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Editor Alf Bickham

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

This seems a little strange, to be starting off writing about Alf when he is the editor putting together this newsletter. However I want Alf to know how much we appreciate all that he does for Pyecombe Golf Club. It has been a difficult time for Alf recently but ever the professional he continues his excellent editorial work, -thank you Alf from all of us.

Also our sympathy and thanks go to our barman Tony, who has been coping so very well following the loss of his wife. As many of you will know Tony cared for his wife during a long and difficult illness whilst never allowing his work to suffer.

Social

The Mothering Sunday Lunch was a great success, again highlighting the very real improvement in our catering.

The Quiz Night held on 27th March was another winner with a full house.

Speaking of winners – Ken Barnard, that well known winner of many competitions and much more, celebrated 50 years membership of Pyecombe Golf Club at a surprise Party Night on Good Friday, and would you believe it, he was actually surprised and almost lost for words – I did say almost!! It was a fun evening with many of Kens family and friends attending and it was great to have the opportunity to thank Ken for all that he has

done for our Club during his long and distinguished membership. (Photographs page 6)

And the fun continued with a private party held on 17th April to celebrate two 50th Birthdays. Annie Eves, and no, George her husband and our Head of Social was not lost for words!!

Neither was our carer Mike G Price in ensuring a lovely evening for his wife Carole. (Pyecombe Golf Club really does make a great venue for that special celebration.)

Looking forward, we have the Race Night on 7th May. This is in support of The Friends of Pyecombe. You too can be a winner.

A wine tasting evening is being held on 29th May. This promises to be most enjoyable and informative.

Golf

Firstly, well done to our juniors:

Matt Greenfield on being selected for the County under 16 squad

Charlie Klus 14 squad

Harry Klus inter regional under 15's

And the Old Boys aren't doing so badly either, -
Winners of the **Seniors Winter League**.

Congratulations to Alan Gower and his 'boys'.

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MEMBERS CONTRIBUTIONS TO NEWSLETTER

Leave in the Office with the Secretary or in an envelope in the foyer marked for the attention of Alf Bickham / Newsletter or send Alf an Email message to his Email address of: alf@abickham.freeserve.co.uk or to make contact by telephone, call him at home, Tel. No. 01444.242101

CAPTAIN'S REPORT (Continuation)

Golf (Continued)

Also hearty congratulations to Trevor & Matt Greenfield and Jake Southon on winning the County Junior Organisers 2010. As a result Pyecombe will be hosts in 2011.

As we all know the weather took its toll of a great deal of our winter golf but we did avoid the Wooden Spoon in the MSW League, although Finals Day was not so kind to us. I blame the fact that we are not used to the wet ground, and it certainly was wet at Ifield.

Our first MSL summer league match against Haywards Heath went to Haywards Heath, just! The way MSL points are calculated we have 9 points H/H 11 points.

Mixed golf is under way and in traditional fashion organised by the Vice Captain Peter Gavin and Lady Vice Captain Carol Crothers who ran a most enjoyable Easter Competition, which produced some very good scores.

Winners: Jan Brittin & Tim Gleave 46 points
2nd place Angie Bainbridge & Mike Price also 46 points
3rd place Sandi Selsby & Phil Hubble 44 points

The two inter Club Mixed Matches played so far have produced a loss at Copthorne with a win at home against Royal Eastbourne. One of the Royal Eastbourne team enjoyed a special day with a hole in one on the 8th. Although he did return home quite a bit poorer after generously buying drinks all round. Well done and thanks Iain Paterson.

It was in fact a Pyecombe / Royal Eastbourne weekend with a men's friendly match on Saturday 17th April before the mixed on Sunday. Not so good for the men – a 3 /1 loss. We obviously need our ladies with us to succeed!!

The first round of the PAV IT trophy will be played at Pyecombe on Saturday 8th May. Come and support your scratch team or perhaps even carry a bag for one of them.

These are our best golfers and it's great to see how well they play the game. Your support means a lot. Please contact Alan Davey or me for further information.

Thank you:

To Eddie Borrill for dealing with the Sunday sheet, a job he has been doing for many years. Eddie will continue to place the sheet in the lobby for the early birds but in future Jason will take it into his shop when he opens.

A change of date.

The Prize Giving Dinner has now been moved to Saturday 20th November.

Dress Code

When I ask prospective new members about dress code they are all keen to see standards maintained. They obviously feel that they are applying to join a quality Golf Club. Our dress code is not as rigid as it was but let us be aware that the code for shorts is "Knee length tailored shorts only" (juniors may wear slightly longer-but smart) We will not allow football type shorts and Jason will be asked to enforce this rule.

Club Matches

Do join in and play for your Club. We need players for our match against Puttenham at home on Saturday 22nd May. Those who play at home will get the chance to play at Puttenham on Sunday 5th September.

Finally, I am sure that you are pleased to see the Diary back. I certainly am and my thanks go to John Wilkinson for sorting it.

