



Ups & Downs

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Editor Alf Bickham

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

As I sit down to write this article my overriding thoughts are of Lydia, Andy and family and of Dr Barry Thom and his wife Beryl. I didn't know Barry as well as I knew Lydia but remember him as a very good supporter of the social side of our Club. I had the pleasure of knowing Lydia for many years and such has been her contribution to the running of the Club that her memory will live on in the history of Pyecombe Golf Club. They will be greatly missed by all who knew them.

Social

I mentioned social and with the severe winter taking a toll on our golf it has been most heartening to see such strong support for in house activity.

Firstly we had the Christmas Party and as you will see from the photograph's this was a fun evening with a really good party atmosphere. Then came New Year and this really was a great success, again you only have to look at the happy faces, some perhaps happier than others!! And you get the picture. It's over to George to fill you in on the detail (see report on page 10) – great job George.

And there's more – It was decided that we would not celebrate Burns Night every year so we put on a Steak & Trout dinner this year. All I can say is that if you weren't there you missed some superb food.

And there's more – There had to be a reason to eat again and sure enough George found one, his Birthday and a worthy celebration it was. Valentines lunch proved what a lot of romantics we are at Pyecombe Golf Club and what a smooth operator Alex is – providing roses for all the ladies. A very nice touch to add to the great food. Our catering really is excellent now and I am sure that you would all wish me to express our appreciation to Nigel in particular and to Erica and young Alex for all their hard work.

Golf

It's not the quantity but the quality that counts!

We have only managed one out of three MSWL matches so far this winter and that had to be re-arranged. Worth the effort though as we recorded a win over Ifield, which with the two cancelled matches counting as halves leaves a match against Copthorne on Sunday 21st to decide our position in the Winter League. I will say no more than that I am optimistic!!

I hope that the golf you are managing to play is also quality golf. Very unusual for our course to be unplayable for so long but how amazingly good it is when we do get to play. The fact that it drains so well is obviously a big factor but that would not account for the excellent.....

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MEMBERS CONTRIBUTIONS TO NEWSLETTER

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CAPTAIN'S REPORT (Continuation)

Golf (Continued)

..... condition of the whole course, which is down to the great job Simon and his team do for us.

The weather has not dampened the enthusiasm shown by Jason and Michael and they are doing a fine job dealing with all matters Golf.

Jason will shortly be putting up dates for the Captain/Professional Challenge and we look forward to as many of you as possible taking us on. The sheet will be on my notice board.

Vice Captain 2009/10 Sussex County Golf Union – Trevor Greenfield

I am sure that you would all wish to join me in congratulating Trevor on this prestigious and very well deserved appointment. It is great to have a member of our Club so involved in County Golf.

Also congratulations to John Wilkinson who has been voted on to the executive committee

of the SCGU. Again this can only be of benefit to our Club to have such involvement in County matters.

Moving back to matters at home, I am sure that you would like to know the current thinking on Tee Reservation. Well, after much discussion and taking members views into consideration it has been decided to stay as we are but with Jason taking more control of the 1st tee once the Pro. Shop is completed.

Finally, a couple of diary changes. The Prize Giving evening is to be held on Friday 19th November and will take the form of a Prize Giving Dinner. This is at the suggestion of Head of Golf Alan Davey who feels, and I am in agreement with him, that this will better reflect the importance of the occasion. The date of the Christmas Party is unaltered. The Pyecombe Ball will be held at Singing Hills Golf Club on Saturday 16th October.

Here's looking forward to some better weather and enjoyable golf.

Jim Dossetter

LADIES SECTION

I am sitting at my desk as the snow is falling yet again and I have to admit to only playing golf once this year. Only a few very hardy players have launched themselves on to the course and no competitions have been played since the Christmas Foursomes last year. The Electricity Board has also conspired to stop us playing our annual match against the Vets Section on 2nd March due to essential work for the new energy project. We have rescheduled the match to be played on 11th March so I do hope we will have a full team able to play on a Thursday.

We have been lucky in getting a bye through to the second round of the Mail on Sunday National Golf Club Classic competition. We are due to play away at Cuckfield in the 2nd Round in March.

Our qualifiers for the Daily Mail 4s, Sheila McNeill and Anne Cook, are due to play Mid Sussex at the beginning of March in the first round. Good luck to them.

Our Morrice 4s team are due to play Highwoods Golf Club in March in the first round, which will be a tough match.

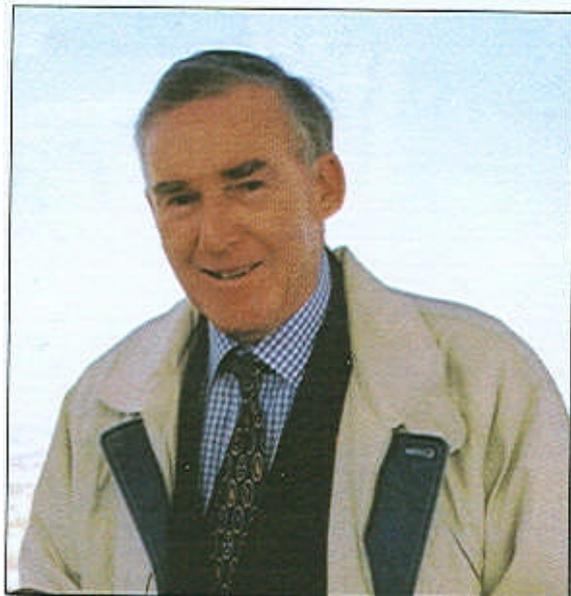
Our thoughts and prayers go out to Beryl Thom from all of us in the Ladies Section at this difficult time and we hope to see her again soon.

