer to the ground.

Our trees on the course are mostly self sown with occasional plantings of additional species to enhance new areas, or to allow golfers to mark their ball against after having played a bit of a wild shot. The Oak trees on the course are not

all the same, if you examine the acorn cups you will notice that some are ordinary and some are furry. On the oak you will notice some little brown balls, these are known as Marble Galls, also if you look at the underside of the leaves there are often little discs of various shapes. These are all the work of different Gall Wasps, some of these were studied and no male wasp was ever discovered. This is thought to be a good example of parthenogenesis - no male required. If you see an Oak Apple you will not mistake it, for it is fairly large and pulpy, green with a splash of red, like an odd shaped apple. We have some very large ash trees and when boughs break in storms dead scars are produced they make ideal nest sites for the Green Wood Pecker which is well established on the course. Many members know this and have watched with interest the woodpecker family that has been raised in a willow, from a nest at only about five feet from the ground, on the right of the ninth fairway. We have plenty of tame game birds on the course, these come from the farm over the hill beyond the tenth green, they are raised there and sold for organised shoots. A friend who was a beater for these shoots told me, that as soon as the guns were firing, he watched the ridge leading to our course and saw many birds making their escape to the safe haven of our course which is a nature reserve. Later he told me, the noise of the lawnmower engine was sufficient to send the birds over the hill to safety.



A member out on the course in the rain at one time, took shelter in one of the huts, only to be followed in by a group of Red Legged Partridge. They had been hand reared for shooting and had found safety on the course.

Many of our small birds are becoming scarce due to the ravages of Magpies raiding the nests. Kestrels are present on the course and seem to have their favourite sites for hunting. I happened upon a Kestrel family once which had just left the nest, they regarded the fourteenth green and nearby bunkers as a playground whilst the parents watched from the trees by the fifteenth tee. A young Kestrel trying to perch on a flag was very funny. The parents collected their young as we got near and they flew off.

There are many Stoats on our course, they pop up from time to time, sitting on their hind legs and sniffing the air. Their sight is poor and if you are still and down wind they cannot detect you. Occasionally a stoat will chase a rabbit out onto the fairway and kill it in view of players, you may also see a crow attacking a rabbit in plain view.

Our Badgers are quite secretive but can be seen just now and then, moving about in daylight early in the year. You may also see the trail of dry grasses they leave in the spring when it is time to change their bedding, there was such a trail across the ninth fairway, but you could not tell which way they were moving.

We now have a pond on the tenth since we lost our green in the bowl, the planted lilies and marginal water plants have now become more mature. There was some silt washed down from the fields beyond and from the way the water weed grew it contained a lot of nutrients. The only way to cure this influx of energy was to remove as much of this weed as possible. The fish in the pond have now room to swim and the Water Lilies will produce more and more leaves to control the light in the water beneath, eventually a balance will be achieved.

There are Deer on the course but you would be very lucky to see these as they are small and lie up during the day when people are about. Only walkers on the paths outside the course who have dogs have seen them, as their dogs sniff them out and set them running. A skeleton of a deer was found one spring, behind the hut on the ninth tee.

We are overrun by rabbits and as they are surface livers and do not dig warrens, they don't brush close to each other and transmit the myxomatosis virus very easily. It was this that caused warren living rabbits to die out and leave only the surface livers. Unfortunately for our course they still have a race memory for digging which can be seen by the small holes on some of the fairways. There are very mild outbreaks of myxomatosis occurring from time to time but the club does have to have a culling programme, as laid down by the laws of the conservation bodies. We can be fined if our rabbits are sufficient to cause damage to neighbour's crops.

We at Pyecombe are indeed fortunate, we have trees, flowers, animals, birds and beautiful views in peaceful surroundings.

# The Club Forty Years Ago

## Extracts from the Minutes of the Committee 1954

|                |             |
|----------------|-------------|
| President      | E.R. Neve   |
| Captain        | H.G. Cleary |
| Hon. Secretary | W.N. Hay    |
| Hon. Treasurer | G. Prodram  |

### Committee

W.S. Camplon, R.F. Barker, J.R.B. Evison, T.W. Jellis, P.H. Jenrick, P.G. Massey, A.R. Piper, D. McDonnell, K.V. Francomb, W. Wright, R.E. Green, D.W.B. Green.

| Subscriptions | Gentlemen | Ladies     | Green Fees                           |
|---------------|-----------|------------|--------------------------------------|
| One Year      | £8 8. 0.  | £6. 16. 0. | Per day 7/6                          |
| Six Months    | £5. 5. 0. | £4. 4. 6.  | Per round 5/-<br>Guest of Member 3/6 |

18th January 1954

It was agreed that a Dinner Dance be held at the Dudley Hotel, Hove. Tickets £1. 1. 0. each Evening Dress

13th February 1954

It was agreed to engage a five piece orchestra for the Dinner Dance and arrangements be made for two car park attendants.

27th March 1954

It was agreed that work commence on the extension to the Clubhouse.

The Hon. Treasurer reported an overdraft of £594. 0. 0. The bar profit to 28th February was £134. 2. 6. and green fees amounted to £63. 8. 6d

A Committee Member had undertaken that the mower be overhauled and rendered fit for use.

It was agreed that the application for membership from Mr Henry Longhurst be approved.

24th April 1954

The Hon Secretary reported that it was necessary to relocate the telephone and electricity cables in connection with the erection of the extension of the Clubhouse.

It was agreed that the Green Staff wages be increased by 7/6d per week each.

It was agreed that the courtesy of the course be extended to James Bray, the retired Club professional.

Covington was instructed on those parts of the Course to be mown as fairway and as semi rough.

It was agreed to sow 1 cwt of grass seed at an estimated cost of £12. 10. 0d on the new 9th and 10th holes.

22nd May 1954

The Hon Secretary reported on the extension to the Clubhouse and that an account for £13. 19.4d had been received for diverting the electricity cables.

The Bar profit for April was £40. 5. 5d and the Green Fees for the same month amounted to £39. 7. 0d A payment of £14. 10. 0d for the repairs of the Dennis mower and the Greens mower had been paid.

Complaints were received regarding the following:

- (a) Clubhouse fire on a Ladies Match afternoon.
- (b) The Steward being to familiar with Members.

There is no record of a June meeting

3rd July 1954

The Treasurer reported that the Club overdraft was now £670 compared with £950 at 30th September 1953 and that payment of £100 had been paid to Messrs G J King & Son on account of extensions to the Clubhouse.

The Committee considered the provision of electric lighting, sanitary accommodation, painting and lockers for the new building, and it was agreed that W Massey be requested to obtain quotations for: (a) external painting, (b) provision of sanitary facilities, (c) electric lighting.

That the Secretary do advertise for second-hand lockers.

That Mr ..... be allowed to withdraw his application for membership. →



31st July 1954

It was agreed to defer consideration of the following:

- Lighting of the new extensions of the Club House
- Extensive Painting
- Provision of Gutters
- Use of present Mens Locker room

29th August 1954

The Committee discussed the cost of erecting the New Mens Dressing Room ... and agreed to limit expenditure to £533. 14. 0d

The Captain do prepare a letter for circulation to Gentlemen Playing Members appealing for donations towards the cost of the new building

The Treasurer reported that the Bank overdraft today amounted to £624. 16. 8d

25th September 1954

It was agreed to purchase a 350 gallon kerosene storage tank from Messrs. Esso Petroleum Ltd. for £13. 5. 0d this would enable the Club to purchase burning oil at a 1 d per gallon cheaper.

It was reported that a Member had received complaints regarding the service of Teas.

30th October 1954

It was agreed that at the request of a Member to transfer his £50 Debenture to his wife, who was already the holder of a £50 Debenture. Attention be drawn to the clause that the £50 Club Debenture was redeemable at par.

On the recommendation of the Past Captains it was unanimously agreed to nominate Mr H G as Captain 1955.

Hilton was instructed to repair the 11th fairway and make a temporary green at the 11th nearer the boundary fence and when weather did not permit work on the course to cut wood for the Club House.

Hilton was instructed to erect a lean-to building on the Tractor Shed for housing course equipment.

27th November 1954

It was reported that the Bank overdraft today was £30. 0. 0d.

It was agreed that Teas not be served on the afternoon of the AGM on the 4th December 1954

RESEARCHED AND COMPILED BY DAVID LEACH

# Some Gems from the Suggestion Book

Undated and not in strict chronological order

Why can't we have heaters for bridge on Friday afternoons?

It is suggested that anyone having been a full member of Pyecombe Golf Club for 25 consecutive years or more should, on reaching the age of 75 years be given the privilege of honorary non-paying membership. Recently a member of many years standing was granted this status at 80 years which unhappily proved too late

Could a notice be posted indicating that 2.1/2 hours is the regarded "norm" for a round on Saturdays when teeing off before 10.00am ?  
On a number of Saturdays recently a pair have taken over three hours and held up the entire field behind them; surely 8.3 minutes per hole is sufficient to linger for even the most mediocre golfer

Are meals available to members if ordered in advance?

Could the scorecards be made smaller as the current ones seem a bit unwieldy with four pages?

Could the committee give consideration to the purchase of some form of cooling to alleviate the problem of warm beers?

May we suggest that scorecards be altered so that the names of the holes are included.

Could the red wines not be stored in the beer store to allow them to stand at room temperature?

Could not a better time have been chosen to execute minor works of carpentry and joinery within the Clubhouse than on an Easter Sunday afternoon, or for that matter any weekend afternoon and tea-time? Such activities indicate a singular lack of consideration for members.

*We suggest that a notice be posted encouraging all members not to engage in slow play*

It is suggested that a wall clock be purchased for the Men's locker room

On replacing divots . . . .  
It is suggested that the Committee attempt to persuade Members to replace divots. It cannot all be birds. It is a Member's responsibility to replace divots, it is the Committee's responsibility to do its best to get them to do it. The Greenkeepers, I would have thought, should be fully occupied in other ways unless we have more than I know about

Would it be possible to install two or three drinking fountains on the Course. Perhaps some form of attachment to the watering system would be satisfactory

In order to have a quiet period for ladies bridge on Friday afternoons during the winter we would appreciate it if the use of gaming machines could be restricted between 2.30 and 4.00pm

Would it be possible to install another fruit machine as it is not possible to play the existing machines at week-ends

I suggest that all Medal competitions, whether on Saturdays or Sundays, be played in twos or threes to reduce the time taken to an acceptable level and to enable more people to get off at a faster rate.

Could the new fruit machine be sited in a different position where it would cause less dissatisfaction to Members having tea at the south end of the Clubhouse?

We suggest that three ball competitions on Sunday mornings be dropped at the end of the experimental year. They are no faster than four-balls and most folks have a regular partner with whom they wish to play.

Could we perhaps have a colour television installed in the Clubhouse? Most clubs have one these days and with the sporting events held during the summer months we feel this would be of great interest to members

Could we suggest that Societies are not allowed to book tee times after 4.00pm as this prevents members playing at a popular time

In the interests of hygiene it is strongly recommended that the solid bars of soap are replaced by dispensers of liquid mild soap in the Men's locker room

Researched by David Leach

# Preparing for the 75th Anniversary

*The Evening Argus reported on the Annual General Meeting of the Club, held on Saturday 30th November 1968 as follows*

## PYECOMBE GOLF CLUB MEETING

The newly elected Captain of Pyecombe Golf Club, Mr. K.R. Barnard, said at the annual meeting that "so far as it had been possible to ascertain," the club was the fourth oldest in Sussex. The club was founded in 1894 at a meeting in the nearby Plough Inn and 1969 would be its 75th anniversary.

Opening the meeting held on November 30th, the President Mr. W.S. Campion, referred to the steady progress made by the club and expressed the view that it was moving forward in a satisfactory way. Reviewing the club's financial affairs, the treasurer, Mr. F.G. Carter, reported that, not surprisingly, a number of items of income and expenditure showed an increase. He suggested that the increase in receipts from subscriptions and green fees was probably due to the growing popularity of gold and that the drop in bar receipts could be laid at the door of Mrs. Barbara Castle and the breathalyser test.

Speaking as Vice-Captain, and reviewing the events of the past year, Mr. Barnard said that a report from the vice-captain was an unusual event brought about on this occasion by the tragic and sudden death of the serving Captain, Mr. F.M. Jones, in August. He paid a tribute to the work of Mr. Jones. Mr. Barnard also referred to the death during the year of Mr. A.R. Piper, a Vice President whose association with the club went back to the 1920s, and was one of those responsible for getting the club back on its feet after the last war. Mr. Barnard spoke about the improvements in the facilities at the club including complete redecoration of the clubhouse and renewal of the electrical wiring system.

### EXTRACT FROM THE CLUB RECORDS 1969

|                                    |                                |                |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| <i>Captain:</i> K.R. Barnard       | <i>Committee:</i> J.D. Barnden | R.B.A. Jenkins |
| <i>Hon. Secretary:</i> J.H. Nicoll | Major P.J. Chevalier           | E.H. Lank      |
| <i>Hon. Treasurer:</i> F.G. Carter | J.T. Dawson                    | F.G. Wheeler   |
|                                    | K.V.S. Francomb                | G.J. Hall      |
|                                    | A.R.D. Smithard                |                |

**1969 winners of the only two trophies presented to the Club 75 years ago**

Camplon Cup: (Club Championship) K.R. Barnard 79 and 80

Bridge Cup: (Handicap) T.L.F. Keet

Club Record Score: Dr. W.A.F. MacDonald - 70      4th September 1965

Fees: Entrance Fee:            £10. 10. 0.

Annual Subscription:        £18. 18. 0.

The Club is situated 2.1/4 miles from Hassocks Station (British Railways) and the cab fare (Motor cab) is 4/-. The Course of 18 holes is situated on both sides of a ridge in the South Downs and is suitable for play all the year round. The hazards are bunkers, trees and fences. The length of the course is 5,608 yards, the longest hole being the 16th, 529 yards. The Membership is now 401.

### CONGRATULATED

The club had won 11 of the matches it had played and lost 6; the fact that it was now possible to field a first team of single figure handicap players was, he thought, an indication of the improved standard of play. He congratulated the Ladies' Section on reaching the semi-finals of the Sussex team competition only to be defeated by the eventual winners.