Well that's about it from me, do enjoy your golf and please join in Club activity whenever you can.

Any queries or problems – I'm in the Diary!

Jim Dossetter

LADIES SECTION

The Ladies have had a very successful few weeks. The Morrice Fours team beat Highwoods away on a soggy course in March with the final pairing of Jo Galway and Joy Millns going up the 20th hole to clinch a very good victory. We then played Hassocks at home last week where, between us, we had to give them 34 shots! We all played brilliantly and managed a clean sweep to move into Round 3 where we meet either Rye or Mannings Heath.

The Mail on Sunday team have also won against Cuckfield away in March and Hollingbury at home in April. We face Petersfield at home on Sunday 26 April.

Aileen and Jo beat The Dyke in the Scratch Fours at West Hove but sadly lost to Worthing after an extremely close match when both teams played outstanding golf. Worthing then went on to play in the final but were beaten by Bognor.

Division matches are progressing fast. Div 1 gained a half away at East Brighton, Div 2 have lost against 2 tough away opponents, Chartham Park and Littlehampton, and Div 3 had 2 good wins against East Sussex National and Singing Hills, but lost to Lewes away.

The sun has been shining all week and the course is looking marvellous. I am looking forward to the next month which is full of golf matches, but only hope that my body will hold up to the rigours of it all!

Joanna Greenstreet
Lady Captain

THE PRESIDENT REFLECTS

The weather was not kind to us on Good Friday this year, and, apart from the early starters, the remaining matches were forced to an early conclusion with the result of each one decided by mutual agreement. In all, there were 24 four ball matches and Captain Jim and I were extremely appreciative of the excellent support given by all the participants turning up in such miserable conditions. As usual, there was a great atmosphere back in the clubhouse once everyone had dried out, changed, had a look at that lovely log fire burning and downed that first pint/glass of wine! Not surprisingly a good deal of 'banter' ensued, and then the moment of truth was revealed! The challenge proved a very close one with the President's Team prevailing by the narrow margin of 12 ½ to 11 ½. It was nice to get back on track after last year's setback (sorry Jim!) and the overall score for the 16 years this competition has been going, now stands at President's Team 9 wins, Captain's team 2 wins with 5 challenges halved.

With the long spell of bad weather behind us, the new ground source heat pumping system now completed and up and running (a huge vote of thanks to Chris Openshaw for all his work on this), and the extension to the Pro Shop virtually finished, the clubhouse area and surrounds are coming back to normal. We can now look forward to playing some memorable golf in the warmer spring and summer months ahead. Enjoy!

Reg Auchterlonie



'Honest, Jim, I didn't fix it !!'

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Our Editor for the past 11 years has recently suffered the loss of his wife Dorothy who died suddenly and unexpectedly on 12th March. Alf we send you our condolences. Following a career in infant teaching Dorothy spent much of her retirement helping and organising the Meals on Wheels Service in Burgess Hill. She was one of life's good people.

PROJECTS

The Eco Heating System has been commissioned and is within budget. So congratulations to Chris Openshaw who has worked doggedly on this scheme for many months. There have been frustrations caused by technical glitches and the whole system has yet to be finely balanced, but we are nearly there.

The Pro Shop is also nearly there. Jason is waiting for the external shutters to be fitted to doors and windows and then will begin moving stock etc in. Hopefully by this weekend.

The Balcony over the Pro Shop has been provided with wooden furniture; thanks to Friends of Pyecombe. Please note that the Balcony is a: **NO SMOKING area.**

Plans for the enlarged Greenkeepers Shed are currently with MSDC for planning approval. A decision is expected soon.

THE COURSE

While much of the expenditure this winter has been on the Club House the Greenstaff have done some great work trimming trees, refurbishing paths, repairing bunkers, planting trees and hedges. All this gives the Course a well cared for look as testified by members of Royal Eastbourne who visited us recently.

At the same time, we have been considering a "shopping list" of new equipment, a comprehensive exercise started by Richard Plummer last year. Having taken a hard look at other areas of expenditure and likely income streams we have agreed to "buy" a replacement sprayer and a semi rough cutter. The sprayer replaces a machine which in common parlance is "clapped out", while the semi rough cutter replaces the gang mowers which we have had "for ever" and which require increasing sums of money each year to keep them going. The new machine will also give a better quality cut and is self propelled

(which may enable us to make do with one less tractor).

On the advice of our Treasurer who investigated various methods of financing these acquisitions, we have agreed a lease over 5 years with an option to buy at the end of the period.

POOL TABLE

Members will have seen this table in the Dining room. At the request of some members we are experimenting with it on a 3 month free trial basis, on the condition that it remains in the dining room and is not used when the dining room is being used.

After 3 months we will assess how much it has been used, consider the views of members, and decide whether to retain it or not.

COURSE CLOSURE POLICY

It seems bizarre to be writing about this when the sky is blue and the sun shining but only a few weeks ago we experienced several days when the sea mist swept across the Course creating hazardous playing conditions. Our Professional asked us to provide more guidance on Course closure and the April Management Committee agreed an expanded policy and procedure, a copy of which is on the Captain's Board.