I look forward with great hope that the weather will improve so that we can all get back on the course and play some good golf!

Joanna Greenstreet
Lady Captain

BARRY THOM

Until a form of rheumatoid arthritis forced him to stop playing golf two years ago, Barry had been a popular member of Pyecombe Golf Club for some 30 years. Throughout this time he, together with his wife Beryl (a past Ladies Captain), were very loyal supporters of the Club, attending on a regular basis many of the social events. His naturally quiet, likeable and modest nature (not without a very quick witted sense of humour that he often displayed at the right moment) belied the 'light that was shining underneath the bushel.'



In his youth he attended Hereford Cathedral School, one of the oldest in the country, records going back to at least 1384. Whilst there he excelled at a number of sports, particularly Rowing, Rugby, Athletics and Boxing. He was skipper of the School 1st Rowing Crew which distinguished itself in 1949 by winning the prestigious Marlow Regatta against highly rated opposition. He was also Captain of the School 1st Rugby team and in Athletics he won the Victor Ludorum Cup 3 years in succession.

After National Service in the RAF he trained at Barts in London, and, moving down south from Epping where he lived with Beryl, he subsequently became a micro biologist, spending most of his career at Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, where for many years he was Regional Director for the Public Health Laboratory Service. It was whilst he was here that he won the Sussex BMA Golf Championship.

In his latter years following retirement, and having more difficulty playing golf, he was able to enjoy himself in other ways – he was a dab hand on the green baize playing snooker at the Hove Club and he was a keen Bridge player – a fact that I learned quite frequently to my cost!

Barry was always very convivial company – in fact over the 30 years that I had the privilege of his friendship, I cannot recall ever seeing him lose his temper. I know from tributes paid, that he was very highly regarded by his fellow professional colleagues. He will be sadly missed.

Reg Auchterlonie

PGC Charity Christmas Cake

Nigel Baldock, head chef at Pyecombe Golf Club, made a Christmas cake for charity. Club members were invited to pay a pound and guess the weight of the cake. In all, 58 members tried which means the captains' charities received £29 each.

The Club Captain's charity, chosen by Jim Dossetter, is the Sussex Air Ambulance, and the Lady Captain's charity, chosen by Joanna Greenstreet, is St Peter & St James Hospice.

The cake weight was 11lb 14 oz and the correct guess and cake winner was made by Tim Cotton.



Jim and Nigel holding the cake

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

CURRENT AFFAIRS

It has been a difficult and frustrating start to 2010:

- For members who have not played as much golf as you would have liked, either because the Course has been closed or because of the uninviting weather conditions. (Global warming may be with us, but as the experts keep saying: climate and weather are two separate things!)
- For our staff who have faced many challenges, but few customers.
- For our building contractors whose work schedules have been messed up by the conditions.
- For the Club as a whole since levels of income have inevitably been affected.

But it has been heartening to see the resilience shown all round, and in particular I would like to mention our Professional, Green staff and Catering staff, who have shown determination and creativity in coping with the conditions, keeping members informed, and taking the opportunity to carry out many maintenance jobs. The redecoration of the Men's locker room by a team led by Alex was particularly timely ahead of the installation of pipe work and radiators.

The extra dining events—Steak evening and Valentine's Lunch—have been well supported, thoroughly enjoyed, and have raised useful revenue.

So it has truly been a case of “When the going gets tough.....” Well done all!

CLUB ORGANISATION

Members should be aware of the following changes:

1. **Managing Secretary**—as part of a planned change, our Professional will, by early summer, have taken over responsibility for all Golfing matters: Competitions, Visitors and Societies.

This change impacts on the duties of the Managing secretary, so we have agreed with John Wilkinson that from the middle of the

year his hours will reduce, though he will continue to have a supervisory role over all Club affairs, will support Club Officers, and service Committees.

2. **House Manager**---with immediate effect Alex Pereira will assume responsibility for all aspects of the Clubhouse in addition to his Bar and catering duties.

We thus have three senior managers, Jason, Simon and Alex covering all the Club's operations and facilities, each reporting to the Managing Secretary and also to an elected Officer of the Club.

BUGGIES

New technology has enabled us to think the unthinkable: namely Buggies at Pyecombe!!

Having trialled a model with an automatic braking system—it clicks in as soon as you take your foot off the accelerator- we are satisfied with the safety aspect, and as a start we are going to have three. They will be controlled and managed by our Professional and will be available for one round or daily rental.

BUILDING WORKS

Elsewhere, Chris Openshaw writes about the Energy project.

The Pro shop is at last taking shape and is almost weather proof. For some 2 weeks starting later this month our Professional will be operating from the Members Room while the Builder knocks down walls and flooring in the present Pro shop.