Mr. Barnard had special praise for the staff. He said that the club Professional, Christopher White, and his assistant, Graham Goldring, were a credit to the club, ever friendly and courteous and willing to help in every way. The new steward and stewardess Mr. and Mrs. Woodhead were settling down well and provided a catering service which played its part in maintaining the club's well-known reputation for hospitality and friendliness.

The greenkeepers were hard-working and conscientious and it was the intention of the committee that they should have the assistance of as much labour-saving equipment as was practicable. He congratulated the newly elected Lady Captain, Mrs. Dorothy Carter and thanked the past Captain of the Ladies' Section, Mrs. Betty Lynn, for her support.

In a report described by the President as well thought out, the Competition secretary, Mr. Wilfred Lynn, reviewed the various competitions and referred to such matters as slow play, handicapping and "the hole-in-one club."

He also announced the result of the competition against the professional and his assistant in which 52 members had participated. In matches against Chris White, John Slater and W.A.F. Macdonald tied for

first place, both winning 4 and 3. In beating Graham Goldring by 5 and 4 G.J. Hall was first while J.H. Milne, who defeated the assistant by 4 and 3 took second place.

### OPEN COMPETITION

Mr S.V. Chapman was elected to fill the vacancy for Vice-President, and Mr Barnard was, amid applause, elected Captain. Vice Captain will be Mr. E.R. Wood. Mr J.H. Nicoll and Mr F.G. Carter were, respectively, elected Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer. Elected to the Committee were Messrs J. Barnden, P.J. Chevalier, K.V.S. Francomb, H.L. Lank, A.R.D. Smithard and F. Wheeler.

Thanking the meeting for the confidence they had shown in him, Mr. Barnard announced that, in the year ahead, there would be a competition open to both lady and men players in which prizes totalling more than \$100 would be given for the best results in matches against the professional and his assistant.

He also announced that there would be a second "pro-am" tournament in the spring and that, besides celebrating the club's 75th anniversary with a special competition and an anniversary tea, it is hoped to arrange for two top professionals to play an exhibition match with the two club professionals.

*The match with the two top professionals was arranged for Sunday 17th August 1969*





## PYECOMBE GOLF CLUB

75th anniversary year

### EXHIBITION 4-BALL CHALLENGE MATCH

in aid of charity



Sunday  
17 August  
1969 at 2pm

Admission by  
programme  
7s 6d Free car park

# Challenge match at Pyecombe

Undoubtedly the highlight of a series of events which have been staged to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding of Pyecombe Golf Club, which claims to be the 4th oldest club in Sussex, was Sunday's exhibition fourball challenge match.

The 1969 Ryder Cup Captain, Eric Brown, partnered by fellow Scotsman Ronnie Shade, 1969 winner of Carrolls International Tournament, met the Pyecombe club's highly popular professional, Christopher White, and assistant professional, Graham Goldring.

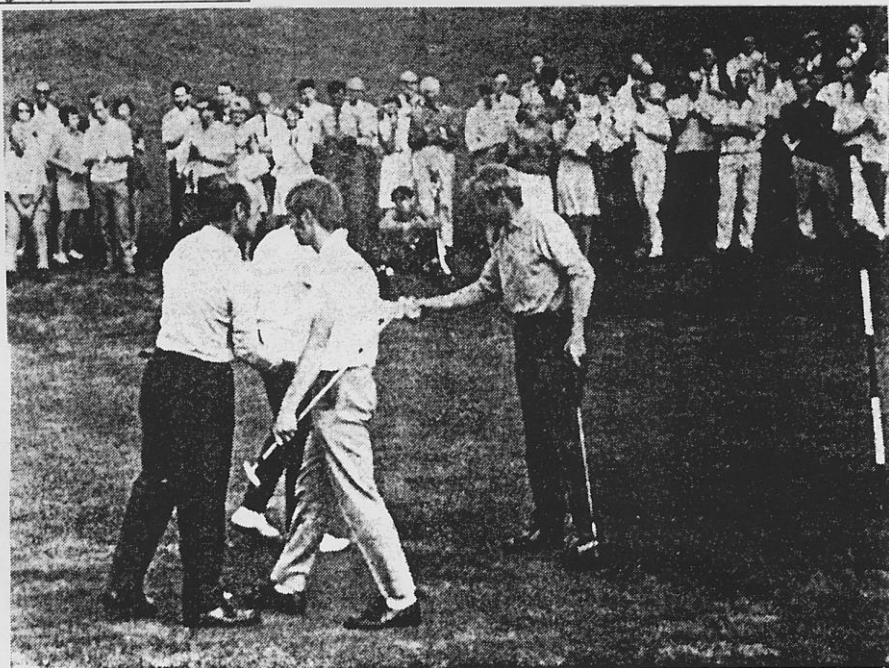
In the glorious sunshine the match was watched by around 300 people, who not only enjoyed the play, but also the pleasant downland scenery of Pyecombe's interesting and challenging course which was in tiptop condition.

The distinguished visitors, whose names are known around the world wherever golf is played and who have both won the Scottish Amateur Championship and represented Great Britain, were on form and easily beat the local players 6 and 5. Ronnie Shade played to perfection and broke the course record with a 61 against a scratch 67, including seven birdies and only 26 putts. A particular feature of his play was his accurate second shots to the green.

After the game, the four players and all concerned were thanked for their contribution to a delightful afternoon, and Eric Brown and Ronnie Shade were given honorary membership of the Pyecombe Golf Club and presented with club ties.

There was a message of good wishes from the Club Captain, Mr. K.R. Barnard, who regretted his inability to attend.

The proceeds of the match were devoted to the Burgess Hill Lions Club and the Pyecombe Church Restoration Fund.



After the exhibition match on Pyecombe Golf Club's attractive course on Sunday, there were handshakes all round at the 18th. Player on the left is Ryder Cup Captain Eric Brown and on the right is Ronnie Shade. In the centre of the group are assistant Graham Goldring and, behind him, Pyecombe professional Christopher White.

# OPENING OF THE NEW COURSE 1982

## " A DAY TO REMEMBER "

*say's Ken Wenham*

As Club Captain in 1982 I was fortunate to be able to open our new holes and the altered course during my year. The three new holes which would add length to the course by some 500 yards were the 16th, 17th and 18th, these had been planned and laid out in Bob Taylors year of captaincy in 1977 so they had, had time to settle down, although flints on the fairways were still a small problem, it was decided by the General Committee to open our new course. The date was set for Saturday 7th August 1982 and my suggestion that we would



KEN WENHAM DRIVES OFF ON THE NEW 17th TEE

make the opening low key due to possible preparation problems was accepted. It was decided to open the course by playing a medal round from the yardage markers as a match - Captain and Professional versus Vice Captain and Assistant Professional. This would also give us a new Amateur and Professional record. Little did I realise at that time that this would be a real day to remember for me personally.

The weather was fine with a bit of a breeze and at 13.30 hrs we were off. It was nice

to see quite a few members supporting this 4 ball match and perhaps that helped my game, anyway I played very steady golf and after birdies at the par three eighth and par five ninth I realised I was two under par gross. One of our lady

members who was following reminded me of my very good score as we walked down the tenth fairway and I subsequently dropped shots at ten and eleven to be level par. It was then that young Stuart Jago our Assistant Pro' came over to me and said " keep your head and remember go for birdies and you will get the score, go for pars and you will get bogies " I will always remember Stuart for this good advice. Having birdied 12th I played steady through 13 and 14, making a hash of 15 I managed to sink a long putt for a five. Now, the last three,

Player's Name K WENHAM Date 7 8 82

Marker's Signature R. Passingham Competition NEW COURSE RECORD

Player's Signature [Signature] Handicap 7 Strokes rec'd 7

| Markers Score | Hole | Yards | Par | Stroke index | Players score | Points | Markers Score | Hole | Yards | Par | Stroke index | Players score | Points |
|---------------|------|-------|-----|--------------|---------------|--------|---------------|------|-------|-----|--------------|---------------|--------|
| 4             | 1    | 289   | 4   | 12           | 4             |        | 4             | 10   | 352   | 4   | 15           | 5             |        |
| 5             | 2    | 388   | 4   | 6            | 4             |        | 8             | 11   | 327   | 4   | 7            | 5             |        |
| 5             | 3    | 426   | 4   | 2            | 4             |        | 4             | 12   | 342   | 4   | 9            | 3             |        |
| 5             | 4    | 272   | 4   | 14           | 4             |        | 5             | 13   | 232   | 3   | 5            | 4             |        |
| 6             | 5    | 158   | 3   | 18           | 3             |        | 4             | 14   | 543   | 5   | 1            | 5             |        |
| 5             | 6    | 398   | 4   | 4            | 4             |        | 4             | 15   | 367   | 4   | 13           | 5             |        |
| 5             | 7    | 378   | 4   | 10           | 4             |        | 4             | 16   | 403   | 4   | 3            | 3             |        |
| 4             | 8    | 162   | 3   | 16           | 2             |        | 4             | 17   | 367   | 4   | 11           | 4             |        |
| 5             | 9    | 492   | 5   | 8            | 4             |        | 4             | 18   | 311   | 4   | 17           | 4             |        |
|               |      | 2963  | 35  |              | 33            |        | In            | 3244 | 36    |     |              | 38            |        |
|               |      |       |     |              |               |        | Out           | 2963 | 35    |     |              | 33            |        |
|               |      |       |     |              |               |        | Total         | 6207 | 71    |     |              | 71            |        |

S.S.S. 70 Back Tees  Please tick which tees played off  
 68 Forward Tees

Please replace divots, rake bunkers and repair pitch marks

Wow!

Handicap 7  
 Net Score 64  
 Stableford Result

[Signature]  
 Seculer

THE CARD REPRODUCED HERE, THE "WOW!" REMARK ADDED WAS BY THELMA KEN'S WIFE

the new holes. To me the 16th was the hole of the round. I hit a drive and a four iron to about 20 feet and sunk the putt for a birdie three, I then parred 17 and 18 for a gross 71 a score which I never in my wildest dreams thought I could do. My grateful thanks go to my playing partners, Ray Passingham, Chris White and Stuart Jago and all the members who supported the day and the match helping me to achieve this score.

Golfers are hardy folk. They play in all weathers and only the most extreme conditions rule out play; blizzards and snow certainly do and thick fog, even with local knowledge is hard to combat. Thunder never hurt anyone but it betrays the presence of lightning and brings a dire warning to return to the clubhouse; frost on the other hand permits play with concrete like fairways and greens allows fate to reward the opponents with kindly bounces and penalises partner's good shots. Wind and rain, especially from the shelter of the clubhouse, appear to offer modest challenges; it is curious then that this brand of moderately inclement weather has left its mark not on golfers but on the course.

## **The Great Gale of 1987 and The 1990 Mud Slide by Brian Lacey**

The great gale of 1987 is remembered by all who experienced it. Rather like the wartime blitz, everyone who was there can remember where they were, what they were doing and what damage was sustained nearby. Damage there was in abundance, estimated at £1 billion and fifteen million trees lost in the early hours of Friday 15th October 1987, something on a scale not sustained in one night of the blitz. Those who made their way to the course later that morning, and few could because of roads blocked by fallen trees, found the damage to the course surprisingly light. Major damage was confined to the loss of a few mature trees, most noticeably on the fourth and sixth fairways, and a shelter moved some way from its base by the 13th tee. Other damage seen from the course included that sustained by Jill Mill which had narrowly escaped being burnt down, and devastation to Chanctonbury Ring. Jill is a working mill again but Chanctonbury Ring remains a skeleton of its former glory.

Three years and 10 days after the great gale, heavy rain caused greater damage, the cockpit or 10th green was filled with soil washed down from fields to the east. This posed questions, could the



*The greenkeepers view the damage to the 10th green*

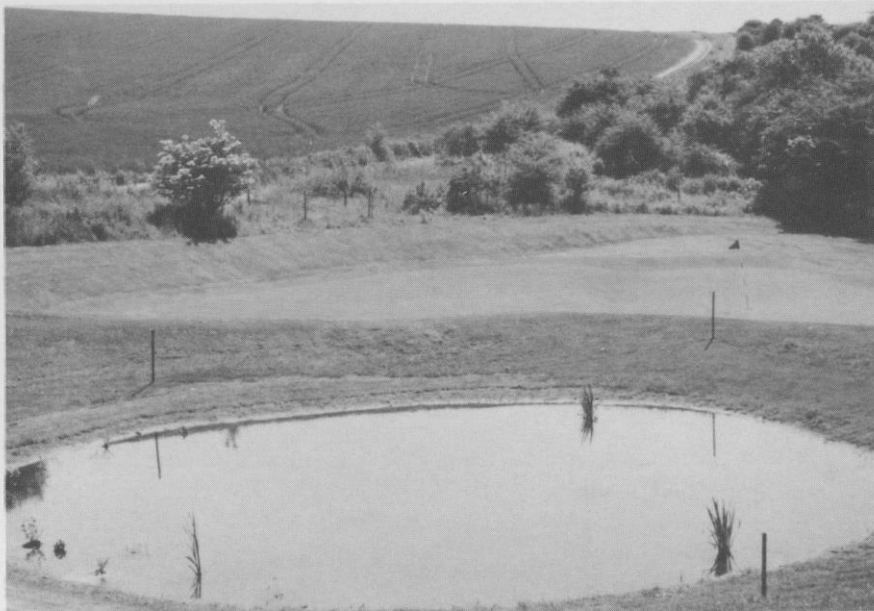


green be restored and how could this be prevented from happening again. The Club sought some advice from the Countryside Research Unit of the then Brighton Polytechnic. The first surprising fact pointed out by Dr. Boardman of the Research Unit was that the rainfall of nights of 26/27th and 27/28th November 1990 was intensive but not exceptional. The best estimate of rainfall at Pyecombe was 65mm or more over the two nights and this intensity could be expected once every five years. The key to our local disaster was the change in land use to autumn planted cereals, or what we know as winter wheat. This change started in the 1970's and by the mid 1980's over half the cultivated land on the South Downs was given over to these crops. In the period from preparing the land, usually in late September after the harvest, until the crops started to grow, the soil is bare in the wettest months of the year.