The nub is this: while we want to keep the Course open at all times, the safety of players and staff is paramount and should override all other considerations at all times. Various officers and staff are empowered to decide, with the Captain being the final arbiter. One long blast on the klaxon means "Stop play" while 3 short blasts means "Resume Play".

Let's hope this doesn't occur in the summer at least, but sea frets in July are not unknown.

50 YEAR MEMBERS

We have agreed to "honour" any member who has been in continuous membership for 50 years with the presentation of a suitably engraved glass "something". Since Club records from that time are not great, any member who can remember that far back and thinks they qualify is asked to contact the office. A signed receipt for their first sub should be sufficient evidence!! Peter Holland tells me that in 2 years time he will have completed 60 years. Wow!

Happy golfing!

David Brown

Friends of Pyecombe

Benefits of the Friends funding programme have now begun to manifest themselves both on the course and in the clubhouse.

High quality tee signs are now in place by all 18 tees and a new entrance sign greets members and visitors arriving from the north. A similar sign on the opposite side of the driveway is scheduled to be installed shortly.

Crockery bearing a smart Pyecombe logo has been provided in the clubhouse (with teapots now dispensing their contents into the cup!!) and our new patio atop the professional's shop already has an excellent set of furniture also provided by The Friends. Future planned purchases include 6 ball washers for the course and a new grate to adorn the clubhouse fireplace.

Fund raising activity to date has centred around the 500 club joined recently by the welcome return of the much loved Lottery Bonus Ball,

available at the bar thanks to Alex and his team.

Proceeds from these activities will be supplemented by those from the Race Night scheduled for the evening of 7 May in the clubhouse.

Further benefits similar to those mentioned are in the pipeline and would be accelerated with a little more support. Please help if you are able by supporting the 500 club, Bonus Ball and Race Night

The 500 club pays around £150 monthly in prize money. Additional members would produce a proportional increase in prize money while increasing our ability to fund new projects. Application forms are available at the bar and in the office.

We would also like to thank Richard Little and his family for their generous donation towards the cost of the patio furniture. The donation is in memory of Richard's late father, John, who was a club member for many years. *Andy McKim*

CALLING ALL MEMBERS ARE YOU A FRIEND OF PYECOMBE?



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The Friends have purchased attractive additions to the Club's fixtures and fittings as pictured and with your help further enhancements can be made.

Please join the '500 Club'; enter the weekly Lottery Bonus Ball sweep; and come along to the Family Race Night on Friday 7 May.
HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE !!

Jim Dossetter, Club Captain

Ken Barnard's Surprise Party – For 50 Years Membership



Ken Barnard, his wife Mary & Jim Dossetter – Captain

BRIGHTON & EASTBOURNE SENIORS WINTER LEAGUE

A number of matches have been played in the Brighton & Eastbourne Seniors Winter League since the last issue of Ups & Downs. The success or otherwise of Pyecombe Seniors in the matches are given below plus the names of Pyecombe's players and their achievements.

Against Lewes we played away on 1st March 2010 and at home on 8th March, gaining an overall **win of 6 ½ - 3 ½**, a very good result against one of the stronger teams, placing us at the top of the league. The individual scores were:

Away at Lewes		Home	
George Eves & Neil Beard-Neilson	won 4-2	George Eves & Neil Beard-Neilson	won 3-1
Brian Megenis & Andy Munday	halved	Brian Megenis & Andy Munday	won 1 up
Barry Wood & Ted Whitbourn	lost 2-1	Barry Wood & Jim McGhie	won 3-2
Mick Green & Ken Barnard	lost 4-2	Mick Green & Ken Long	won 5-4
Alan Smith & Reg Aucherlonie	<u>won 2-1</u>	Alan Smith & Terry Reilly	<u>lost 4-3</u>
	Halved		Won 4-1

An away match followed by one at home was played against Willingdon on 3rd and 15th March 2010, respectively.

Away at Willingdon		Home	
Roy Jarvis & Rod Claydon	lost 2-1	Roy Jarvis & Rod Claydon	won 2-1
Chris Muschamp & Roger Benjamin	won 3-2	Ken Long & Brian Langley	lost 1 down
Stan Green & Graham Heyes	lost 3-2	Andy Munday & Duncan Campbell	won 1 up
Len North & John Jefferson	lost 3-2	Len North & John Jefferson	lost 43
Peter Cook & Peter Gavin	<u>lost 4-1</u>	Peter Cook & Peter Gavin	<u>won 1 up</u>
	Lost 4-1		Won 3-2

This was a very close match giving **an overall win to Willingdon 6-4**. It could have gone either way but we were pleased to win at home, against a strong Team. The net result places Willingdon 3.5pts behind us with a game in hand, however, if they beat both Peacehaven & Eastbourne Downs well in their remaining matches, it will be difficult for us to beat them.