As predicted car parking remains difficult. Please park with consideration for others. On a number of occasions it is obvious that more cars could be accommodated if cars were better parked.

Bring on the Spring!

David Brown

**A COPY OF THE TRIBUTE TO LYDIA GIVEN BY KEN BARNARD ON
BEHALF OF PYECOMBE GOLF CLUB
AT HER FUNERAL ON THE 22nd FEBRUARY 2010**

It is a great privilege for me to have been asked by Angela, Michael and Andy to say a few words about their mother and our dear friend Lydia and her love of Pyecombe Golf Club over the past 50 years. She was a wonderful servant to our members and was regarded by us as more of a friend than an employee and knowing Lydia as I have for so many years I can just hear her saying "I don't want you to make a great fuss or be too sad about me" so I would, therefore, like this to be a happy appreciation of all that Lydia was to us, the members at Pyecombe Golf Club.



**Lydia at her retirement presentation
On 11th December 2005**

She had worked tirelessly on our behalf for all the 48 years she was here opening the Club at 6.30 in the morning and coming back late at night to close down and lock up after all the members had left. Over and above her normal duties she had raised thousands of pounds by raffles and other ideas to the benefit of local charities and for projects within our Club. Lydia was always a source of information – she knew all about the competitions and their formats, all the Social events and how they were run. She also knew more about you the members than you know about yourselves. Everything she has done over those 48 years has been with the interest of this Club and its members in mind. Pyecombe always came first, so much so that when Andy went home and told his mum that he was going to get married to Sandy, Lydia asked him "when is this going to be?" Andy said a date in early June but Lydia replied that was no good as there was an important event on that day at the Golf Club. After further discussion the first suitable date was in October and that was a time when it would be quiet at the Club so that's when they got married.

On another occasion Lydia damaged her car whilst driving up the South Downs Way to take drinks to the 13th half-way house. When questioned why she should use her own car for this duty, she replied "there was no other vehicle available so I had to use my car or **MY** members would not have got a drink".

Lydia always had control of the Club House when she was here – no one would dare to enter with a cap on, in trainers, or with the clothes in which they had obviously played golf in as she would just say "I can't serve you until you are properly dressed". This was done in such a way that no one ever got upset or challenged her decision.

Some of the juniors in those days, such as Mike Lee, Kevin Atwood and Trevor Greenfield, to mention just a few, when ordering a drink would not be served if they did not say 'please' – even the great Henry Longhurst would take Lydia's advice when he had had a little too much to drink and she would say to him "I think its time you went home Mr. Longhurst" and off he would go.

More latterly, the Lou Smith and Wally Lock group, who have been known to be difficult to control, never complained when called to order by Lydia. But, best of all, her son, Andy, when he had one of his outbursts at an AGM a few years

ago, Lydia called him later that evening and gave him a right dressing down and refused to talk to him for the next week because she considered him to be out of order in the manner in which he had spoken to the members of **HER** Club.

Now you may think that this makes Lydia appear to be a very difficult lady but not all, everything she did was in a proper and polite manner with the aim of maintaining the tradition and standards of the Club to an acceptable level for that she was respected and loved by every member.

When I visited Lydia in the nursing home just before Christmas she was in very good spirits and was pleased to ask about so many of the members. Her memory for names and events was brilliant, far better than mine, and she reminded me of members who I had long forgotten but little did I know then that in a few weeks she would not be with us. She will be sadly missed by us all and from a personal point of view I am proud to know that Lydia regarded me as one of her friends. Perhaps she is listening to these words now but more likely she has got herself the job of helping with all the activities at the Club behind the pearly gates and if she has, it will be a far better place with Lydia organising events.

Thank you for listening to me and I would like you all to raise your glasses and drink to a true friend of Pyecombe and a lovely lady:
TO LYDIA.

A Selection of Photographs taken at the PGC Christmas Party





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FROM THE OFFICE

GolfMark Accreditation:

It is with great pleasure that I inform members that the Club has been accredited GolfMark status by the English Golf Union following several months of preparatory work largely done by our Professional, Jason Bowen; brilliant work Jason, well done. A copy of the EGU's email informing the Club of the award appears on page 9.

GolfMark is awarded to Clubs who have satisfied the EGU's strict criteria on three key areas, namely, coaching and playing; club environment including sports equity and ethics; child protection and duty of care. All these point to Pyecombe being recognised as a junior and beginner friendly Club that hopefully will stand us in good stead for future membership, marketing and renewal of the Discretionary Rate Relief in due course.

The award of GolfMark also opens doors to 'grant funding' (for the development of the game of golf) that otherwise would be closed to the Club. I am aware that West Hove GC has in the past won substantial grants towards its teaching facilities and maybe we can look for something similar in the future now that we have the accreditation.

Membership Benefits:

For the benefit of those members that did not see my previous Ups & Downs article on this topic, I reiterate that arrangements have been made with Golfguard Ltd to insure members against:

(a) personal liability due to a third party bodily injury up to £5mn and (b) personal accident (death; loss of limbs or sight; permanent total disablement) up to £15k (£4k for Juniors) whilst playing golf at any recognised Golf Club in the UK. The personal accident cover extends to playing golf abroad for up to 120 days in the year.