The heavy and continuous rain washed the soil down the converging slopes of the fields and funnelled it across the bridle path in to the green. An estimated 389 cubic metres or approximately 654 tons of soil spilt on to our course. The rain water flowed on down the 10th and 9th fairways and across the third leaving a trail of debris marking the path of the torrent. In places this had been 15 feet wide.

In the fields to the east of the 10th hole, a few hedges and small trees had been removed to make better use of the land by agricultural machinery. If these had still been there, it is generally agreed that they may have hindered the mud slide but certainly not contained it.

Of the options between clearing the cockpit, hoping to restore the green with some modifications and with the risk of a similar disaster in the future and constructing an entirely new green, few members now disagree with the decision of the Captain and Committee to select the latter. The conversion of the old green to a water feature is a delightful bonus and one that the members will see develop and mature over the years. Visitors too will notice the change. They could remember the old style 10th and be amused or otherwise of the results of their shots to the hidden green. Now with the new hole in play, they will be impressed by the challenge provided by a better and fairer hole and like club members experience the added attraction of either an agreeable water feature or a threatening water hazard, a view determined almost entirely by the quality of their shot to the green.



*The final result - The new 10th green and water hazard*

*Photographs by Alan Hewison*

He had been a member of his golf club for nearly thirty years and like all of his advancing age had a tendency to reflect on the changes noted over that period.

In youth he had been raised in a part of Surrey that was now officially Greater London and had moved to an area in Sussex that was now decreed to be West Sussex. Administrators might well tinker with County boundaries but allegiances remain strictly personal.

*Can  
Sussex  
Endure?  
Asks John Slater*

So, when poring over the cricket results, it was always those of Surrey that were first noted, Sussex next, a situation that time would be unlikely to ever alter. Strangely, however, the Oval had never yet been visited but the County Ground at Hove had been frequented on several pleasurable occasions.

During his golfing years he'd been honoured to play for Sussex several times and the simple fact that these had been for the Society of Sussex Golf Captains, which was far removed from the full County side, could not dim the pleasure of representative honours of a sort. Of the wins he and his partners had recorded none had provided more satisfaction than defeating Surrey on their own soil so were his own loyalties now perhaps slightly questionable!

What was not, was his regard for Pyecombe Golf Club, nurtured over those many years by good companionship and the joy of treading its downland turf. A previous Club President, perhaps the finest golf writer ever, considered the sport's greatest broadcaster, had written of it, after his own playing days were over: "the most wonderful views with hardly a house in sight, turf that inland clubs would pay a fortune for and for those like myself (sic) to whom these things meant almost as much as the golf, the pleasure of playing in what is a nature reserve with all manner of wild flowers and bees".

He recalled that it was the widow of that same Henry Longhurst who had presented him with an envelope in which there were a number of five pound notes and a message from her very recently departed husband, asking that the money be put behind the bar, so that members might have a last drink with their former colleague the first Sunday after Henry's demise.

The Club was nearly a century old, a committee having been in existence for the last couple of years specifically to plan the celebratory events for 1994. But what changes would those original members be able to observe, not only about the tract of land that formed the golf course those many

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years ago but also how would they view present day standards, of conduct, attire, of playing ability and land management ?

1894 saw the first of the legendary J.H. Taylor's wins in the Open at Sandwich, completing the four rounds in 326 shots and it was to be the year before the Great World War that produced the last of his 5 victories.

It was also to be the first time that the Ladies held a British Amateur Championship, Lady Margaret Scott winning at Littlestone but it was not to be until a further twelve months that the men of the United States inaugurated their Open.

Golf was largely only for those with the requisite time and means. The Champion's on their Estate near Hurstpierpoint had both a cricket pitch and a few holes laid out for golf. Their involvement with the latter led them to seek land where an eighteen hole golf course could be established and they settled on the southern slopes of Clayton Hill. Among those early players were many of their own workforce who may well , in return for playing rights, have provided assistance in course maintenance.

The Crimean War and Indian Mutiny were nearly forty years past, the Boer War yet to happen. Prices were steady, the still expanding manufacturing industries fed by cheap labour, the Navy predominant enabling our vast Merchant Navy to proceed unhindered around the seas to destinations largely shown on maps of the day in shades of pink and red and the Queen continued to rule over a Britain that was undoubtedly Great for the favoured few.

In the 16th Century, Johann Hautach produced a horseless vehicle, propelled by coiled springs and in 1770 a three wheeled steam carriage was constructed that could convey two at up to 2 miles per hour but it was not until Daimler produced his internal combustion engine and around that created the first motor bicycle (1885), following that two years later with a petrol driven car, that powered conveyancing of individuals started to become more than a dream.

When those hardy founder members set out to get to Pyecombe it would have been by a variety of means, walking, horse astride or horse drawn, cycle but if it were one of those "infernal machines" it would still be preceded at a maximum speed of two miles per hour by somebody carrying a red flag, for it was to be a further two years before that act was rescinded.

The present Clubhouse is a fairly ramshackle collection of extensions onto a modest structure but unlike the original is sited to the south of the Southdown Way, not just above. Within it's confines, a major difference in clothing would be observed, the Victorian formal, the present smartly casual, with few ties and no stiff collars in sight. Σ⇒

Moving to the first tee, clad in plus fours, shirt and tie, waistcoat complete with pocket watch and this all surmounted by a sporting jacket, those predecessors must have been hindered in their swings to a degree unknown today. The Ladies even more so, tightly corseted and long skirted.

Contemporary prints show clearly that spiked shoes were worn and as caddies were then readily available, they would have no need for battery operated trolleys. Pencil slim bags would easily contain their five or six assorted clubs, hickory shafted, un-numbered but identified by evocative names such as Brassie, Cleek, Mashie and Niblick. Not for them sets of 14 matched, finely balanced shafts and heads mainly known simply by a figure, nor the 90 or 100 compression modern day missile, 1.68 inch in diameter, 1.62 ounces maximum weight, that must conform rigidly within outer cover dimpling and ballistic parameters. However, he had no doubt that they would adapt faster to 20th century equipment than he to theirs.

Mainly using the same terrain, that first layout, at a total playing length of 3789 yards was nearly 2500 yards shorter than today, with the longest hole of 311 yards. Each hole was named, a practice that is now regrettably largely defunct. Sitting sociably in the Club Lounge after the game, would it not help to colour the invariable relating of exploits by describing how the Tea Tray had been driven, the Pond birdied, Matterhorn ascended, Duffers Dyke bodged and a beauty sunk at Home de Rest? The greens of these last two nestled in the Rag Bottom, sadly now known simply as the valley.

Far better than the modern golfer talking of the 12th, 15th or whatever, especially as 40 acres of additional land had been rented just over a decade ago and each hole from the 6th onwards redesigned or renumbered since and many still had to ponder momentarily the one they were attempting to describe.

At its inception the Ladies had their own "Links" and this was now believed to have been just across the other side of the road but unfortunately the Club possessed no documentary evidence of its composition.

Those forbears would be astonished to find so many now participating in their sport, the number of young "tigers" and "tigresses" capable of hitting vast distances, their bodies "arched" upon impact in a manner that neither previous dress or inhibitions would have allowed. The ten miles walked by those playing two rounds currently would not have surprised them for they would have been far more used to walking as normal means of travel but they might well have been amazed to learn that two of Pyecombe's young men in recent years and for charitable purposes, had managed ten full rounds in a day, putting out at each hole and averaging just over 79 and 81 shots respectively per round. With the exception of one round, Trevor Greenfield and Neil Baker carried their own bags. The

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sheer physical and mental effort required to undertake this feat was beyond the true comprehension of most. It consisted of jogging or walking approximately 50 miles, weighted down with a small set of clubs that by the end of the day must have felt many times heavier and to each hit about 800 shots whilst doing all this. A number of worthy causes received sizeable sums as a result of the sponsorship they generated.

Late 19th century man would also have greatly admired their conduct; may have been slightly bemused at the widespread use of Christian names particularly among those many years apart but would probably have found the general golfing etiquette prevailing at Pyecombe acceptable.

Golf had always been a sport where it was possible to cheat your opponent as many very old Punch cartoons bear witness for it would take a very keen eye or ear to detect a slight movement of the ball perpetrated in the semi-rough 50 yards or more away to improve the lie. However, it still remained the self imposed norm to call immediately if guilty of an infringement and in the three decades he'd been a member, he'd only known it rumoured of less than a handful that they transgressed.

The standards of comportment would probably be sufficiently identical to any resurrected golfer for much emphasis continued to be placed on that aspect of the game, indeed the very first Section in the Rules of Golf booklet was entitled, Etiquette, with sub sections devoted to Courtesy on, Priority on, and Care of the Course.

Significantly different though would be some of those rules. In 1897, the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews produced the first universally accepted book of same and the R. & A., as they are better known, still undertook a review every four years in conjunction with the United States Golf Association. The text extends to well over a hundred pages but in spite of that there are over 2000 queries received every year requesting an interpretation. Only in 1951 did "the stymie" disappear from match play, a fiendish ploy that enabled a ball to be struck between the opponent's and the hole and the opponent then had to play around same. Croquet players still suffered from similar sadism although as they freely indulged in their pastime perhaps the appropriate word should be masochism!

The visitor from the past would note the tailored tees and fairways; the provision of bunkers; would discover that covers close to the very closely mown greens are hiding sprinkler heads hopefully ensuring a plentiful supply of water when needed and would be quite astonished to learn that four or five could maintain this verdant condition by using an array of equipment which would be almost completely unfamiliar. Long gone would have been the hand cutting of greens but instantly recognisable would be the scythe which was still used for some of the wilder, less  $\Sigma \Rightarrow$

accessible growth. Delight would still be found in the abundance of wild life with six Badger sets having been identified; pheasants contentedly pecking away within a few yards of passing players, with the male predominant in splendidly vivid plumage; sparrow hawks hovering flightless overhead or one sitting patiently atop the nearest tree, silently observing a four-ball tussle and then appearing on high on another branch a full shot away, a seemingly fascinated spectator of the ritual beneath; the broom a vibrant, glowing mass of sun inspired yellow ochre and giving a fragrant hint of coconut.

The views would not have altered too much. To the north it was possible to see the Hogsback, the North Downs and the Weald, scenes not disturbed greatly by the spread of the nearby townships of Hassocks, Hurstpierpoint, Burgess Hill et al; to the East and not far from the outer perimeter was the invisible dividing line just beyond the intervening hills that designated the boundary of West and East Sussex. These gentle slopes had been recently adorned gracefully, albeit fleetingly, with a blue/lilac carpet of flax capable of yielding the very linseed oil that could be used as a constituent of the medium by which it's enchanting beauty could be captured forever on canvas; to the South lay the coast, obscured by rolling countryside on whose discernible elevations and prior to cereal harvesting, could frequently be seen the magical vision of a waving sea of golden yellow sometimes split with a swathe resembling a ship's passage; to the West, the hamlet of Pyecombe provided a timeless aspect while further afield the trees surmounting Chanctonbury Ring were clearly visible though fewer in number following a savage October storm.

He reflected that there would be little to offend and much to provide pleasure to any venturer from a bygone era. But what of his own thoughts and what other happenings could cloud or enhance his own judgement?

During the Second World War the course had been taken over by the Army for tank training and required considerable dedication from those pre-war members still available to restore it to a playable position. In the 70's he recalled an incident that occurred close to the hut since christened "Beaky's Bar", that dwelt between the present 12th green and 13th tee and was just a few yards from the Southdown Way, a location that saw a steady stream of passing hikers, joggers, mountain bikers and horse riders. A protrusion appeared in the ground which was not accompanied by the finely minced soil produced by moles but was an unknown object which eventually on one particularly rainy day revealed itself as an unexploded mortar bomb, the Sappers were rapidly called in and exploded it where it lay, the resulting crater being a salutary lesson to leave well alone in future when in doubt.

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He'd been married in 1953, the year of the Coronation, of the ascent of Everest, Edmund Hillary, and Sherpa Tensing's equally crowning glory and also the death of Hilaire Belloc. The latter, in conjunction with G.K. Chesterton, had propounded the theory of Distributism, asserting that property is essential to liberty and advocating Guild relationships and peasant ownership of the land.

The Members at Pyecombe had purchased their land from a Pension Fund only in the last few years, all being part owners. Could this be construed as within the spirit of that theory?

In 1936 Belloc posed the question "Can Sussex Endure". Over the northern reaches of the Club proudly standing sentinel are two windmills, Jack and Jill, now lovingly restored, one to full working order, by those who cared and it was apt that snuggled between was the house where Henry Longhurst lived, ironically one of the few in sight.

The occasionally irascible golfer meditated  
then knew the answer. There was at least  
a part of West Sussex to which the  
only possible reply could be . . . . . "Yes".

## *Olive Darby remembers*

The very last time Henry Longhurst played golf he played in a mixed foursome at Pyecombe with me as his partner. Feeling rather nervous I just could not put up the long putts, leaving Henry with just the length to produce his dreaded "yips".

I can still hear his distinctive voice, on the third green saying, "Olive take your putter back farther!"

# IT'S OUR HOME FROM HOME

## Say's 1989 press report

PYECOMBE members have bought their own club.

The future of Pyecombe, which I believe is the fourth oldest club in Sussex, is at long last secure. That follows the purchase from the National Freight Corporation of 147 acres of quite delectable downland giving a wonderfully panoramic view of the Sussex Weald.

When the owners invited offers in the region of £250,000, there was an immediate response from the golf club.

An extraordinary general meeting was called and the club officers given permission to negotiate the purchase.

Understandably, they are not saying how much was agreed, but the members have been put completely in the picture about a debenture loan.

All members with voting rights have to put down £700. Bill Wise, the secretary, says the response has been "tremendous."

Total membership is 640 and Pyecombe have had to put up a waiting list for a little while now.

### Sympathetic

I am not surprised considering the annual subscription for full membership is £220 (entrance fee £200) with a suitable grading for five day and women members ranging from £180 to £125.

The entrance drops accordingly to £165 and is, of course, non-recurring.

The waiting applies to all categories of membership.