Against East Brighton we played away first, on 10th March, and the return leg at home on 25th March. The results of the games were as follows:

Away at East Brighton		Home	
George Eves & Neil Beard-Neilson	lost 1 down	George Eves & Neil Beard-Neilson	won 4-3
Brian Megenis & Andy Munday	won 2-1	Brian Megenis & Andy Munday	won 2-1
Barry Wood & Jim McGhie	won 2-1	Barry Wood & Jim McGhie	won 2-1
Stan Green (Cpt) & Graham Heyes	lost 3-2	Graham Heyes & Martin Sutcliffe	won 4-3
Roger Benjamin & Chris Muschamp	<u>lost 1 down</u>	Ted Whitbourn & John Jefferson	<u>won 7-6</u>
	Lost 3-2		Won 5-0

The overall result against East Brighton was thus a PGC win by 7-3. This was a tremendous result against one of the teams that could have won the league. Pyecombe now have 41.5 pts with only a game at Hollingbury to play. But Willingdon on 34 pts are 7.5pts behind with 2 games in hand, so its still very close.

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BRIGHTON & EASTBOURNE SENIORS WINTER LEAGUE (Continuation)

We entertained Hollingbury at Pyecombe on 1st February but didn't play the return match at their course until 12th April 2010. The results of the games were as follows:

Home		Away at Hollingbury	
Rod Claydon & Roy Jarvis	lost 1 down	George Eves & Neil Beard-Neilson	won 2-1
Roger Benjamin & Ken White	won 3-2	Brian Megenis & Andy Munday	won 4-3
Stan Green (Cpt) & Graham Heyes	won 1 up	Barry Wood & Jim McGhie	lost 4-3
Len North & John Jefferson	halved	Graham Heyes & Martin Sutcliffe	halved
Peter Gavin & Peter Cook	<u>won 1 up</u>	Ted Whitbourn & Ken White	<u>won 1 up</u>
Won 3.5-1.5		Won 3.5-1.5	

Once again we obtained an overall win with a result of 7-3 points. The final 3.5 pts at Hollingbury in a very strong wind, makes us strong favourites to win the league as Pyecombe have now finished with a total of 45 points. Indeed, I have just heard Eastbourne Downs beat Willingdon 5- 0 who cannot now catch us and Pyecombe are the Champions. Well done team. The teams' final league table results are as follows:

	Games Played	Points Won	Points Lost
Pyecombe	14	45.0	25.0
Eastbourne Downs	14	40.5	29.5
Willingdon	14	39.0	31.0
East Brighton	14	39.0	31.0
Lewes	14	36.0	34.0
Peacehaven	14	27.5	42.5
Hollingbury	14	27.0	43.0
Seaford Head	14	26.0	44.0

Alan Gower Pyecombe Seniors Captain

Golf Taster Sessions for Girls

A golf taster session for girls was held at Downlands School, Hassocks, run by Jason Bowen, Pyecombe Golf Club's Professional, in a bid to increase the number of girls taking up the sport.

Three sessions were held on Tuesday 23rd March, to give 150 girls an idea of golf. A fourth session followed on Friday of the same week. Lessons will be available later on for those who want to take up the game.

(See also Jason's article on page 10)



VETS SECTION

URGENT: The Pyecombe Vets invitation is on 20th May. We urgently need at least 3 more names in order to have a Pyecombe Member with each playing group. Please don't let me or more importantly, Pycombe GC down. Put your names down on the sheet please!!! - Thank you.

After the snows, Spring has sprung and we are enjoying the new seasons matches. I am asking for more names to be put down on the sheets for match contenders. We really need a few reserves for unseen circumstances to make the job of finding replacements a bit less frantic. Please put your name down whenever possible and having been selected, try to make that a priority. The Vets matches really are good fun, challenging and excellent value. The soup and buffet after our internal competitions and the lunches that follow our matches, have been very much appreciated by all and help to promote the fellowship enjoyed at Pyecombe.

On Monday 8th March we started our season with the Bowman Trophy - Pairs Stableford Greensomes won clearly by Stan Green and Alex Durie with 38 points. Second Place went to Chris Muschamp and Alan Davies with Ted Whitbourn and Gerry Bannister third.

Thursday 11th March we had an abbreviated (due to the icy wind) Ladies/Vets Pairs Stableford Greensomes won by Pat Webb and Chris Muschamp, with Aileen Greenfield and Ian Hawes second on countback from Chris Gunn and David Brown. We shall have another similar competition (or a match if the Ladies prefer) in the Autumn.

Our first match was against The Broken Spur on Friday 26th March. Several players could have played for either side. The match was won by the Broken Spur 4 ½ - 3 ½. As with all our matches, we do our best to win but the friendly spirit and sportsmanship in which they are played is paramount.

Monday 29th March we played The Old Man's Medal - several people have been under the misapprehension it is for over 70s. Not so, over 60 is the benchmark. The Medal winner was Rex Perham, with Ted Whitbourn second and Alex Durie third.