Members can obtain copies of the full terms and conditions of the cover from the Office.

Food and Beverage: advance notice of likely price increases

The Club is facing some significant increases in beer and wine supplies over the next few weeks and cost of food has also risen in recent months. It is most likely, therefore, that the Club will have to raise selling prices once the full effect of the supply cost increases are known.

The intention though is to keep our prices as low as possible and certainly, after members' discounts are factored in, appreciably lower than pub prices.

Capital Projects: Probable Disruption

Members will already be aware of the reduction in car parking capacity owing to the pro-shop extension and the energy project. I now have to inform everyone that further disruption will be experienced in the week commencing 22 February when the current boiler will be removed and the new one fitted (result being a lack of hot water for showers in both the men's and ladies' changing rooms) for the week and also on Tuesday, 2nd March, there will be no electricity power throughout the clubhouse/pro-shop which will necessitate closure of both facilities that day. The course will remain open however.

2010 Club Open and Invitation events:

Entry forms are now available either from the Club's website or from the Clubhouse. The main events are:

Thursday 13 May: Men's Open
Monday 24 May: Seniors' Open
Saturday 5 June: Men's Invitation
Thursday 8 July: Mixed Open
Saturday 15 July: Mixed Invitation
Tuesday 10 August: Ladies Open
Thursday 12 August: Mon's over 50s Invitation

The Club is particularly keen to see a good entry for this year's Men's Open as it will be the 25th year that the Fraser Macdonald Thistle has been awarded to the winner. It is hoped that several of Fraser's family will participate in the event and a special commemorative trophy will be handed to this year's winner. Please do your best to encourage your golfing friends to enter the event.

John Wilkinson Managing Secretary

Hole-in One Achievement



Mike Healey, a member of Pyecombe golf club since 1981, achieved a '**hole - in - one**' on Saturday 6th February 2010 (his 3rd) when playing the 5th hole of Pyecombe's course.

Mike said "He decided to grip down the shaft of his 5 iron off the winter tee mat into a moderately strong wind. He struck the ball cleanly and was pleased with his shot but thought it might be long and at the back of the green". His playing partners were Harvey Smith and Ken Thompsett - who did the same feat last November. Mike was surprised his ball was not at the back when he reached the green but discovered it lying in the hole. His actions then were to dance about and wave his arms and putter in the air in jubilation.

Mike's playing colleagues benefited to free tea and tea cakes when the clubhouse was reached.

From: Andrew Willems
Sent: 12 February 2010 13:15
To: jason bowen; john Wilkinson
Cc: Emma Bullock;
Subject: **GolfMark Achieved - Many Congratulations**



Dear Jason & John,

I went through your GolfMark questions today and I am very pleased to report, and it gives me great honour, to inform you that Pyecombe Golf Club have officially achieved the accreditation as of today.

I would like to personally thank you, and the whole team at Pyecombe, for the amount of work you have put in, and many congratulations in achieving the award. Your efforts have been second to none and you have produced a very good and comprehensive GolfMark evidence file, I really appreciate it. A full development report, and more importantly your certificates and plaque, will be sent out in the post (including all the promotions that comes with it, I have attached the 'Rewards and Recognition' sheet for you as you are now a GolfMark facility - this is currently being updated).

Everything you have produced has been great, but as mentioned GolfMark is an ongoing process, so please remember to keep adding to your file when other pieces of information are worked on. You have implemented and produced great paperwork in terms of coaching and playing, club environment and child protection policies and procedures. For the latter, please use the forms if any new people join the junior team (including volunteer support) as this will only show that you have got efficient and well organised recruitment and training procedures.

If you would like to discuss anything in terms of this please don't hesitate to get in contact with me, however, I hope the accreditation boosts the great work that Pyecombe already employ. I will contact my office manager to get all the necessary logo's sent out to you in electronic format so you can start amending your headed correspondence, website etc if you so wish.

Lastly, if you would like me, or the County Golf Partnership, to come out and officially present you with your certificate, so therefore a bit of press coverage for you, we will more than happily do this (time allowing), please just let us know on this!!

Again many congratulations and I hope to hear from you soon!! If you would like to complete a short article for the national GolfMark website, I attach the guidelines for your reference (please send any completed articles to myself).

Very kind regards,

Andrew Willems

Regional Development Officer

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Snowy Pictures (Courtesy Eric Hewton)



**Alex working hard in the car park
or is he practicing for “Dancing on Ice”?**



January snow on the 16th tee & fairway

PGC New Year's Eve Party

For the last two years an Elvis impersonator has been the entertainment at the New Year's Eve party, but this year Jim (Club Captain) and George decided that they would try and provide some Glamour and Sophistication. They accomplished this in fact more easily than anticipated by snapping up an all-female trio known as The Desperate Hurstwives.

The trio of Sam, Helen & Clare kept everyone entertained all evening with a fantastic variety of music to suit all ages. They also did the disco for us until after 2 a.m. when the last of the members and guests departed. It was nice to see some members turn up unannounced just before midnight to spend the New Year with their friends - they all made a donation to the Captains' charities. We would like to thank all the members who turned up and made it such a fantastic night.