This is because the local municipal courses are so busy and Pyecombe

**PYECOMBE GOLF CLUB**  
PYECOMBE, SUSSEX  
BANKERS: LLOYDS BANK PLC, HANOVER, WEST SUSSEX

**Mortgage Debenture No: 7**  
**Issue of Mortgage Debentures**  
bearing no interest

Pursuant to the terms of a Trust Deed dated ..... 1968, July, ..... 1989  
and made between Kenneth Reginald Hazard, Christopher John Lummis,  
Alan Howson, John Andrew Trost and Wilfrid Lynn (hereinafter called  
"The Trustees")

1. Pyecombe Golf Club (hereinafter called "the Club") will as and when the  
principal monies hereby secured become payable in accordance with the  
conditions endorsed hereon pay to

of .....  
the sum of ..... Seven-hundred & Five Pounds (£ 705.00 )

2. The Trustees HEREBY CHARGE with the repayment of the said  
Debenture in accordance with the conditions endorsed hereon all the Club's  
freehold property chattels and effects (except personal chattels within the  
meaning of the Bills of Sale Act 1878, as amended) both present and future  
including subscriptions of Members as and when paid

3. This Debenture is issued subject to and with the benefit of the said  
conditions endorsed hereon which are deemed to form part of this document  
Given under the hands of not less than two  
of the Trustees on behalf of all of them  
this ..... day of ..... 1989

*[Signature]*

is actually cheaper than Hollingbury Park. So far as the body of the club is concerned there are 310 full (male) members. It was this group who jumped at the chance of owning their own club.

The debenture sum was paid in one lump by individuals and not on the drip. But I gather the committee will be sympathetic in any hardship cases and the money is returned should any member leave the club.

Pyecombe showed their progressive thinking seven or eight years ago by opening three new holes.

Then the land they played over was part of the Pyecombe and Poynings Estate and was up for sale by the Crown.

The club always wanted better security of tenure than a lease. The creation of a new 17th hole enhanced the already high scenic qualities of the course.

Older golfers know full well that this was not always the case.

Just after the war the view was one of complete and utter desolation. Fairways



were pocked and rutted; all evidence of military occupation. The charming veranda style clubhouse was reduced to a shell.

The Dyke suffered similarly as an Army training ground although this was only right and proper as there were more important things to do then than play golf.

Pyecombe was turned into a morass by tanks and cratered as thousands of shells were hurled into the area. Yet the speed by which nature takes over again in times of peace is truly astonishing.

Seven years after the war there was little evidence of the occupation.

Yet it was not until 1976 that the course was de-requisitioned and not until the middle of the following year that the Army had cleared the last of their obstacles.

Play began again around 1949 and, while these dates remain clear in some minds, it is appropriate to point out that was 40 years ago and Pyecombe has come a long way in that time.

For a long time now Pyecombe has enjoyed a splendidly restored clubhouse which is homely and not at all pretentious. The structure is a statement about the members themselves who abhor anything showy or vulgar. When the golfers returned two gutties were found embedded in the rough, proof of Pyecombe's origins.

The Club was founded in 1894 at a

meeting in the nearby Plough Inn. Those early worthies must have grappled with the same sort of problems that confronted those back from the war when the grass was best kept down by sheep.

These and shepherds have long been associated with Pyecombe, but the shepherds have long gone.

The memory of one, however, is dear to the most senior members.

A maker of the famous Pyecombe Crooks, by the name of Mitchell, was a familiar figure about the fairways until his death at a great age.

Thousands of lambs were brought into the world by this old man in a flint barn on the crest of the course.

But after the war only a forlorn pile of rubble marked this former maternity ward destroyed by the military.

It is difficult not to hark back sometimes on visiting Pyecombe, and the Dyke, about the fate of those soldiers, British and Canadian, who learned their grisly, but vital business where golfers blithely concern themselves with battling against old man par.

Maybe it would be appropriate, even after all this time, for both clubs to erect some kind of memorial, or plaque, to those who trained there for the greatest battles of all. After all, had they not made the sacrifice we would not be playing golf today.

## Presidents

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| 1894      | William Champion Esq.                            |
| 1937~ 51  | Lt. Col. Sir Wm. Robert Champion K.C.M.G. D.S.O. |
| 1951 ~ 58 | E.R. Neeve Q.C.                                  |
| 1958 ~ 75 | W.S. Champion                                    |
| 1975 ~ 78 | H.C. Longhurst C.B.E.                            |
| 1978 ~ 81 | C.S. Peake                                       |
| 1981 ~ 84 | F.G. Carter                                      |
| 1984 ~ 91 | W. Lynn M.B.E.                                   |
| 1991 ~    | G.H. Opitz                                       |

## Men Captains

|              |                  |   |                  |
|--------------|------------------|---|------------------|
| 1895         | C W Champion     | 1897  | C.A. Cumberbye   |
| 1913 approx. | Colonel Rogers   | 1923 approx.                                | E. Monk          |
| 1930 approx. | Leo Bear         | Only known records until after World War 2. |                  |
| 1949/50      | W. S. Champion   | 1971/72                                     | W.A.S. Macdonald |
| 1950/51      | A.R. Piper       | 1972/73                                     | C. Whitham       |
| 1951/52      | A.R. Piper       | 1973/74                                     | T. Hollands      |
| 1952/53      | Col. R.F. Barker | 1974/75                                     | A. Hewison       |
| 1953/54      | A.H. Cleary      | 1975/76                                     | K.R. Barnard     |
| 1954/55      | P.H. Jenrick     | 1976/77                                     | R.B. Taylor      |
| 1955/56      | D.A. McDonnell   | 1977/78                                     | J. Slater        |
| 1956/57      | K.V.S. Francomb  | 1978/79                                     | R.D. Saunders    |
| 1957/58      | K.V.S. Francomb  | 1979/80                                     | N.E.A. Thwaites  |
| 1958/59      | R.M. Malloch     | 1980/81                                     | C. Tomkins       |
| 1959/60      | R.M. Malloch     | 1981/82                                     | K. A. Wenham     |
| 1960/61      | W.N. Hay         | 1982/83                                     | R. Passingham    |
| 1961/62      | W.N. Hay         | 1983/84                                     | T. Bailey        |
| 1962/63      | S.V. Chapman     | 1984/85                                     | H. Jolliffe      |
| 1963/64      | S.V. Chapman     | 1985/86                                     | R. Auchterlonie  |
| 1964/65      | R.E. Lawrence    | 1986/87                                     | J. Trott         |
| 1965/66      | G.H. Opitz       | 1987/88                                     | B. Raison        |
| 1966/67      | J.H. Nicoll      | 1988/89                                     | J. Secrett       |
| 1967/68      | M. Jones         | 1989/90                                     | C.W. Beamish     |
| 1968/69      | K.R. Barnard     | 1990/91                                     | D.C. Leach       |
| 1969/70      | E.R. Wood        | 1991/92                                     | C.P. Corbin      |
| 1970/71      | C.S. Peake       | 1992/93                                     | E.W. Hewton      |
|              |                  | 1993/94                                     | J. Hufflett      |

## Men Secretaries

|          |              |         |              |
|----------|--------------|---------|--------------|
| 1894/95  | F.H. Campion | 1968/69 | R.M. Malloch |
| 1895/    | L.H.B. Shand | 1969/73 | J. Nicoll    |
| 1923/    | E. Monk      | 1974/83 | W. Lynn MBE  |
| 1940/    | H.T. Cubbon  | 1984/85 | R.E. Doman   |
| 19 /1967 | F.G. Carter  | 1985/   | W.M. Wise    |
| 1968/69  | R.M. Malloch |         |              |

## Lady Captains

|         |                         |         |                    |
|---------|-------------------------|---------|--------------------|
| 1896    | Mrs Gordon Dill         |         |                    |
| 1897    | Mrs Keen                |         |                    |
| 1923/24 | Mrs Wheelwright         |         |                    |
| 1925/30 | Miss G Gell-Woolley     |         |                    |
| 1931/32 | Mrs Beach               |         |                    |
| 1933/38 | Mrs S Williams-Bulkeley |         |                    |
| 1949/50 | Mrs H A Cleary          | 1971/72 | Mrs J H Nicoll     |
| 1950/51 | Mrs H A Cleary          | 1972/73 | Mrs I M Mackay     |
| 1951/52 | Mrs H A Cleary          | 1973/74 | Mrs I A Douglas    |
| 1952/53 | Mrs H A Cleary          | 1974/75 | Miss E M Merton    |
| 1953/54 | Mrs L H Hanman          | 1975/76 | Miss A J Gibbons   |
| 1954/55 | Mrs L H Hanman          | 1976/77 | Miss A Leetham     |
| 1955/56 | Mrs J C Burnett         | 1977/78 | Mrs I J Pells      |
| 1956/57 | Mrs R M Malloch         | 1978/79 | Mrs G F Mence      |
| 1957/58 | Miss S R Head           | 1979/80 | Mrs K W Darby      |
| 1958/59 | Miss S R Head           | 1980/81 | Mrs V A Inman      |
| 1959/60 | Mrs B Arden             | 1981/82 | Mrs G H Simpson    |
| 1960/61 | Mrs L H Hanman          | 1982/83 | Mrs G M Rochford   |
| 1961/62 | Mrs L H Hanman          | 1983/84 | Mrs R V Lelliot    |
| 1962/63 | Mrs J H Nicoll          | 1984/85 | Mrs P V Edgar      |
| 1963/64 | Mrs B A F Rice          | 1985/86 | Mrs B M Thom       |
| 1964/65 | Miss S R Head           | 1986/87 | Mrs J Higinbotham  |
| 1965/66 | Mrs H Myerscough        | 1987/88 | Mrs V Auchterlonie |
| 1966/67 | Mrs J W Finnis          | 1988/89 | Mrs G M Rochford   |
| 1967/68 | Mrs W Lynn              | 1989/90 | Mrs B Beard        |
| 1968/69 | Mrs F G Carter          | 1990/91 | Mrs V Grant        |
| 1969/70 | Mrs J C J Clark         | 1991/92 | Mrs T D Wenham     |
| 1970/71 | Mrs H Myerscough        | 1992/93 | Mrs B M Thom       |
|         |                         | 1993/94 | Mrs J Higinbotham  |

The Club has in most respects, been well served by its staff. The first stewardess as far as can be ascertained from the scant records available, was a Mrs Clark who without doubt, served the members for a good number of years before she finally emigrated to Canada just before the Great War in 1914. After WW1 came Wally Wooller who combined the job of steward with other duties.

## THE STAFF

assisted from about 1921 by Miss Mitchell the sister of the Pyecombe blacksmith who later became stewardess and stayed until the start of another war in 1939. On the reopening of the course after WW II there was a Mr and Mrs Ellecker who lived on the premises, the Committee of that time budgeted £100 per annum for their services. They were followed some years later when a Mr. Clem Elmer was appointed as residential professional and his wife took over as stewardess. It was during this time 1957/58 that a young lady from the village started work at the Club as cleaner, Mrs. Lydia Selsby who's father Laurie Tyler was Secretary to the Artisan Section for many years until his death in 1965. Lydia still with us today continues the the account from hereon.....

When I started work for the Club Mr Ken Francomb was Captain. My wages were paid by the members at that time. I would take my youngest son Andrew to the Club with me, at this time he was only 6 months old, later when he was about 2.1/2 he had the habit of undressing himself, much to Miss Gell Woolley's disgust ! I used to supplement my wages by cleaning clubs or shoes at half-a-crown (12.1/2p) a time.

I left in 1964 and returned in 1966 having been asked by Mrs Hanman to hold the fort until the new steward and stewardess, Mr and Mrs Woodhead were appointed. They were followed by Carol and Barry Hall and it was at that time when the Club held it's first barbecue, we also had the Clubhouse flooded when somebody left a tap running all night. The Lounge carpet was spread out on the Putting Green to dry.

The next stewards I worked with were Mr and Mrs Dearlove, and that is when I started Bar work although I still continued to assist with the catering often getting told off by the Lady members for not serving the scones

correctly, two tops together instead of a top and a bottom ! At one particular social event we had a "fire" in the roof, 3 fire engines, 22 firemen and 2 support cars turned out, only to find that the roof extractor fan was overheating and burning off the dust. We served a lot of coffee that night.

I have served many famous people in my time behind the Bar, including Valentine Dyall (The man in black) who was a member, Mr Henry Longhurst also a member and various other famous guests from the sporting world.

I have enjoyed every minute of my work with the Club and have always been treated with great respect by the members, at the same time enjoying many a joke with them.





# THE GREENKEEPERS

Records of greenkeepers at Pyecombe Golf Club in its earlier years no longer exist. In the Sussex Daily report of the first annual meeting of the Club on Saturday 19th January 1895 the then correspondent reported that, "the gentlemen's course had been brought into capital condition by the professional Henry Peck and his assistant Henry Bye," no doubt this would have been achieved with the help of the worthy Artisans of the time with the able assistance of a few hundred sheep.

We have no further records until some time after World War I. It was then we had the admirable Wally Wooller for many years towards the outbreak of World War II.

After the war, mention is made of a Mr Ellecker who would be employed and live on the club premises, but in which capacity as greenkeeper or steward we do not know. There were at various times a Mr Bert Gumbrell, a Mr.

Laurie Hilton and a Mr Bob Upton, all local men from the village I am told. I well remember a young lad commencing employment as Assistant Greenkeeper back in



The Greenkeepers 1994

the sixties. Adrian Barnett, our head greenkeeper for many years, who is still with us today, he and his staff have engineered many changes and improvements to the course during the time of his valuable service. A particular memory of his is the drought during the early summer of 1976, no water was available at all, all the greens went brown and stayed that way for weeks. In late August the rains came and the greens were green again in a surprisingly short time.

He says we have a pair of long eared owls on the course, a nightingale has been heard and apart from the foxes and badgers, he has seen deer walking the course in the early hours of the morning.