Friday 9th April we entertained Royal Eastbourne to our first interclub match. Notwithstanding home advantage, we lost a closely fought match 5 - 3.

Monday 12th April we visited Highwoods where we were beaten 6 ½ - 1 ½. Congratulations to our only winning pair: Maurice Woolgar and Alan Dunstan.

Thursday 15th April we played at Worthing. The local knowledge of the approaches and slopes on the fairways and greens was a determining factor. We went down 5 - 3 which was by no means a bad result.

Friday 16th April we had the Spring Texas Scramble which was won by the team of: James Spicer, Aubrey Watson, Brian Dury and Richard Cottell with a net 56.8. Lionel Foot, Phil Copper, Ted Whitbourn & Don Staddon came second with Barry Roberts, Dudley James, John Bould and Alex Durie third.

Monday 19th April we visited The Dyke where the team captained by Aubrey Watson achieved our first victory 5 - 3. Well done to all who took part.

Monday 26th April the draw has been made for the Hole Tankards Foursomes Stableford Competition. There will be 14 pairs taking part.

Teams have been drawn for our next inter club matches against Copthorne (away) on 28th April with Ted Whitbourn captain and Crowborough (home) on Friday 7th May.

Richard Cottell Vets Captain 2010

JASON BOWEN

PGA PROFESSIONAL

The shop is almost open!! It has been a long wait, but I have been reliably informed that the shutters will be going onto the doors and windows this coming week and once its secure the stock will be arriving by the lorry load. I'm sure there will be a huge rush amongst the members to make the first purchase! I am going to be stocking a number of clothing lines including Glenmuir, Daily Sport, Greg Norman Collection, Stromberg and Sub Seventy for the more adventurous. I will also be stocking YES putters, Vokey Wedges, Wishon irons and woods, 7 styles of Footjy shoes and a full range of accessories. I am also able to order in most other brands of clubs and clothing. Those that receive my weekly newsletter will have noted the link to my Greenside website which advertises all the products that can be ordered in at Internet competitive prices. You only have to pop in to the shop for a quote.

The schools' coaching has been progressing nicely over the last few months. We have been running breakfast clubs at St Lawrence school during the Easter term and this term we are running breakfast clubs at Windmills school and girls only classes at Downlands School. Just before Easter, we organised some taster sessions for the girls at Downlands to generate some interest and ran 4 classes with 50 girls in each class. I was so grateful to Annie Eves for helping out with the first 3 lessons and Jo Galway and Eileen Greenfield for helping out with the last lesson. Without their help it wouldn't have been such a success. (See photograph on page 8)



This picture depicts an historic moment in Pyecombe Golf Clubs' history! It is the first ever Buggy rental. We now have 3 buggies to rent. We are running a booking system in the Pro Shop and Members are offered the reduced price of £15 per round. There are a few bits of paperwork to do before taking your first buggy out, but this won't be necessary for subsequent rentals.

Equipment corner – Wedges

A Wedge is Not Just a Wedge

Next to the putter, the wedges are the second most important group of clubs in the bag when it comes to the number at the bottom of your scorecard. A quick look at the statistics on the

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Wedges (Continuation)

..... European Tour and PGA Tour is proof. The average Tour player hits 11 to 12 greens in regulation per round yet still scores par or better. How? By getting the ball close enough to the hole with their wedges to make the putts for par to save their round.

When being custom fit for the best wedges for your game, specifications such as wedge loft, lie, length, sole width and sole angle are certainly important. But what most golfers don't know is that choosing wedges on the basis of the design and condition of the courses they play is very important for getting the complement of wedges that improve their ability to "get the ball up and down" more often.

Sand Conditions

The fluffier and deeper the sand in the bunkers, the wider the sole and the more bounce sole angle will be required on the sand wedge. Conversely, the more coarse and shallow the sand, the more narrow the sole and the less bounce sole angle you should have on your sand wedge. These points are true because the wider the sole and more bounce on the sole, the more the sole can resist travelling deep into the sand.

In addition, the golfer's swing technique for sand shots is very important to evaluate. The more steeply the wedge is swung down to the sand, the deeper the sole could dig under the ball. Hence the more steep the golfer's angle of attack, the wider the sole and the more bounce should be on the sole of their sand club.

Grass Conditions

Longer grass and softer turf around the greens as well as the more "wiry grasses" like Bermuda and Kikuyu found in hot weather climates, the wider the sole and the more bounce sole angle your wedges should have. Likewise, the shorter cropped the grass or more firm the turf around the greens (Such as at Pyecombe Golf Club in the summer), the less bounce sole angle and/or more narrow the sole should be on the wedges.

Green Design

The more elevated the greens, the steeper the bunker faces, the smaller the greens, the more loft should be advised on the wedges to help get the ball up to stop the ball on the tier on which the hole is cut. For flatter and larger the greens, less lofted wedges are better to encourage enough run-up to the hole.