The food was an excellent buffet ably served up by Nigel, Chrissie & Erica whilst Tony & Josh attended at the bar.



Barman Tony



Barman Josh

Two of the performers will be returning on 10th July to do an Abba evening for us, and I the trio have already been booked for this New Year subject to the agreement of next year's Captain, Peter Gavin. (See following page for a selection of photographs)

(Adaptation of a report by) – **George Eves**

A Selection of Photographs taken at PGC's New Year's Eve Party



Clubhouse Heating Systems Update

As you will have seen, work has started on the replacement of our heating systems for hot water and space heating. There has been some delay in commencing the work but it is planned to have the new system commissioned and operational by the end of March, mid April latest.

Approval at the EGM last year for the project to go ahead allowed final details to be resolved. The committee is grateful for the support of Colin Kemp and Andy Taylor whose companies, Kemco Heating and AJ Taylor Electrical, have been contracted to install the heating system in the clubhouse and the electrics respectively. Their input to the heating system design and to the modification to the Club's electrical supply has been significant.

One aspect that has caused delay has been the need for a three-phase supply for the heat pump itself. No records exist within the club's files and when EDF were contacted they even had no record of our even having an electrical supply (we've been paying for it for years though). Any number of electrical engineers who surveyed the system could not decide whether we had a three phase supply or not – they did agree on one thing - that the wiring was a mess. One member's comments, a retired electrical engineer,'s comment would not pass the editor's censorship. Mike Sexton however "volunteered" to sort out this problem and from an initial budget estimate from EDF of £25k the final cost is likely to a tenth of that. Well done Mike.



The drilling of the boreholes has not proceeded without its difficulties. The drillers reported hitting a void at around 60 meters: hopefully not the Clayton Tunnel was a comment heard. The borehole itself has been closing in after the drill rods have been removed making it difficult to get the collector pipes down.



However, the drilling should be finished by the end of February leaving only the trenching to the plant room.

The new heaters you see in the dining room and hopefully soon the bar/lounge are fan assisted convector heaters. Low-powered fans blow air over a heat exchanger hopefully at a speed so as not to cause Ken Barnard's hair to blow over his eyes. It is expected that these will prove more effective than the electric convector heaters. There was some debate about the siting of the heater in the ceiling above the dance floor but on balance, with the present arrangement and the new patio doors, it was agreed that this was best. These heaters will be better programmed and controlled than the existing ones with more effective heating at a time when it is needed.

A press release in mid January led to coverage in local newspapers and *South Downs Living*.

Finally, your patience with the disruption is appreciated. It is anticipated the field car park will be back in service as the new season's golf starts. Interruptions to the electricity supply and the hot water supply hopefully will not inconvenience too many of you for too long.

Bob Watson and his team are praying that in next year's *Ups & Downs* the members will be reporting how satisfied they are with the temperature in the Clubhouse and a smile might be on the face of the Treasurer.

COLTS SECTION

As the new season is yet to get under way, this is a reminder of what this section of Pyecombe Golf Club represents.

Any seven day member who has a handicap of 18 or over can play for the Colts. We play teams from **Cottesmore, The Dyke, East Brighton, Ham Manor, Ifield and West Hove**, in four ball better ball games (on either a Saturday or a Sunday), with three quarters handicap. The Colts season starts with the internal Colts Tankard stableford competition, played between members of Pyecombe, and the person with the highest stableford score wins the 'Tankard'. After that the matches begin against other clubs.

The diary for this year is:

Date	Match	Venue
6 th March	Colts Tankard	Pyecombe
20 th March	East Brighton	Pyecombe
27 th March	Ham Manor	Pyecombe
15 th May	The Dyke	Away at The Dyke
22 nd May	Cottesmore	Away at Cottesmore
30 th May	Ham Manor	Away at Ham Manor
4 th July	Inter Club Event	
18 th July	West Hove	Pyecombe
24 th July	The Dyke	Pyecombe
31 st July	East Brighton	Away at East Brighton
21 st August	Cottesmore	Pyecombe
18 th September	Ifield	Pyecombe
25 th September	Ifield	Away at Ifield
17 th October	West Hove	Away at West Hove

If you are interested in playing with the Colts, keep an eye on the Colts notice board opposite the entrance to the kitchen, or give Alan Carter a call (07970668684). The entry sheet for the Tankard competition is already there.

VETS SECTION

The New Season is almost upon us. Please note that the Vets / Ladies Competition scheduled for Tuesday 2nd March has had to be postponed to Thursday 11th March owing to the Clubhouse having no electricity on the original date. There is a new list on the board to which you should add your name, even if you had already elected to play on the original date.

Other notices requiring attention :-

- Away day at Lamberhurst on Wednesday 5th May
- Two Day Trip to Five Lakes on Wed. / Thur. 25 – 26th August
- Neighbouring Clubs Invitation Days

I am looking forward to the new season - especially the Vets Matches which provide the very best golfing experiences. Please support and enjoy as many as you can.