Adrian Barnett aboard the Toro

# TROPHY WINNERS

As compiled in 1978/1979 from the only records  
which were available at that time

## Anderson Eclectic

1966 M J Lawson  
1967 K R Barnard  
1968 J D Barnden  
1969 J V S Milne  
1970 E V Mottram  
1971 A Sycamore  
1972 W T Niell  
1973 E V Mottram  
1974 A V Munday  
1975 S M Barrett

## Past Winners

1976 N White  
1977 G J Sutton  
1978 S M Barrett  
1979 C Corbin  
1980 M McQuillan  
1981 E V Mottram  
1982 K Heanen  
1983 P Copper  
1984 R Passingham  
1985 G W B Lacey

1986 B S Ledger  
1987 K A Attwood  
1988 R Watson  
1989 T Greenfield  
1990 A Enever  
1991 T Greenfield  
1992 P Gray  
1993 B S Ledger

## Bridge Cup 1894

1966 G J Hall  
1967 W T Logan  
1968 T L F Keet  
1969 B R Robson  
1970 R Richmond  
1971 G Sumner  
1972 C Tomkins  
1973 G J Sutton  
1974 G J Sutton  
1975 R C Bridger

## Past Winners

1976 G W B Lacey  
1977 M Sutcliffe  
1978 A R D Smithard  
1979 A Davies  
1980 R Bury  
1981 C J Tarr  
1982 P Merrington  
1983 P Copper  
1984 T Griffin  
1985 G W B Lacey

1986 G Gosling  
1987 J Trott  
1988 A Henderson  
1989 P Gladding  
1990 N Baker  
1991 R Wicks  
1992 P Hudson  
1993 B W Megenis

## Campion Cup - Club Championship (Scratch)

1966 W Lynn  
1967 T L F Keet  
1968 F G Wheeler  
1969 K R Barnard  
1970 G J Hall  
1971 K Terry  
1972 A G Gower  
1973 G J Sutton  
1974 G J Sutton  
1975 N J Lee

## Past Winners

1976 A G Gower  
1977 G J Sutton  
1978 E V Mottram  
1979 A P Fryatt  
1980 A P Fryatt  
1981 A P Fryatt  
1982 T M Greenfield  
1983 P Thorn  
1984 J Nicholson  
1985 J Nicholson

1986 D Horn  
1987 J Trott  
1988 K Attwood  
1989 T M Greenfield  
1990 A McNiven  
1991 T M Greenfield  
1992 P Newson  
1993 K A Attwood  
1994 T M Greenfield \*\*

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### Woollan Challenge Cup 1925

|      |             |
|------|-------------|
| 1966 | G J Hall    |
| 1967 | W T Logan   |
| 1968 | W Lynn      |
| 1969 | G J Hall    |
| 1970 | R Richmond  |
| 1971 | R Richmond  |
| 1972 | E V Mottram |
| 1973 | G J Sutton  |
| 1974 | G J Sutton  |
| 1975 | A R King    |

### Past winners

|      |              |      |                |
|------|--------------|------|----------------|
| 1976 | N J Lee      | 1986 | K R Barnard    |
| 1977 | A P Fryatt   | 1987 | J Trott        |
| 1978 | A P Fryatt   | 1988 | A Henderson    |
| 1979 | N J Lee      | 1989 | A McNiven      |
| 1980 | N J Lee      | 1990 | N Baker        |
| 1981 | C J Tarr     | 1991 | A Enever       |
| 1982 | P Merrington | 1992 | N Green        |
| 1983 | K Headicar   | 1993 | T M Greenfield |
| 1984 | B Ledger     |      |                |
| 1985 | M Sinfield   |      |                |

### Warren Challenge Cup 1929

|      |                  |
|------|------------------|
| 1966 | E R Wood         |
| 1967 | T L F Keet       |
| 1968 | R Mason          |
| 1969 | J T Dawson       |
| 1970 | J D Chesterfield |
| 1971 | R L Silverthorne |
| 1972 | R D Saunders     |
| 1973 | R D Saunders     |
| 1974 | D A Attwood      |
| 1975 | P J Chevalier    |

### Past Winners

|      |                  |      |              |
|------|------------------|------|--------------|
| 1976 | H Ostlund        | 1986 | R Passingham |
| 1977 | A L Foot         | 1987 | M Sinfield   |
| 1978 | E V Mottram      | 1988 | N Loxton     |
| 1979 | R Bridger        | 1989 | J Stocker    |
| 1980 | K A Wenham       | 1990 | D Campbell   |
| 1981 | N J Lee          | 1991 | D Osborn     |
| 1982 | R G Auchterlonie | 1992 | D Osborn     |
| 1983 | P Thorn          | 1993 | J Tolley     |
| 1984 | A Munday         |      |              |
| 1985 | J Nicholson      |      |              |

### The Chandler Cup 1936

|      |             |
|------|-------------|
| 1966 | J D Barnden |
| 1967 | W J Logan   |
| 1968 | G H Opitz   |
| 1969 | H F Clayton |
| 1970 | A Sycamore  |
| 1971 | J T Dawson  |
| 1972 | L P Simmons |
| 1973 | F Priestley |
| 1974 | J D'eath    |
| 1975 | L Hart      |

### Past Winners

|      |                 |      |             |
|------|-----------------|------|-------------|
| 1976 | K C Jayne       | 1986 | B G Tingle  |
| 1977 | D C Dickenson   | 1987 | F Spires    |
| 1978 | G W B Lacey     | 1988 | A Munday    |
| 1979 | A R D Smithard  | 1989 | J Secrett   |
| 1980 | N Beard-Neilson | 1990 | C R Stapley |
| 1981 | A T Dive        | 1991 | K A Wenham  |
| 1982 | D Drummond      | 1992 | A Henderson |
| 1983 | A Hewison       | 1993 | H F Hilary  |
| 1984 | R D Saunders    |      |             |
| 1985 | P Copper        |      |             |

### Julius Kelly Trophy 1965

1966 T W Kelly  
1967 T L F Keet  
1968 H T Clayton  
1969 D A Attwood  
1970 A P Johnson  
1971 V G Mitchell  
1972 G J Sutton  
1973 G T Dawson  
1974 T B White  
1975 E R Buddery

### Past Winners

1976 J H Hyslop  
1977 A P Fryatt  
1978 T W Bailey  
1979 K R Barnard  
1980 R A Abraham  
1981 B S Ledger  
1982 J N Debenham  
1983 B Corbin  
1984 D Drummond  
1985 C A Edwards  
1986 D Drummond  
1987 D Horn  
1988 A G Gower  
1989 T W Bailey  
1990 K White  
1991 B S Ledger  
1992 C A Edwards  
1993 R G Auchterlonie

### Mistlin Cup

1966 G J Hall  
1967 F G Weldon  
1968 D C Smith  
1969 L W Smith  
1970 H Vickery  
1971 W H A Maingot  
1972 R D Saunders  
1973 R Buddery  
1974 B S Ledger  
1975 D F Hollingsworth

### Past Winners

1976 D F Hollingsworth  
1977 A L Foot  
1978 A L Foot  
1979 G Dale-Smith  
1980 J Christen  
1981 J A Lucking  
1982 N Beard-Neilson  
1983 R Nicol  
1984 B Birch  
1985 M Coward  
1986 J Christen  
1987 I Evans  
1988 R R Wicks  
1989 D Fitt  
1990 L R Foot  
1991 R Ife  
1992 J Cuthbertson  
1993 M H Hayden

### Chapman Challenge Cup

1966 E R Wood  
1967 E G Weldon  
1968 E W Mitchell  
1969 L W Smith  
1970 D W Gankerseer  
1971 Dr. P J Clarkson  
1972 R Dudeney  
1973 E R Buddery  
1974 K Wood  
1975 B K Finch

### Past Winners

1976 D F Hollingsworth  
1977 G R White  
1978 A L Foot  
1979 G Dale-Smith  
1980 P Moore  
1981 K A Thompsett  
1982 B K Finch  
1983 N Trott  
1984 D A Attwood  
1985 M Coward  
1986 J Christen  
1987 I Evans  
1988 R R Wicks  
1989 M Cousins  
1990 L R Foot  
1991 R Ife  
1992 J Cuthbertson  
1993 M H Hayden



### Dinner Plate 1938

1966 J D'eath  
1967 P J Chevalier  
1968 Mrs. M Whiteman  
1969 P Woods  
1970 E H Brownjohn  
1971 J A James  
1972 Not Played  
1973 D Gankerseer  
1974 T Reilly  
1975 A R D Smithard

### Past winners

1976 A R D Smithard  
1977 K A Wenham  
1978 B Williams  
1979 V G Mitchell  
1980 V G Mitchell  
1981 R Abraham  
1982 V G Mitchell  
1983 D Drummond  
1984 M Oram  
1985 R Passingham  
1986 K Wenham  
1987 R Passingham  
1988 K Attwood  
1989 J Enos  
1990 I Evans  
1991 Not Played  
1992 R Aitken  
1993 K Wenham

### Mills Cup

1966 W Lynn  
1967 W Logan  
1968 A M Morrison  
1969 Not Played  
1970 E H Lank  
1971 R T Wright  
Henderson  
1972 M W Dobson  
1973 P D Coulthart  
1974 K G Stephenson  
1975 F R Phillpot

### Past Winners

1976 R A Honess  
1977 M W Dobson  
1978 M W Dobson  
1979 G Green  
1980 C Corbin  
1981 J Clark  
1982 D Brown  
1983 J Debenham  
1984 C Edwards  
1985 G Downer  
1986 J Nicholson  
1987 J Trott  
1988 P J Corney  
1989 P Gladding  
1990 J Christen  
1991 A  
1992 M Hart  
1993 K Burnett

### Heath Salver

1966 K R Barnard  
1967 T Howard  
Secrett  
1968 R Connor  
1969 Not played  
1970 E H Brownjohn  
1971 Not Played  
1972 Not played  
1973 A T Dive  
1974 K V S Francomb  
1975 D C Dickinson

### Past Winners

1976 R Plummer  
1977 Mrs. S Ostlund  
1978 G Davies  
1979 A T Dive  
1980 C Edwards  
1981 J Secrett  
1982 A Rowed  
1983 R Passingham  
1984 R Passingham  
1985 R B Moore  
1986 A B Dury  
1987 Miss A  
1988 K White  
1989 T Hardy  
1990 Not played  
1991 J Samson  
1992 M Browning  
1993 G Peace

### Salvers

|      |                             |
|------|-----------------------------|
| 1966 | T L F & Mrs. Keet           |
| 1967 | G J Hall & Mrs. M King      |
| 1968 | K R Barnard & Mrs. D Carter |
| 1969 | T L F & Mrs. Keet           |
| 1970 | E V Mottram & Mrs. G Nicol  |
| 1971 | A & Mrs. Sycamore           |
| 1972 | W Lynn & Miss A Gibbons     |
| 1973 | E V Mottram & Mrs. K Lee    |
| 1974 | J D Foster & Miss A Gibbons |
| 1975 | P J & Mrs. J Chevalier      |
| 1976 | E V Mottram & Mrs. K Lee    |
| 1977 | J A Trott & Miss P Quinlan  |
| 1978 | N J Lee & Mrs. G Rochford   |
| 1979 | E Dunne & Miss P Quinlan    |

### Past Winners

|      |                               |
|------|-------------------------------|
| 1980 | T W Bailey & Mrs. J Pells     |
| 1981 | H & Mrs. Ostlund              |
| 1982 | T Reilly & Miss A Gibbons     |
| 1983 | W Meginis & Mrs. C Page       |
| 1984 | R B Taylor & Mrs. J Pells     |
| 1985 | J Trott & Mrs. R Mead         |
| 1986 | Mr & Mrs R Cutts              |
| 1987 | S Green & Mrs. Page           |
| 1988 | Mr & Mrs T Bailey             |
| 1989 | T Greenfield & Mrs. L Secrett |
| 1990 | Mr & Mrs R Auchterlonie       |
| 1991 | T Greenfield & Mrs. L Secrett |
| 1992 | J & Miss A Secrett            |
| 1993 | Mr & Mrs N Lee                |

### Family Foursomes

|      |                            |
|------|----------------------------|
| 1966 | P J & M Chevalier          |
| 1967 | W A & D Macdonald          |
| 1968 | G J Hall & T Hall          |
| 1969 | Mrs. J & M Chevalier       |
| 1970 | R & M Dancy                |
| 1971 | W & R W Lynn               |
| 1972 | E H & A Lank               |
| 1973 | G J & M Sutton             |
| 1974 | E H & A Lank               |
| 1975 | K L & R Furmedge           |
| 1976 | K V & J Francomb           |
| 1977 | E V Mottram & M Lethbridge |
| 1978 | S M & J Barrett            |
| 1979 | A P & L Fryatt             |

### Past Winners

|      |                      |
|------|----------------------|
| 1980 | K & P Furmedge       |
| 1981 | T & M Bailey         |
| 1982 | T & M Greenfield     |
| 1983 | R & N Beckwith       |
| 1984 | D & K Attwood        |
| 1985 | B & C Corbin         |
| 1986 | T Atkins & A Burstow |
| 1987 | J & N Trott          |
| 1988 | G & P Downer         |
| 1989 | T & M Greenfield     |
| 1990 | J & M Stocker        |
| 1991 | R & M Auchterlonie   |
| 1992 | S W & N Green        |
| 1993 | N & D Tomsett        |

### Bill Haw Foursomes Trophy 1968

|      |                                  |
|------|----------------------------------|
| 1968 | A R D Smithard & J A Slater      |
| 1969 | R L Silverthorne & R B A Jenkins |
| 1970 | R Connor & D Smith               |
| 1971 | K Stephenson & J A James         |
| 1972 | E V Mottram & R T Wright         |
| 1973 | E V Mottram & R T Wright         |
| 1974 | T R Phillpot & B R Robson        |
| 1975 | N J Lee & D Kirby                |
| 1976 | A C P Saunders & K L Furmedge    |
| 1977 | A P Fryatt & G J Sutton          |
| 1978 | A Enever & G Davies              |
| 1979 | K Mackie & R Jones               |
| 1980 | A J Sadler & R Passingham        |

### Past Winners

|      |                        |
|------|------------------------|
| 1981 | K Attwood & G Davies   |
| 1982 | P Thorn & J N Debenham |
| 1983 | R & I Slilverthorne    |
| 1984 | R Doman & J Trott      |
| 1985 | A Dury & C A Edwards   |
| 1986 | B Corbin & R Beckwith  |
| 1987 | K Jayne & M McQuillen  |
| 1988 | R Abraham & J Robson   |
| 1989 | C Morris & G Downer    |
| 1990 | N Lee & T Reilly       |
| 1991 | A Smith & A Lewis      |
| 1992 | P C Cook & B K Finch   |
| 1993 | B S Ledger & M J Hart  |