Wedge Specifications

The loft angle between each wedge should not be less than 3 degrees, or more than 6 degrees. This way the golfer always has a club for the distance of the shot and they'll never have to over-hit a wedge, a practice which can destroy wedge accuracy. Always, have the lie angles of your wedges adjusted dynamically by noting the point of impact with the ground to the sole. The more the lie is off from being accurately fit, the more off-line you'll hit the wedges.

Your Pro Shop at Pyecombe Golf Club will be stocking a full range of Vokey and Wishon wedges and we are always on hand to offer expert advice.

Finally I would like to thank all the Members at Pyecombe GC for being patient with Michael and myself during our temporary move to the Clubhouse. We have done our best to maintain some form of organisation, but at times, things have got a little bit out of control. Our aim when we move downstairs to the new shop is to provide all of you with the very highest levels of service.

Happy golfing!!

Jason

Late News from the Captain

The re-introduction of the Saxons v Celts Match on Saturday 24th April was a very well supported fun day with lovely weather contributing greatly to the occasion. The Celts came out on top 11.5 to 8.5 - well done and congratulations to Ian McNeill and his team. Nearest the pin in two on 13 (ladies) went to Margaret Wilding and Matt Greenfield was the winner on 18 (men). There was stiff competition in the Fancy Dress stakes and after much deliberation Sandi Selsby was deemed best Saxon and Aileen Greenfield best Celt. Well done and thanks to all who joined in. My special thanks go to Jason and Michael for all their hard work and thanks Jason for finding such a great trophy helmet -suited you Ian and we look forward to seeing you playing in it next year!! (It will be engraved and played for each year) My thanks also go to Alex and his team for ensuring we didn't go hungry or thirsty out on the course, well served young Alex.



**Above: Three of the best fancy-dress outfits
L/R: Aileen Greenfield – A Welsh Daffodil
Sandi Selsby – Saxon bedecked with flags
Alison Vermes – A Black Saxon**

**On Right:
Aileen and Alison joined by Ann Eves
wearing horned headgear**



May Tee Reservations					
Date	Day	Event	Time	Venue	Type
01 May	Sat	Ladies Poppy Mayne Medal (Q)	-	HOME	Ladies
01 May	Sat	Junior Stableford	-	HOME	Juniors
01 May	Sat	London Pride Winter Warmer Medal	-	HOME	Mens
01 May	Sat	Covey Cup v Ham Manor	1.30-2 pm	HOME	Juniors
01 May	Sat	P @ V I T Trials	12.00 - 12.30 pm	HOME	P@VIT
02 May	Sun	MSSL Match v Copthorne (confirmed)	8.50-9.45 am	HOME/AWAY	MSL
02 May	Sun	Mixed Match v Crowborough (confirmed)	1-2 pm	HOME	Mixed
03 May	Mon	Bank Holiday Mixed Greensomes	1-2.30 pm	HOME	Mixed
04 May	Tue	Ladies Poppy Mayne Medal (Q)	8.45-11 am	HOME	Ladies
04 May	Tue	Royal British Legion Golf Day	12.00-2.30 pm	HOME	Society
05 May	Wed	Stableford	-	HOME	Mens
05 May	Wed	Sesame Private Meeting	9-5 pm	HOME	Private
05 May	Wed	Ladies Div 3 v Neville	11.00 - 12.00	HOME	Div 3
05 May	Wed	Catenians GS	12.45 - 1.30	HOME	Society
06 May	Thu	Sussex Police GS	9.30-11 am	HOME	Society
06 May	Thu	Hurst/Ardingly/Lancing Schools Match	2-3 pm	HOME	Society
06 May	Thu	Ladies Div 2 v Cowdray	-	AWAY	Div 2
07 May	Fri	Vets v Crowborough (confirmed)	8.30-9.30 am	HOME	Vets
07 May	Fri	Race Night (In aid of Friends of Pye)	7 pm	HOME	Social
07 May	Fri	A Wells GS (provisional)	10 - 11 am	HOME	Society
08 May	Sat	P@V I.T. Trophy v Brighton & Hove	8.45-9.45 & 1.30-2.45	HOME	P@VIT
08 May	Sat	Junior Stableford	-	HOME	Juniors
09 May	Sun	Ladies Leatham Cup S/ford (Q)	-	HOME	Ladies
09 May	Sun	Stableford	-	HOME	Mens
09 May	Sun	Ladies Div 1 v East Brighton	1-2 pm	HOME	Div 1
10 May	Mon	Vets Course Swap with Tyrells Wood	8.30-10.30 am	HOME	Vets
11 May	Tue	Ladies Leatham Cup S/ford (Q)	8.45-11.00 am	HOME	Ladies
12 May	Wed	Medal	-	HOME	Mens
13 May	Thu	Pyecombe Open MacDonald Thistle (25 yrs)	c/closed	HOME	Open
14 May	Fri	Seniors Winter League Finals	11.50-1.30 pm	HOME	Seniors
15 May	Sat	Junior Medal	-	HOME	Juniors
15 May	Sat	Jim Appleby Trophy Stableford	-	HOME	Mens
15 May	Sat	Colts Match v The Dyke (confirmed)	(1pm)	AWAY	Colts
15 May	Sat	Private Party	7.30 pm	HOME	Private
15 May	Sat	JBF Hen Party!!	2.30-3 pm	HOME	Private
16 May	Sun	Ladies EWGA Medal (Q)	-	HOME	Ladies
16 May	Sun	Club v Mannings Heath (confirmed)	(11.15?)	AWAY	Mens
16 May	Sun	Mixed Match v Ifield	12.50-2 pm	HOME	Mixed
17 May	Mon	Vets v Seaford (confirmed)	8.30-9.30 am	HOME	Vets
17 May	Mon	Ladies Div 3 v East Sussex National	11 - 12 am	HOME	Div 3