Richard Cottell
Vets Captain

JASON BOWEN

PGA PROFESSIONAL

Hopefully we are nearing the end of this bleak period of weather and we can look forward to some sunshine and all get on with lots of golfing. To get the season started I am having an end of season sale in the shop with 30% off a large selection of Glenmuir and Nike non logo clothing, Cleveland drivers reduced to £80, fairway woods to £60, wedges to £65 and a couple of Sun Mountain golf bags on special offer. I am aiming to run the stock down in the run up to the new shop opening. I am also running a golf lesson promotion to get everyone ready for the new season!!

1 HOUR LESSON ONLY £20
(save £15)
UP TO THE END OF MARCH
OFFER ONLY AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS
1 BOOKING PER PERSON

My plan from April is to stock 3 brands of Men's clothing (Glenmuir logo clothing and 2 others that are to be finalised) 2 brands of ladies clothing (Glenmuir and Daily Sports), 6 styles of Footjoy shoes, Sun Mountain bags and trolleys, Vokey wedges, YES putters and the full range of Tom Wishon custom fit clubs to name a few. I will also be launching a new website shortly along with a new newsletter format which will give information on all the products that I can order in. (These will include Cobra, Mizuno, Ping, Taylor Made and Callaway) I am confident that I can match almost all internet prices. You just have to pop into the shop and ask for a quote.



Following a thorough test of EZGO buggies around the course to make sure that the new braking systems that are used today make the buggies a safe and viable proposition, I am hoping that by the beginning of April we will have taken delivery of 3 buggies. These will be available to rent and bookings can be made in advance. I am anticipating the charge being £20 for Visitors, £15 for Members and a reduced rate for frequent use. (£125 for 10 rounds). This has been authorised by the management at Pyecombe GC.

Some of you may have noticed that at the bottom of the Professional shop webpage there is a link to "second hand clubs". If anyone is interested in any of these clubs please contact the Pro shop and we will contact the owner and arrange for the club to be left in the shop. If anyone has any clubs they would like to sell, please pop it into the shop, we will take a photo of it and upload it onto the website. Payments are made direct to the golf club owner and there is a 10% charge for the service.

COACHING CORNER

This month's article looks at the putting stroke and its relationship with the putter you are using. There are a number of different variables that a putter has, such as its length, lie angle, loft, weight distribution and pertinent to this article, whether it's a face balanced or toe hang putter.

To find out what type of putter you have, balance the shaft across your index finger. A toe hang putter will have the toe of the club pointing to the ground. A face balanced putter will have the face of the club pointing to the sky. Some putters will lie somewhere in between.

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Toe hang
putter on
the left.



Face
balanced
putter on
the right

The type of putter you use should correspond to the type of stroke you make. If you like to try and keep the putter face square going back and square going through, you should go for a face balanced putter and if you like to feel the putter going inside the line (slightly opening through rotation) on the backswing, to square at impact and inside the line on the follow through (slightly closing through rotation), then you should be using a toe hang putter.



Square to square
putting stroke
= Face balanced



Inside to square to
inside stroke
= Toe hang putter

Posture can have an effect on what type of putting stroke you make. If you stand more over the ball, you will tend to make more of a shoulder rocking move and hence swing more up and down the line, whereas if you stand more upright you will tend to make a more rotational movement and be more in to square to in.



The main point to note is not to try and change your stroke to suit your putter, but instead get the right equipment to suit your technique.

COMING IN APRIL

Jason

BRIGHTON & EASTBOURNE SENIORS WINTER LEAGUE

Pyecombe Seniors played Hollingbury Park on 1st February at home, in the Brighton & Eastbourne Seniors Winter League. They were in action again in a rearranged match against Eastbourne Downs on 15th February again home at Pyecombe. Against Hollingbury Pyecombe seniors won 3 ½ points to 1 ½ points and against Eastbourne Downs obtained an even better win of 4 points to 1.

The results of both matches are given below together with the names of PGC players.

Against Hollingbury

Roy Jarvis & Ken Long	lost 1 down
Ken White & Roger Benjamin	won 3-2
Stan Green & Graham Heyes	won 1 up
Len North & John Jefferson	halved
Peter Cook & Peter Gavin	won 1 up

Against Eastbourne Downs

Andy Munday & Alan Gower Cpt	won 4-3
George Eves & Neil Beard-Neilson	won 1 up
Ken White & Ted Whitbourn	won 2 up
Andy Belenkin & Jim Dossetter	halved
Alan Smith & Len North	halved

Due to the very bad weather we have had 5 matches postponed & only played 6 matches whilst East Brighton the leaders have played 10. If we win our games in hand we should catch them but our last game is against East Brighton!! Its going to be a hectic March with six matches to play.