### Williams-Bulkeley & Cubbon Cups 1934

|       |                                |
|-------|--------------------------------|
| 1966  | M J & Mrs. Lawson              |
| 1967  | W & Mrs. Lynn                  |
| 1968  | P J Chevalier & Mrs. D Carter  |
| 1969  | E Backhouse & Mrs A Myerscough |
| 1970  | H & Mrs. Vickory               |
| 1971  | T Hollands & Miss A Gibbons    |
| 1972  | S G Lee & Mrs. G Nicol         |
| 1973  | A R King & Mrs. K Lee          |
| 1974  | P J & Mrs. J Chevalier         |
| 1975  | Not played                     |
| 1976  | R Richmond & Mis A Gibbons     |
| Grant |                                |
| 1977  | A P Fryatt & Mrs. E Douglas    |
| 1978  | N J Lee & Mrs. G Rochford      |
| 1979  | M Eason & Mrs. P Edgar         |
| 1980  | D & Mrs. H Ostlund             |

### Past Winners

|      |                               |
|------|-------------------------------|
| 1981 | E & Mrs. Bruce                |
| 1982 | J Nicholson & Mrs B Beard     |
| 1983 | K & Mrs T Wenham              |
| 1984 | T & Mrs T A Bailey            |
| 1985 | T & Mrs T A Bailey            |
| 1986 | B & Mrs M Raison              |
| 1987 | J Slater & Mrs Page           |
| 1988 | T Greenfield & Miss A Secrett |
| 1989 | D Drummond & Mrs. M Shand     |
| 1990 | R Saunders & Mrs. J Lee       |
| 1991 | A Woodford & Mrs. V           |
| 1992 | N Lee & Mrs S Saunders        |
| 1993 | Mr & Mrs A Smith              |

### Wheelwright Trophy 1961

|      |                               |
|------|-------------------------------|
| 1966 | J D'eath & Miss A Leetham     |
| 1967 | R B A Jenkins & Mrs M King    |
| 1968 | J V S Milne & Mrs B Noel      |
| 1969 | K R Barnard & Mrs K Lee       |
| 1970 | K R Barnard & Mrs K Lee       |
| 1971 | J D Foster & Mrs B Wainwright |
| 1972 | L J Negus & Mrs V Mackay      |
| 1973 | P J & Mrs j Chevalier         |
| 1974 | B Mallalieu & Miss M Baylis   |
| 1975 | J Clark & Mrs B Noel          |
| 1976 | H E & Mrs Ostlund             |
| 1977 | J A Trott & Mis P Quinlan     |
| 1978 | A P Fryatt & Mrs P Paine      |
| 1979 | R Buddery & Miss P Quinlan    |

### Past Winners

|      |                            |
|------|----------------------------|
| 1980 | T W Bailey & Miss P Bell   |
| 1981 | E Dunne & Mrs J Lee        |
| 1982 | P & Mrs Holland            |
| 1983 | R & Mrs V Auchterlonie     |
| 1984 | R & Mrs V Auchterlonie     |
| 1985 | R & Mrs V Auchterlonie     |
| 1986 | R & Mrs V Auchterlonie     |
| 1987 | M Sykes & Mrs S Greenop    |
| 1988 | Mr J & Mrs J Higinbotham   |
| 1989 | R Honess & Mrs P Barnard   |
| 1990 | J Secrett & Miss A Secrett |
| 1991 | P Coburn & Mrs J Lee       |
| 1992 | R Honess & Mrs P Barnard   |
| 1993 | Mr & Mrs K Wenham          |

### Guide Dogs for the Blind Challenge Cup 1938

|      |               |      |               |
|------|---------------|------|---------------|
| 1965 | T L F Keet    | 1975 | D C Dickenson |
| 1966 | R Connor      | 1976 | S M Barrett   |
| 1967 | R Connor      | 1977 | Mrs S Ostlund |
| 1968 | H H Penny     | 1978 | A Enever      |
| 1969 | E H Brownjohn | 1979 | K A Attwood   |
| 1970 | E V Mottram   | 1980 | C A Edwards   |
| 1971 | A G Gower     | 1981 | J W Secrett   |
| 1972 | M H Smithers  | 1982 | P Windham     |
| 1973 | G J Sutton    | 1983 | P Windham     |
| 1974 | K L Furmedge  | 1984 | D P Hall      |

### Past Winners

|      |                 |
|------|-----------------|
| 1985 | D P Hall        |
| 1986 | C A Edwards     |
| 1987 | C A Edwards     |
| 1988 | N Beard-Neilson |
| 1989 | T Greenfield    |
| 1990 | N Beard-Neilson |
| 1991 | C Tapner        |
| 1992 | M Browning      |
| 1993 | Not Played      |

### The Peak Trophy 1980

|      |                         |
|------|-------------------------|
| 1980 | H & D Ostlund           |
| 1981 | M Dobson & R Dale       |
| 1982 | A Stewart & B Green     |
| 1983 | P Holland & B Mallalieu |
| 1984 | B Ledger & P Moore      |
| 1985 | J Trott & S Trott       |
| 1986 | K Furmedge & G Heyes    |

### Past Winners

|      |                      |
|------|----------------------|
| 1987 | J Trott & J Slater   |
| 1988 | P Newson & J Enos    |
| 1989 | D Leach & M Coward   |
| 1990 | J Hyslop Munday      |
| 1991 | T Atkins & P Holland |
| 1992 | S W Green & N Green  |
| 1993 | B Wood & P Corney    |



## Queen Elizabeth Trophy 1953

## Past Winners

*Originated as a separate medal competition for Ladies and Gentlemen*

### LADIES

Mrs G M Chevalier  
Mrs K Thompson  
Mrs G M Chevalier  
Mrs J E Brownjohn  
Miss W Barlow  
Miss B Rice  
Miss M Baylis  
Miss P Quinlan  
Miss A Leetham  
Mrs R Bass

### GENTLEMEN

P J Chevalier  
K Tapner  
M J Lawson  
W J Logan  
S Gamblen  
C S Peake  
J V S Milne  
B R Bridger  
B R Robson  
G W B Lacey

*In 1978 the competition was changed to a fourball best ball, mixed stableford three gentlemen and one lady*

### Past winners

1978 Mrs S Ostlund, G Davies, W Lynn, O Roberts.

1979 Due to lack of entries competition was a foursome  
Winners - Mrs L Mence & A Enever

1980 Mrs L Mence, A Enever, R Nicol, O Roberts

1981 No competition

1982 No competition

1983 No competition

*In 1984 the competition was changed to a threeball stableford - one lady and two gentlemen. Combined score of all to count*

1984 Mrs K Jenkins, E Cleavelly, R Doman

1985 No competition

1986 Mrs B Beard, J Nicholson, K Jayne

1987 Mrs L Moore, A Cary, P Debenham

1988 Mrs V Auchterlonie, R Auchterlonie, B Tingle

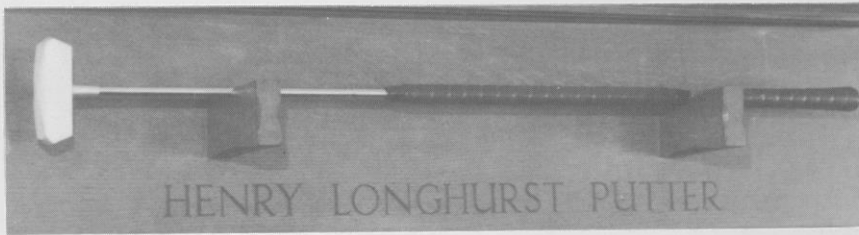
1989 Mrs P Barnard, R Taylor, R Honess

1990 Mrs C Page, J Slater, R Honess

1991 Mrs G Rochford, J Bucknall, M Priddle

1992 Mrs D Millard, R Bridger, T Bailey

1993 Mrs V Auchterlonie, R Auchterlonie, J Slater



*Presented by Henry Longhurst, C.B.E., Club President 1975/1978.  
The putter is of the "croquet" type and was used by Henry Longhurst prior to it being disallowed by the amended rules of golf. It is mounted on an oak bracket in an appropriate place in the Clubhouse.*

*The form of the competition is at the discretion of the reigning Captain.*

#### PAST WINNERS

#### Fourball best ball Stableford

- 1978 A Hewison, W Drake, P Thorn, Mrs M Payne
- 1979 J Dunk, K Terry, J Morton Mrs J Pells
- 1980 J Austin, J Hayhurst, H Land, Mrs P Edgar
- 1981 A Rickards, L Smith, E Hewton, Mrs Fulker
- 1982 A Hewison, B Birch, M Gray, C Appleby

#### Threeball Stableford

- 1983 K Terry, N Beard-Neilson, Mary Perry
- 1984 No Competition
- 1985 R Silverthorne, R Fry, Mrs J Pells
- 1986 T Lee, M Sinfield, Mrs V Ledger
- 1987 P Holland, T Atkins, Mrs J Holland

#### Fourball Stableford

- 1988 Mrs S Calver, Mrs J Pells, B Thomas, R Fry
- 1989 Miss A Secrett, J Secrett, I Halstead, T Greenfield

#### Threeball Stableford

- 1990 Mrs M Bailey, T Bailey, R Bridger
- 1991 Miss A Secrett, A Enever, T Greenfield

#### Mixed St. Andrews Greensomes

- 1992 No competition
- 1993 Mr & Mrs Stocker. E Cleavelly. B Thomas

### Rover Medal 1988

### Past Winners

|      |             |      |           |
|------|-------------|------|-----------|
| 1988 | E Dunne     | 1989 | G Downer  |
| 1990 | J Nicholson | 1991 | A McNiven |
| 1992 | R Fuller    | 1993 | T Oliver  |

### Royal National Lifeboat Institution Competition

### Past Winners

|      |          |      |           |
|------|----------|------|-----------|
| 1988 | B Ledger | 1989 | M Stocker |
| 1990 | A Foot   | 1991 | A Watson  |
| 1992 | J Jessop | 1993 | D Brown   |

### Barnard Barrel

### Past Winners

|      |              |      |          |
|------|--------------|------|----------|
| 1990 | G Downer     | 1991 | P A Gray |
| 1992 | T Greenfield | 1993 | A Enever |

### Artisans Cups

### Past Winners

|      |          |           |      |           |
|------|----------|-----------|------|-----------|
| 1991 | Scratch: | A Smith   | Net: | S Parsons |
| 1992 | Scratch: | K Attwood | Net: | J Tolley  |
| 1993 | Scratch  | D C Leach | Net  | J Samson  |

### Fred Holland Trophy 1992

### (3 Clubs plus Putter)

|      |           |      |         |
|------|-----------|------|---------|
| 1992 | M Priddle | 1993 | R Burns |
|------|-----------|------|---------|

### Jim Appleby Trophy

|      |           |      |           |      |              |
|------|-----------|------|-----------|------|--------------|
| 1985 | L Smith   | 1986 | P Windham | 1987 | B Thomas     |
| 1988 | R Reddick | 1989 | A McNiven | 1990 | B Witton     |
| 1991 | A Gilbert | 1992 | M Stocker | 1993 | I P Halstead |

### Lynn Goblets

### Mixed Foursomes

|      |                    |      |                            |
|------|--------------------|------|----------------------------|
| 1987 | Mr & Mrs J Stocker | 1988 | J Secrett & Miss A Secrett |
| 1989 | Mr & Mrs J Stocker | 1990 | J Secrett & Miss A Secrett |
| 1991 | Mr & Mrs K Wenham  | 1992 | Mr & Mrs K Wenham          |
| 1993 | Mr & Mrs B Ledger  |      |                            |

## Sergeants Challenge Trophies

## Past Winners

|      |                               |
|------|-------------------------------|
| 1966 | H H Ward & Mrs R Bass         |
| 1967 | G H Opitz & Mrs D Carter      |
| 1968 | S Fletcher & Mrs D Carter     |
| 1969 | T L F Keet & Mrs O Darby      |
| 1970 | P J & Mrs J Chevalier         |
| 1971 | S H Burrage & Mrs Openshaw    |
| 1972 | A R King & Mrs K Lee          |
| 1973 | P J Chevalier & Mrs H Vickery |
| 1974 | R Brooks & Mrs O Darby        |
| 1975 | W & Mrs J Sanders             |
| 1976 | R Richmond & Mrs P Edgar      |
| 1977 | E V Mottram & Mrs G Nicoll    |
| 1978 | B S Ledger & Mrs P Edgar      |
| 1979 | R Richmond & Miss M Perry     |
| 1980 | A R King & Mrs M Keet         |
| 1981 | T Atkins & Miss Baylis        |
| 1982 | A R King & Mrs M Keet         |
| 1983 | N Lee & Mrs J Lee             |
| 1984 | N Lee & Mrs J Lee             |
| 1985 | R Honess & Mrs C Page         |
| 1986 | J Trott & Mrs R Mead          |
| 1987 | M Sykes & Mrs S Greenop       |
| 1988 | M Sykes & Mrs S Greenop       |
| 1989 | J Nicholson & Mrs B Beard     |
| 1990 | A Smith & Mrs K Smith         |
| 1991 | R Beckwith & Mrs J Rex        |
| 1992 | K R Barnard & Mrs T Wenham    |

Pyecombe Golf Club has never been renowned for producing a large number of low handicap golfers; indeed new members who have joined with handicaps of four and below have generally speaking "gone up" within a short period of time, proving what a tricky course it can be.

## The Whitbread Trophy

Therefore in the Whitbread Trophy, which is the County Scratch Team Event, Pyecombe are usually playing against clubs who are able to turn out a team of eight all with handicaps of three and below.

Our best performance in this event was in 1989, when in John Secrett's year the team of Trevor Greenfield, Bob Watson, Kevin Attwood, Peter Newson, Ken Barnard (Team Captain), John Enos, Tony Enever and Giles Downer, achieved great success in reaching the quarter finals, where they were drawn away to Nevill (previous trophy holders on four occasions) who proved to difficult a task and Pyecombe were beaten 9.1/2 to 2.1/2.



The team left to right, Trevor Greenfield, Bob Watson, Kevin Attwood, Peter Newson, Ken Barnard, John Enos Tony Enever Giles Downer. (Centre John Secrett - Club Captain 1989)



**T**his is the County Club Team Event for the over 55's and in 1993 Pyecombe achieved the best result ever when beating West Sussex, West Hove and West Chiltington Golf Clubs to reach the finals, where the team of Ken Barnard (Team Captain), Judd Hardy, Bill Megenis, Peter Holland, John Secrett and Tom Bailey were very narrowly beaten, with the two deciding matches going to the 19th and 18th holes respectively.