		May Tee Reservations		Continued	
17 May	Mon	Cyril Blake Seniors	1.20-2 pm	HOME/AWAY	Seniors
18 May	Tue	Ladies Spring Meeting EWGA Medal (Q)	8.30-10.45 & 12.45-2.45	HOME	Ladies
19 May	Wed	Stableford	-	HOME	Mens
19 May	Wed	Probus GS	10.00 - 10.45 am	HOME	Society
20 May	Thu	Vets Teams Invite	c/closed till 1.30 pm	HOME	Vets
21 May	Fri	Vets Stableford	-	HOME	Vets
22 May	Sat	Colts v Cottesmore (confirmed)	(10 am for 11 am start)	AWAY	Colts
22 May	Sat	Junior Stableford	-	HOME	Juniors
22 May	Sat	Club Match v Puttenham (confirmed)	11.30-12.30 pm	HOME	Mens
22 May	Sat	PAV i t Trophy 2nd Round	8.45-9.45 & 1.30-2.45	HOME	P@VIT
23 May	Sun	Ladies Stableford (Q) Gell Wooley	-	HOME	Ladies
23 May	Sun	Medal		HOME	Mens
23 May	Sun	Sussex County U16 Trials	2-2.30 pm	HOME	County
24 May	Mon	Seniors Open	c/closed until 12.00	HOME	Open
24 May	Mon	Ladies Div 3 v Neville`	-	AWAY	Div 3
25 May	Tue	Vets v Mannings Heath (confirmed)	-	AWAY	Vets
25 May	Tue	Ladies Stableford (Q) Gell Wooley	8.45-11 am	HOME	Ladies
25 May	Tue	Club v Police	3.30 - 4.30 pm	HOME	Mens
26 May	Wed	Nizels Golf Club Wanderers	9.45-10.30 am	HOME	Society
27 May	Thu	Vets v East Brighton (confirmed)		AWAY	Vets
27 May	Thu	Stableford	-	HOME	Mens
27 May	Thu	Ladies Div 2 v Cowdray	10-11 am	HOME	Div 2
27 May	Thu	Leigh Billet Alternative GS (prov)	11.30-12.30 pm	HOME	Society
29 May	Sat	Wine Evening	7.30pm	HOME	Social
29 May	Sat	Junior Stableford	-	HOME	Juniors
29 May	Sat	Cancer Research S'ford	-	HOME	Mens
29 May	Sat	Pitcher v Mannings Heath (confirmed)	10 - 11 am	HOME	Pitcher
30 May	Sun	Mixed Match v Ifield	(12.30)	AWAY	Mixed
30 May	Sun	Colts v Ham Manor (confirmed)	tba	AWAY	Colts
30 May	Sun	Ladies President's Trophy	-	HOME	Ladies
30 May	Sun	Ladies Div 1 v Highwoods	1-2 pm	HOME	Div 1
31 May	Mon	Captain's Charity Shotgun	c/closed until 2 pm	HOME	Mixed