Alan Gower Seniors Captain

March Tee Reservations					
Date	Day	Event	Time	Venue	Type
02 Mar	Tue	CLUBHOUSE CLOSED (NO POWER!!)	ALL DAY	HOME	Maint
03 Mar	Wed	Stableford	-	HOME	Mens
06 Mar	Sat	Junior Stableford	-	HOME	Juniors
06 Mar	Sat	Colts Tankard	11.30-12.45	HOME	Colts
07 Mar	Sun	Stableford	-	HOME	Mens
07 Mar	Sun	Ladies Australian Spoons (Bronze)	-	HOME	Ladies
08 Mar	Mon	Seniors v Lewes (confirmed)	9.50-10.30 am	HOME	Seniors
08 Mar	Mon	Vets Bowman Trophy	8.30-10.00 am	HOME	Vets
08 Mar	Mon	ABC Magazine (provisional) Com Room	9.30 - 4.30 ?	HOME	Committee
09 Mar	Tue	Ladies Australian Spoons (Bronze)	8.45-11.00 am	HOME	Ladies
10 Mar	Wed	Medal	-	HOME	Mens
10 Mar	Wed	Slickers & Bumpkins GS	10.30-11.15	HOME	Society
11 Mar	Thu	Ladies v Vets (Changed Date!!)	8.45-10.00 am	HOME	Ladies
13 Mar	Sat	P@V I T Trials	10.30-11 am	HOME	P@VIT
13 Mar	Sat	Medal	-	HOME	Mens
14 Mar	Sun	Junior Medal	-	HOME	Juniors
14 Mar	Sun	Ladies Caps-Secs Match	-	HOME	Ladies
14 Mar	Sun	Mothering Sunday Lunch	12 onwards	HOME	Social
15 Mar	Mon	Seniors v Willingdon (confirmed)	9.50-10.30 am	HOME	Seniors
16 Mar	Tue	Ladies Caps-Secs Match	8.45-11.00 am	HOME	Ladies
16 Mar	Tue	Sussex Captains Meeting Committee Room	2.30 pm	HOME	Committee
17 Mar	Wed	Stableford	-	HOME	Mens
18 Mar	Thu	Seniors v East Brighton (confirmed)	9.50-10.30 am	HOME	Seniors
20 Mar	Sat	Stableford	-	HOME	Mens
20 Mar	Sat	Junior Stableford	-	HOME	Juniors
20 Mar	Sat	Colts v East Brighton (confirmed)	11.20-12.30	HOME	Colts
21 Mar	Sun	Ladies McMillan Stableford (Q)	-	HOME	Ladies
21 Mar	Sun	Norman Plummer Shield (Rescheduled)	tbc	HOME	Mixed
23 Mar	Tue	Ladies McMillan Stableford (Q)	8.45-11.00 am	HOME	Ladies
24 Mar	Wed	Arun and Adur GS	10.30-11.30	HOME	Society
24 Mar	Wed	Hitherwood GS	12.30 - 1.30	HOME	Society
25 Mar	Thu	George & Dragon (Tarring) G S	12.30-1.30 pm	HOME	Society
25 Mar	Thu	Stableford	-	HOME	Mens
26 Mar	Fri	Vets v Broken Spur	8.30-9.30 am	HOME	Vets
26 Mar	Fri	MSL Winter Finals Day	-	AWAY	MSL
26 Mar	Fri	Sunbed G S (provisional)	1.15-1.45 pm	HOME	Society
27 Mar	Sat	P@V I T Trials	10-10.30 am	HOME	P@VIT
27 Mar	Sat	Quiz Night	7.00 pm	HOME	Social
27 Mar	Sat	Colts v Ham Manor (confirmed)	11.20-12.30	HOME	Colts
28 Mar	Sun	Medal	-	HOME	Mens
28 Mar	Sun	Ladies Coronation 4's	-	HOME	Ladies
28 Mar	Sun	MSSL v Haywards Heath (confirmed)	8.50-9.45 am	HOME/AWAY	MSL

March Tee Reservations Continued					
Date	Day	Event	Time	Venue	Type
28 Mar	Sun	Junior Stableford	-	HOME	Juniors
29 Mar	Mon	Vets Old Man's Medal	8.30 -10.00 am	HOME	Vets
29 Mar	Mon	Ladies Div 3 v Singing Hills	-	AWAY	Div 3
30 Mar	Tue	Ladies Coronation 4's	8.45-11.00 am	HOME	Ladies
30 Mar	Tue	Past Captains Spring Meeting	12.20 - 1.20 pm	HOME	Mens
31 Mar	Wed	Stableford	-	HOME	Mens
31 Mar	Wed	Ladies Div 2 Match	11-12 pm	HOME	