## The Cyril Blake Cup

Members not in the photograph but who also played in the event were Peter Wyndham, Eric Mottram, Eddie Backhouse and John Slater



BACK ROW: Judd Hardy, Peter Holland. CENTRE ROW: Ken Barnard, Bill Megenis, John Secrett.  
FRONT ROW: Tom Bailey and Club Captain for the year Eric Hewton.

# Trophy Winners - Ladies

## Loder Cup

Medal score on handicap for Spring and Autumn meetings. First competed for in 1895. Presented by Lady Louise Loder. This trophy could be won twice in succession or three times in all and kept.

Won by Mrs C.R. Norman - Autumn 1930 and Spring 1931.

Replaced by Mrs C.R. Norman as the Norman Cup.

## Norman Cup (Spring Meeting)

|      |                             |      |                            |
|------|-----------------------------|------|----------------------------|
| 1973 | Mrs Douglas & Mrs Priestley | 1984 | Mrs T Wenham               |
| 1974 | Mrs E Stubbings             | 1985 | Mrs M Raison & Mrs V Grant |
| 1975 | Mrs R Bass & Mrs A Gibbons  | 1986 | Mrs R Mead                 |
| 1976 | Mrs E Stubbings             | 1987 | Mrs S Carver               |
| 1977 | Mrs R Bass                  | 1988 | Miss A Leatham             |
| 1978 | Mrs Douglas                 | 1989 | Mrs G Enos                 |
| 1979 | Mrs Robson                  | 1990 | Mrs J Such                 |
| 1980 | Miss W Barlow               | 1991 | Mrs G Enos                 |
| 1981 | Mrs M Payne                 | 1992 | Mrs C Page                 |
| 1982 | Mrs Swift                   | 1993 | Mrs P Perry                |
| 1983 | Mrs J Pells                 |      |                            |

## Nicholson Trophy (Scratch)

Bogey score on handicap for Spring and Autumn meetings. Presented by Mrs Nicholson 1899. Could be won twice in succession or three times in all and kept.

Won by Mrs Gell-Woolley and returned to the Club

Won by Mrs B R Armstrong and returned to the Club

|                                    |             |                     |             |
|------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Miss E Simeon                      | Spring 1899 | Mrs J Birkeh        | Autumn 1899 |
| Mrs Gell-Woolley                   | Spring 1900 | Miss M Morris       | Autumn 1900 |
| Mrs L Holmes                       | Spring 1901 | Miss Attfield       | Autumn 1901 |
| Miss E Simeon                      | Spring 1902 | No record           |             |
| No further records until           | 1923        | Miss M Toolis       |             |
| Mrs Gell-Woolley                   | Spring 1924 | Mrs Beach           | Autumn 1924 |
| Mrs Beach                          | Spring 1925 | No record           |             |
| Mrs Armstrong                      | Spring 1926 | Mrs L Phillips      | Autumn 1926 |
| Mrs Barker                         | Spring 1927 | Mrs Campbell-Gordon | Autumn 1927 |
| Mrs Armstrong                      | Spring 1928 | Mrs Gell-Woolley    | Autumn 1928 |
| Miss A Morris                      | Spring 1929 | No record           |             |
| Mrs Gell-Woolley                   | Spring 1930 | Miss Bell           | Autumn 1930 |
| There are no further records until | 1974        | Miss A Leatham      | 1974        |
| Miss A Leatham                     | Spring 1975 | Miss A Leatham      | Autumn 1975 |
| Mrs V Mackay                       | 1976        | Miss A Leatham      | 1977        |
| Miss A Leatham                     | Spring 1978 | Mrs V Mackay        | Autumn 1978 |

Now used as the Scratch Cup for the Autumn Meeting



|                |      |                |      |
|----------------|------|----------------|------|
| Miss A Leetham | 1979 | Mrs S Calver   | 1987 |
| Mrs J Bruce    | 1980 | Mrs M Bailey   | 1988 |
| Miss A Leetham | 1981 | Miss A Secrett | 1989 |
| Miss A Leetham | 1982 | Miss A Secrett | 1990 |
| Miss A Secrett | 1983 | Mrs G Rochford | 1991 |
| Miss A Secrett | 1984 | Miss A Secrett | 1992 |
| Miss A Leetham | 1985 | Mrs S Stocker  | 1993 |
| Mrs J Bruce    | 1986 |                |      |

### **Mens Cup**

Presented by the Mens Committee for 36 holes on handicap first recorded competition 1935.

|  |                           |      |                            |
|--|---------------------------|------|----------------------------|
| 1935                                       | Miss W F Gibbs            | 1969 | B Wainwright               |
| 1936                                       | Mrs A R Piper             | 1970 | A Bailey                   |
| 1937                                       | Mrs S Williams-Bulkley    | 1971 | Miss A Leetham             |
| 1938                                       | Mrs A R Piper             | 1972 | Mrs D Carter               |
| 1939                                       | Mrs M Gordon              | 1973 | Mrs J Pells                |
| <i>Not played for during the war years</i> |                           |      |                            |
| 1950                                       | L B Martin                | 1974 | Miss E Merton              |
| 1951                                       | Mrs A R Piper             | 1975 | Miss A Leetham             |
| 1952                                       | M T Sheehan               | 1976 | B Noel                     |
| 1953                                       | Mrs S Kettle              | 1977 | Mrs J Pells                |
| 1954                                       | Mrs A R Piper             | 1978 | Mrs S Ostlund              |
| 1955                                       | J Nicholls                | 1979 | Mrs J Sanders              |
| 1956                                       | Mrs H Myerscough          | 1980 | Mrs J Bruce                |
| 1957                                       | E A Collinson             | 1981 | Miss I Dean                |
| 1958                                       | E A Collinson             | 1982 | Mrs N Bower Johnson        |
| 1959                                       | H Payne                   | 1983 | Mrs J Pells                |
| 1960                                       | H Payne                   | 1984 | Mrs M Bailey - Mrs J Bruce |
| 1961                                       | Mrs V Mackay              | 1985 | Miss A Secrett             |
| 1962                                       | Mrs V Mackay - J Avenell  | 1986 | Mrs J Bruce                |
| 1963                                       | I Malloch                 | 1987 | Miss A Secrett             |
| 1964                                       | Mrs A Harris - Mrs O Tune | 1988 | Mrs G Enos                 |
| 1965                                       | Mrs A Harris              | 1989 | Mrs S Stocker              |
| 1966                                       | Mrs B Lynn                | 1990 | Mrs M Robinson             |
| 1967                                       | Mrs B Rice                | 1991 | Mrs K Smith                |
| 1968                                       | Mrs R Bass                | 1992 | Mrs M Shand                |
|  |                           | 1993 | Miss A Secrett             |

### **Gell-Woolley Trophy**

Cup presented by Miss Gell Woolley in 1933 for aggregate scores. has changed its competition several times and is at present used for an aggregate cup for the medal rounds at the Spring and Autumn meetings.

|      |                                 |      |                               |
|------|---------------------------------|------|-------------------------------|
| 1980 | Mrs J Saunders                  | 1987 | Mrs B Thom                    |
| 1981 | Miss W Barlow                   | 1988 | Mrs J Pells                   |
| 1982 | Mrs P Edgar                     | 1989 | Mrs S Saunders & Mrs V Ledger |
| 1983 | Mrs S Oslund & Mrs M Robinson   | 1990 | Mrs D Sinclair                |
| 1984 | Mrs J Bruce                     | 1991 | Mrs J Pells                   |
| 1985 | Miss A Secrett & Miss A Leetham | 1992 | Mrs P Perry                   |
| 1986 | Mrs A Bruce                     | 1993 | Mrs S Stocker                 |

### **SPRING MEETING - BEACH CUP (SCRATCH)**

Presented by Mrs Beach in 1931 for the best scratch score at the Spring Meeting

|                                    |                        |      |                |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|------|----------------|
| 1931                               | E G Johnson            | 1968 | Mrs V Mackay   |
| 1932                               | Mrs S Williams Bulkely | 1969 | R W Bass       |
| 1933                               | Mrs S Williams Bulkely | 1970 | Miss L Martin  |
| 1934                               | M Piper                | 1971 | Miss A Leetham |
| 1935                               | E M Norman             | 1972 | Mrs V Mackay   |
| 1936                               | M Piper                | 1973 | Mrs Douglas    |
| 1937                               | Miss Q Watts           | 1974 | Mrs Douglas    |
| 1938                               | M Piper                | 1975 | Mrs R Bass     |
| Not presented during the war years |                        |      | Mrs V Mackay   |
| 1950                               | Mrs S Cleary           | 1976 | Miss A Leetham |
| 1951                               | M Piper                | 1977 | Mrs R Bass     |
| 1952                               | Mrs P Burnett          | 1978 | Mrs Douglas    |
| 1953                               | M Piper                | 1979 | Miss A Leetham |
| 1954                               | Miss L Martin          | 1980 | Miss A Leetham |
| 1955                               | Mrs S Cleary           | 1981 | Mrs J Bruce    |
| 1956                               | Mrs P Burnett          | 1982 | Miss A Secrett |
| 1957                               | Miss L Martin          | 1983 | Mrs J Pells    |
| 1958                               | Mrs I Malloch          | 1984 | Miss A Secrett |
| 1959                               | Mrs P Burnett          | 1985 | Miss A Leetham |
| 1960                               | M Piper                |      | Mrs J Pells    |
| 1961                               | Mrs I Malloch          | 1986 | Miss A Secrett |
| 1962                               | Miss L Martin          | 1987 | Mrs B Beard    |
| 1963                               | Miss M Keats           | 1988 | Miss A Leetham |
| 1964                               | Miss L Martin          | 1989 | Mrs G Enos     |
| 1965                               | Mrs V Mackay           | 1990 | Miss A Secrett |
| 1966                               | Mrs V Mackay           | 1991 | Mrs G Enos     |
| 1967                               | A Harris               | 1992 | Mrs c Page     |
|                                    |                        | 1993 | Miss A Secrett |

### **SCRATCH CUP - CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP 36 HOLE**

Trophy chosen from a selection offered by the Mens Section in 1961

First available records 1973

|      |                |      |                |
|------|----------------|------|----------------|
| 1973 | Miss A Leetham | 1984 | Miss A Secrett |
| 1974 | Miss A Leetham | 1985 | Miss A Secrett |
| 1975 | Miss A Leetham | 1986 | Miss A Secrett |
| 1976 | Miss A Leetham | 1987 | Miss A Secrett |
| 1977 | Miss I Dean    | 1988 | Miss A Secrett |
| 1978 | Miss A Leetham | 1989 | Miss A Secrett |
| 1979 | Miss A Leetham | 1990 | Miss A Secrett |
| 1980 | Miss J Bruce   | 1991 | Miss A Secrett |
| 1981 | Miss A Secrett | 1992 | Miss A Secrett |
| 1982 | Miss I Dean    | 1993 | Miss A Secrett |
| 1983 | Miss A Secrett |      |                |

**WINTER KNOCKOUT - (WILLIAMS-BULKELY CUP)**

Cup presented by Miss S Williams-Bulkely possibly prior to 1934 first recorded winner 1934

|                           |                       |                     |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1934 Q Watts              | 1964 L Martin         | 1980 Mrs J Bruce    |
| 1935 Q Watts              | 1965 No Presentation  | 1981 Mrs J Bruce    |
| 1936 S Williams-Bulkely   | 1966 No Presentation  | 1982 Mrs E Faulkner |
| 1937 V Norman             | 1967 Mrs B Lynn       | 1983 Mrs O Darby    |
| 1938 E Jenrick            | 1968 Mrs D Carter     | 1984 Mrs J Pells    |
| Not presented during WWII | 1969 Mrs A Myerscough | 1985 Mrs J Pells    |
| 1952 M Hanman             | 1970 I Malloch        | 1986 Mrs J Bruce    |
| 1953 N Midland            | 1971 No Presentation  | 1987 Mrs V Grant    |
| 1954 H Payne              | 1972 Mrs D Carter     | 1988 Mrs J Pells    |
| 1955 G Jenkin             | 1973 Mrs B Vickery    | 1989 Mrs V Grant    |
| 1956 J Spence             | 1974 Miss A Gibbons   | 1990 Mrs B Thom     |
| 1957 J Miller             | 1975 G Tiley          | 1991 Mrs K Jarvis   |
| 1958 M Price              | 1976 Mrs J Chevalier  | 1992 Mrs K Jarvis   |
| 1959 to 1961 No records   | 1977 Mrs S Ostlund    | Mrs M Baylis        |
| 1962 A Harris             | 1978 Mrs S Ostlund    | 1993 Mrs S Stocker  |
| 1963 Mrs V Mackay         | 1979 Mrs O Darby      | Mrs S Page          |

**AUTUMN MEETING (Autumn Cup Handicap)**

|                   |                      |                     |
|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1963 S R Head     | 1974 Mrs R Bass      | 1983 Miss A Secrett |
| 1964 M Price      | Miss A Leetham       | 1984 Mrs V Grant    |
| 1965 Mrs V Mackay | 1975 Mrs M Payne     | 1985 Miss A Leetham |
| 1966 S R Head     | 1976 Mrs D Skeats    | Mrs M Payne         |
| 1967 E M King     | 1977 Miss M Thwaites | 1986 Mrs S Cutts    |
| 1968 Mrs D Skeats | Mrs N Bower Johnson  | 1987 Mrs V Grant    |
| 1969 E Norman     | 1978 Mrs E Stubbings | 1988 Mrs M Bailey   |
| 1970 J Brown-John | 1979 Miss P Dodd     | 1989 Mrs V Ledger   |
| 1971 T Sycamore   | Miss P Quinlan       | 1990 Mrs J Such     |
| 1972 Mrs O Darby  | 1980 Mrs J Bruce     | 1991 Mrs G Rochford |
| 1973 Mrs Neil     | 1981 Miss M Thwaites | 1992 Mrs V Grant    |
|                   | 1982 Mrs D Millard   | 1993 Mrs S Stocker  |