June Tee Reservations					
Date	Day	Event	Time	Venue	Type
01 Jun	Tue	Junior Stableford	-	HOME	Juniors
01 Jun	Tue	Ladies President's Trophy	8.45-11 am	HOME	Ladies
02 Jun	Wed	Stableford	-	HOME	Mens
02 Jun	Wed	Vets v Willingdon (confirmed)	-	AWAY	Vets
02 Jun	Wed	Ladies Div 3 v Singing Hills	11 am - 12 pm	HOME	Div 3
03 Jun	Thu	Junior Open	11 am-2 pm	HOME	Open
04 Jun	Fri	Broken Spur	1.30-2.30 pm	HOME	Broken Spu
04 Jun	Fri	Vets v Eastbourne Downs (Confirmed)	8.30-9.30 am	HOME	Vets
05 Jun	Sat	Mens Invitation	c/closed	HOME	Invite
05 Jun	Sat	Junior Stableford	-	HOME	Juniors
06 Jun	Sun	MSL v Worthing (confirmed)	8.50-9.45 am	HOME/AWAY	MSL
06 Jun	Sun	Ladies EWGA Medal (Q)		HOME	Ladies
06 Jun	Sun	Stableford	-	HOME	Mens
07 Jun	Mon	Ladies Div 3 v Lewes	11 am - 12 pm	HOME	Div 3
07 Jun	Mon	Vets Dancy Trophy	8.30 - 10 am	HOME	Vets
07 Jun	Mon	Cyril Blake Seniors	1.20 - 2 pm	HOME/AWAY	Seniors
08 Jun	Tue	Ladies EWGA Medal (Q)	8.45-11 am	HOME	Ladies
09 Jun	Wed	Medal	-	HOME	Mens
10 Jun	Thu	Steyning & Henfield Rotary Club Golf Day	12 - 2 pm	HOME	Society
10 Jun	Thu	P.I.G.S.	10-11.15 am	HOME	Society
11 Jun	Fri	Vets v Nevill (confirmed)	8.30-9.30 am	HOME	Vets
11 Jun	Fri	Elphinstone G S	10.45-11.45 am	HOME	Society
11 Jun	Fri	Mens Supper Competition	4-5.30 pm	HOME	Social
12 Jun	Sat	Williams-Bulkeley & Cubbon Cups		HOME	Mixed
12 Jun	Sat	P@V I T Trophy/Plate 3rd Round	-	HOME/AWAY	P@VIT
13 Jun	Sun	Mixed Match v Mid Sussex (confirmed)	12.20-1.30 pm	HOME	Mixed
13 Jun	Sun	Ladies Jubilee Candelabra Medal (Q)	-	HOME	Ladies
13 Jun	Sun	Junior Stableford	-	HOME	Juniors
13 Jun	Sun	Stableford	-	HOME	Mens
14 Jun	Mon	Vets v Ham Manor (confirmed)	8.30-9.30 am	HOME	Vets
14 Jun	Mon	Ladies Div 2 v Littlehampton	11.30-12.30 pm	HOME	Div 2
15 Jun	Tue	Ladies Jubilee Candelabra Medal (Q)	8.45-11 am	HOME	Ladies
16 Jun	Wed	Stableford	-	HOME	Mens
17 Jun	Thu	MSDC Charity Day	c/closed	HOME	Society
18 Jun	Fri	Vets v Mannings Heath (confirmed)	8.30-9.30 am	HOME	Vets
18 Jun	Fri	TTSL GS	2 - 3 pm	HOME	Society
19 Jun	Sat	Ladies Summer Cup EWGA Medal (Q)	c/closed	HOME	Ladies
19 Jun	Sat	Club Champs Champion/Warren Challenge Cup	C/Closed	HOME	Mens
20 Jun	Sun	Mistlin/Chapman Challenge Cups	c/closed	HOME	Mens
20 Jun	Sun	Ladies Summer Cup EWGA Medal (Q)	c/closed	HOME	Ladies

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20 Jun	Sun	Club Champs Champion/Warren Challenge Cup	C/Closed	HOME	Mens
21 Jun	Mon	Vets v Dyke (confirmed)	8.30-9.30 am	HOME	Vets
22 Jun	Tue	Ladies Stableford (Q)	8.45-11 am	HOME	Ladies
23 Jun	Wed	Ladies Summer Invitation (4BBB)	c/closed until 11 am	HOME	Ladies
24 Jun	Thu	Stableford	-	HOME	Mens
25 Jun	Fri	Mid Summer Golf Supper & Quiz	4-5.30 pm	HOME	Social
25 Jun	Fri	Nomads GS (Tony Maynard) GS	2-2.45 pm	HOME	Society
25 Jun	Fri	Vets v Ifield (confirmed)	8.30-9.30 am	AWAY	Vets
25 Jun	Fri	Nigel Pamplin GS	3-3.45 pm	HOME	Society
26 Jun	Sat	Junior Medal		HOME	Juniors
26 Jun	Sat	Pyecombe Pitcher v ESN (confirmed)	10 - 11 am	HOME	Pitcher
26 Jun	Sat	Stableford	-	HOME	Mens
26 Jun	Sat	Private Lunch - D Schwartz	1.30 p.m.	HOME	Private
27 Jun	Sun	MSSL Match v Ifield (confirmed)	8.50-9.45 am	HOME/AWAY	MSL
27 Jun	Sun	Ladies Shand Trophies	-	HOME	Ladies
27 Jun	Sun	Mixed Mtch v East Brighton (confirmed)	12.20-1.30 pm	HOME	Mixed
28 Jun	Mon	Vets Chevalier Spoon	8.30 - 10 am	HOME	Vets
28 Jun	Mon	Cyril Blake Seniors	10.50-11.30 am	HOME/AWAY	Seniors
29 Jun	Tue	Ladies Shand Trophies	8.45-11 am	HOME	Ladies
30 Jun	Wed	Stableford	-	HOME	Mens