April Tee Reservations					
Date	Day	Event	Time	Venue	Type
02 Apr	Fri	Anderson Eclectic Start		HOME	Mens
02 Apr	Fri	President/Capt Challenge	C/Closed - 1pm	HOME	Mixed
02 Apr	Fri	Party Night	7 pm	HOME	Social
03 Apr	Sat	Junior Stableford	-	HOME	Juniors
03 Apr	Sat	Stableford	-	HOME	Mens
04 Apr	Sun	Ladies Stableford (Q)		HOME	Ladies
05 Apr	Mon	Anderson Eclectic Ends	-	HOME	Mens
05 Apr	Mon	Mixed Easter Competition	1.00-2.30 pm	HOME	Mixed
05 Apr	Mon	Family Foursomes	-	HOME	Mixed
06 Apr	Tue	Junior Medal	-	HOME	Juniors
06 Apr	Tue	Ladies Stableford (Q)	8.45-11.00 am	HOME	Ladies
07 Apr	Wed	Medal	-	HOME	Mens
08 Apr	Thu	Ladies Past Capts Lunch & Comp	9.30-10.30 am	HOME	Ladies
08 Apr	Thu	Edifice GS	12.30-1.30 pm	HOME	Society
09 Apr	Fri	Vets v Royal Eastbourne (confirmed)	8.30-9.30 am	HOME	Vets
09 Apr	Fri	Broken Spur	1.30-2.30 pm	HOME	Broken Spu
10 Apr	Sat	Josh Baldock's 21st Birthday	2.30-3.30	HOME	Private
11 Apr	Sun	Medal		HOME	Mens
11 Apr	Sun	Ladies Val Mackay Medal (Q)	-	HOME	Ladies
11 Apr	Sun	Junior Stableford		HOME	Juniors
11 Apr	Sun	Mixed Match v Copthorne (confirmed)	-	AWAY	Mixed
12 Apr	Mon	Vets v Highwoods (confirmed)	-	AWAY	Vets
12 Apr	Mon	B.H.C.F.G.S. (provisional)	9.45-10.30 am /1-1.45 pm	HOME	Society
12 Apr	Mon	Tyrrells Wood Monday Boys	11.30 am-12.45 pm	HOME	Society
12 Apr	Mon	Ladies Div 3 v East Sussex National	-	AWAY	Div 3
13 Apr	Tue	Ladies Val Mackay Medal (Q)	8.45-11.00 am	HOME	Ladies
13 Apr	Tue	Brighton Banks GS	3.45 - 4.30 p.m.	HOME	Society
14 Apr	Wed	Junior Stableford	-	HOME	Juniors
14 Apr	Wed	SREIGS	1-2.15 pm	HOME	Society
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April Tee Reservations Continued					
Date	Day	Event	Time	Venue	Type
14 Apr	Wed	Stableford	-	HOME	Mens
14 Apr	Wed	Crawley Club GS (provisional)	10-11 am	HOME	Society
15 Apr	Thu	Vets v Worthing (confirmed)	-	AWAY	Vets
15 Apr	Thu	Minnibal GS	1.45-2.30 pm	HOME	Society
15 Apr	Thu	Mid Sussex G S (provisional)	9.30-11 am	HOME	Society
16 Apr	Fri	Vets Texas Scramble	8.30-10 am	HOME	Vets
16 Apr	Fri	Sussex Villages GS	10.30 - 12.00	HOME	Society
17 Apr	Sat	VW Mst Qual Medal	-	HOME	Mens
17 Apr	Sat	Junior Stableford	-	HOME	Juniors
17 Apr	Sat	Club Match v Royal Eastbourne (confirm)	10-11 am	HOME	Mens
18 Apr	Sun	Mixed v Royal Eastbourne (confirmed)	12.20-1.30 pm	HOME	Mixed
18 Apr	Sun	Queen Mother Cup	-	HOME	Mens
18 Apr	Sun	Ladies 4BBB (Ping)	-	HOME	Ladies
19 Apr	Mon	Vets v Dyke (confirmed)	-	AWAY	Vets
19 Apr	Mon	VERTI-DRAINING	-	HOME	Maint
19 Apr	Mon	Ladies Div 3 v Lewes	-	AWAY	Div 3
20 Apr	Tue	Ladies 4BBB (Ping)	8.45-11.00 am	HOME	Ladies
20 Apr	Tue	VERTI-DRAINING	-	HOME	Maint
21 Apr	Wed	VERTI-DRAINING	-	HOME	Maint
21 Apr	Wed	Stableford	-	HOME	Mens
22 Apr	Thu	VERTI-DRAINING	-	HOME	Maint
23 Apr	Fri	Mott McDonald GS	1-2 pm	HOME	Society
23 Apr	Fri	VERTI-DRAINING	-	HOME	Maint
23 Apr	Fri	BHIGS	9.30-10.30 AM	HOME	Society
23 Apr	Fri	Sussex Lady Captans' Committee	10.30 a.m.-	HOME	Committee
24 Apr	Sat	Saxons v Celts (fancy dress)	c/closed - 2 pm	HOME	Mixed
25 Apr	Sun	Ladies 3 Princes Cup (S/F Q)	-	HOME	Ladies
25 Apr	Sun	Stableford	-	HOME	Mens
25 Apr	Sun	Junior Stableford	-	HOME	Juniors
26 Apr	Mon	Cyril Blake Seniors	10.50-11.30 am	HOME/A WAY	Seniors
27 Apr	Tue	Ladies 3 Princes Cup (S/F Q)	8.45-11.00 am	HOME	Ladies
28 Apr	Wed	Vets v Cophthorne (confirmed)	-	AWAY	Vets
28 Apr	Wed	Out of Bounders GS	9.30-10.30 am	HOME	Society
29 Apr	Thu	Ladies Div 2 v Chartham Park	11.30 - 12.30	HOME	Div 2
29 Apr	Thu	Stableford	-	HOME	Mens
30 Apr	Fri	Broken Spur	1.30-2.30 pm	HOME	Broken Spu
30 Apr	Fri	Shoreham Amateur GS	9.15 - 10.15	HOME	Society