**KIRKPATRICK TROPHY (Aggregate Cup)**

Presented by Lady Kirkpatrick in 1925 for the best aggregate of the morning rounds in the Spring and Autumn meeting. Could be won twice in succession or three times in all and kept. Won by Miss S Williams Bulkley in 1932 next available records 1971

|                      |                      |                    |
|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1971 Mrs T Sycamore  | 1978 Mrs E Stubbings | 1986 Mrs V Grant   |
| 1972 Mrs L Wigley    | 1979 Mrs Robson      | Mrs S Cutts        |
| Mrs E Douglas        | 1980 Mrs J Bruce     | 1987 Mrs S Calver  |
| 1973 Mrs E Douglas   | 1981 Miss P Dodd     | 1988 Mrs C Page    |
| Mrs J Chevalier      | 1982 Mrs J Pells     | 1989 Mrs G Enos    |
| 1974 Mrs E Stubbings | 1983 Mrs J Pells     | 1990 Mrs J Such    |
| 1975 Mrs J Holland   | 1984 Miss M Thwaites | 1991 Mrs K Jarvis  |
| 1976 Mrs E Stubbings | 1985 Mrs M Shand     | 1992 Mrs C Page    |
| 1977 Mrs M Bailey    | Mrs T Wenham         | 1993 Mrs S Stocker |



### **THE POPPY MAYNE SALVER (Medal)**

Previous to the 1939/45 war replicas of the Club Salvers were given to the Mixed Foursomes winners. Poppy Mayne won one of these and after her death her family gave it to the Ladies Section, it is now used for a Medal Competition. To qualify for which ladies must have won one of the Monthly Medal Competitions during the previous year.

|      |                 |      |                 |      |               |
|------|-----------------|------|-----------------|------|---------------|
| 1973 | Mrs Malloch     | 1981 | Miss A Leetham  | 1987 | Mrs B Thom    |
| 1974 | Miss A Leetham  |      | Mrs O Darby     |      | Mrs B Beard   |
| 1975 | Mrs R Bass      | 1982 | Mrs J Chevalier | 1988 | Mrs M Bailey  |
| 1976 | Miss A Leetham  | 1983 | Mrs J Pells     | 1989 | Mrs J Rex     |
|      | Miss M Thwaites | 1984 | Mrs M Hewison   | 1990 | Mrs C Page    |
| 1977 | Mrs S Ostlund   | 1985 | Mrs S Calver    | 1991 | Mrs J Rex     |
| 1978 | Mrs S Ostlund   | 1986 | Miss A Leetham  | 1992 | Mrs J Pells   |
| 1979 | Mrs V Mackay    |      | Mrs M Shand     | 1993 | Mrs S Stocker |
| 1980 | Miss W Barlow   |      |                 |      |               |

### **THE LEETHAM CUP (Stableford)**

Presented by Miss A Leetham and used for a competition for the winners of the previous years monthly Stableford Competition.

|      |                |      |                   |      |                   |
|------|----------------|------|-------------------|------|-------------------|
| 1973 | Mrs V Mackay   | 1981 | Mrs M Payne       | 1988 | Mrs J Higinbotham |
| 1974 | Mrs O Darby    | 1982 | Mrs V Garland     |      | Mrs B Beard       |
| 1975 | Miss P Dodd    | 1983 | Mrs B Thom        |      | Mrs K Smith       |
| 1976 | Mrs G Rochford | 1984 | Mrs T Wenham      | 1989 | Mrs K Smith       |
| 1977 | Mrs S Ostlund  | 1985 | Mrs T Wenham      |      | Mrs J Pells       |
| 1978 | Mrs M Bailey   | 1986 | Mrs K Smith       | 1990 | Mrs S Pearce      |
| 1979 | Miss E Merten  | 1987 | Mrs J Higinbotham | 1991 | Mrs B Thom        |
| 1980 | Mrs Fulker     |      | Mrs S Calver      | 1992 | Mrs G Enos        |
|      |                |      |                   | 1993 | Mrs S Saunders    |

### **THE THREE PRINCES CUP**

Presented by Mrs Malloch for an annual competition, all entrance fees from which to be donated to the Guide Dogs for the Blind Fund.

|      |               |      |                |      |                |
|------|---------------|------|----------------|------|----------------|
| 1973 | Mrs O Darby   | 1980 | Mrs Fulker     | 1985 | Mrs J Sanders  |
| 1974 | Miss Evans    |      | Miss A Leetham | 1986 | Mrs M Raison   |
| 1975 | Mrs V Mackay  |      | Miss A Gibbons | 1987 | Mrs M Robinson |
| 1976 | Miss W Barlow | 1981 | Mrs O Darby    | 1988 | Mrs J Pells    |
| 1977 | Miss W Barlow | 1982 | Mrs K Jarvis   | 1989 | Mrs V Grant    |
|      | Mrs O Darby   | 1983 | Mrs M Keet     | 1990 | Mrs K Smith    |
| 1978 | Miss A Merton |      | Mrs C Page     | 1991 | Miss M Baylis  |
| 1979 | Mrs M Payne   | 1984 | Mrs P Simpson  | 1992 | Mrs V Grant    |
|      |               |      |                | 1993 | Mrs S Pearce   |

### **GRANDMOTHERS TROPHY**

|      |                 |      |                   |      |                 |
|------|-----------------|------|-------------------|------|-----------------|
| 1977 | Mrs M Robinson  | 1983 | Mrs V Garland     | 1988 | Mrs J Pells     |
| 1978 | Mrs M Payne     | 1984 | Mrs J Pells       | 1989 | Mrs T Trott     |
| 1979 | Mrs P Edgar     | 1985 | Mrs P Edgar       | 1990 | Mrs E Stubbings |
| 1980 | Mrs P Edgar     | 1986 | Mrs M Hewison     | 1991 | Mrs J Pells     |
| 1981 | Mrs J Pells     |      | Mrs J Sanders     | 1992 | Mrs J Holland   |
| 1982 | Mrs J Chevalier | 1987 | Mrs J Higinbotham | 1993 | Mrs E Stubbings |

### **SILVER JUBILEE TROPHY**

Presented by Mrs K Lee in 1977.

|      |                |      |              |      |                     |
|------|----------------|------|--------------|------|---------------------|
| 1977 | Miss A Leetham | 1984 | Mrs M Raison | 1989 | Mrs C Berry         |
|      | Mrs J Pells    |      | Mrs B Thom   |      | Mrs N Bower Johnson |
| 1978 | Mrs D Carter   |      | Mrs T Wenham | 1990 | Mrs M Bailey        |
| 1979 | Miss A Leetham | 1985 | Mrs J Pells  |      | Mrs V Garland       |
| 1980 | Mrs Malloch    | 1986 | Mrs S Cutts  |      | Mrs M Hewison       |
| 1981 | Mrs G Nicoll   | 1987 | Mrs S Cutts  |      | Mrs N Bower Johnson |
| 1982 | Mrs B Thom     | 1988 | Mrs B Beard  | 1991 | Mrs M Raison        |
| 1983 | Mrs O Darby    |      |              | 1992 | Mrs E Rand          |
|      |                |      |              | 1993 | Mrs S Stocker       |

### **VAL MACKAY TROPHY - EXTRA MEDAL CUP**

Presented by Mrs V Mackay, first available record 1973

|      |                               |      |                              |
|------|-------------------------------|------|------------------------------|
| 1973 | Mrs Garland                   | 1984 | Mrs M Bailey                 |
| 1974 | Miss A Leetham                | 1985 | Miss M Shand                 |
| 1975 | Mrs G Rochford                | 1986 | Mrs J Smith & Mrs J Pells    |
| 1976 | Mrs G Rochford                | 1987 | Mrs S Cutts & Mrs M Robinson |
| 1977 | Mrs J Sanders & Miss M Merton | 1988 | Mrs L Moore                  |
| 1978 | Mrs Tiley                     | 1989 | Mrs K Jarvis                 |
| 1979 | Miss P Dodd & Miss W Barlow   | 1990 | Mrs S Calver                 |
| 1980 | Mrs M Robinson                | 1991 | Mrs K Jarvis                 |
| 1981 | Miss Bell                     | 1992 | Mrs J Pells                  |
| 1982 | Mrs C Page                    | 1993 | Mrs V Grant                  |
| 1983 | Miss M Geary                  |      |                              |

### **POINTS CUP**

Presented by Leo Bayer before World War II, first available records 1977.

|      |                |      |              |      |               |
|------|----------------|------|--------------|------|---------------|
| 1977 | Mrs S Ostlund  | 1983 | Mrs K Jarvis | 1989 | Mrs K Smith   |
| 1978 | Mrs S Ostlund  | 1984 | Mrs J Pells  | 1990 | Mrs K Smith   |
| 1979 | Miss A Leetham | 1985 | Mrs J Bruce  | 1991 | Mrs M Bailey  |
| 1980 | Mrs K Jarvis   | 1986 | Mrs R Mead   |      | Mrs J Holland |
| 1982 | Mrs K Jarvis   | 1987 | Mrs R Mead   | 1992 | Mrs K Jarvis  |
|      |                | 1988 | Mrs S Cutts  | 1993 | Mrs S Stocker |

### **POINTS TROPHY - 30/36 HANDICAP**

|      |                |      |                    |      |                |
|------|----------------|------|--------------------|------|----------------|
| 1979 | Mrs P Simpson  | 1983 | Mrs B Thom         | 1986 | Mrs V Grant    |
| 1980 | Mrs M Robinson |      | Mrs M Robinson     | 1987 | Mrs M Robinson |
|      | Mrs K Jarvis   |      | Mrs V Auchterlonie | 1988 | Mrs L Moore    |
|      | Mrs Knight     | 1984 | Mrs B Thom         | 1989 | Mr P Barnard   |
| 1981 | Mrs M Robinson |      | Mrs T Wenham       | 1990 | Mrs J Rex      |
|      | Mrs M Payne    |      | Mrs C Berry        | 1991 | Mrs B Rand     |
|      | Mrs Wells      | 1985 | Mrs V Grant        | 1992 | Mrs R Brown    |
| 1982 | Mrs M Robinson |      | Mrs M Raison       | 1993 | Mrs R Brown    |
|      | Mrs K Jarvis   |      | Mrs M Hewison      |      |                |
|      | Mrs B Thom     |      |                    |      |                |

## A MESSAGE FROM THE BROKEN SPUR



### The Broken Spur Golfing Society

President. Mr. E. Nunn.  
Secretary. Mr. C Berry.

#### *To the members of Pyecombe Golf Club*

*We as a Society are proud to have been associated with Pyecombe Golf Club since soon after the re-opening of the course after world war two. Ken Francomb, Peter Chevalier, Sonny Chapman and others who were founder members of the then Sussex Yeomanry Golfing Society were responsible for our early association with the club. In those days monthly matches versus Pyecombe were hotly contested affairs usually at a loss to us but as recorded in the minutes of our society, thoroughly enjoyed by all in particular for the hospitality received at the nineteenth.*

*With the passing of the years and most of our founder members our association with the Sussex Yeomanry continues, although our title has changed to the Broken Spur Golfing Society in reverence to the fallen of the Sussex Yeomanry. In this your Centenary year we congratulate you all and wish you every success in your worthy charity endeavours for the Princess Royal Hospital, may the club continue to prosper in the years to come.*

*Ernest Nunn*

*President - Broken Spur Golfing Society*

# THE SPONSORS

*Our thanks to the Sponsors who have so generously supported our Centenary Charity Fund.*

*Further Sponsors are still offering their help and they, together with all the names below will be recorded on our Roll Of Honour which will be exhibited in the Clubhouse when we reach our target for the purchase of the Cardiac Output Monitor.*

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DICK SMITHARD, EDITOR. JUNE 1994.



# POSTSCRIPT AND APPRECIATION

Dick Smithard, draughtsman, artist, cartoonist and latterly computer/word processor/desk top publishing expert: all this in addition to his golfing life and work for the Royal British Legion of which he has been a long time, loyal and committed member. His attachment to Pyecombe Golf Club has been even longer: he has been a member for 30 plus years before which he used the course as a 'playground' along with other local children.



People will know Dick (or ARDS as he is sometimes called) not only for his golf, regarding which I would describe him as both 'handy' and 'canny' (watch out if you draw him in a knock out !), but also for his magnificent cartoons. These at regular intervals, appear on the Social Notice Board, advertising a forthcoming event. He swears that the characters portrayed by him are entirely fictitious but I have sometimes had cause to wonder!

I got to know Dick originally as a member of the Broken Spur Golfing Society but it was in my Vice Captain's year in 1992 that I began to appreciate his skills and willingness to help with whatever artistic demands were made upon him. The following year, however, he took on a task which I am sure, even for him, must have seemed daunting and never-ending: editing and producing this Centenary book. It may be going too far to say that without Dick we would not have had the book: many others have helped and no doubt would have brought it to fruition, but it would not have been the same book for, once again, Dick has produced something in his own inimitable style: well researched, down to earth, often nostalgic, occasionally poignant but always with a touch of humour. His patience has been amazing and his dedication to the task well beyond the call of duty. It must have been a labour of love!

What we have is something we can all be proud of. Unlike us, it will be around for a very long time and we, as well as those in the years to come who will read it and appreciate it, owe a debt of gratitude to Dick Smithard. Thanks Dick for all your work on this and for all the help you have given the Club over the years.

Eric Hewton  
Immediate Past Captain

Pyecombe is, always has been and, I hope, always will be a Member's Club run by the Members for the Members.

As Captain in this Centenary Year I hope that in 100 years time the then Captain will look back and say "That's the sort of year I want!".

The programme we have this year is the result of four years of hard and dedicated effort by a small group of members who gave of their time to ensure that 1994 will be a year we will all remember.

Additionally, as a result of their planning and your generosity a lot of people may live longer because of the Cardiac Output Monitor which we are to provide for the Princess Royal Hospital in Haywards Heath.

We should all be proud of our efforts in carrying through the plans of that small group.

Thank you to them and thank you to you.

John Hufflett  
Club Captain 1994

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Ken Barnard (Chairman)  
Joan Higinbotham  
Neil Beard-Nielson  
Dick Smithard  
Ken Wenham

#### AND ITS CO-OPTED MEMBERS

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Club Captain 1994

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