



# Ups & Downs

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### CAPTAIN'S REVIEW

Blimey "is that the time!"

Yep, it's September and literally the Autumn of my tenure as your Captain. Like the previous months, July & August have sped by, but isn't it a fact that it flies by when you're enjoying yourself. I sincerely hope you've enjoyed the Summer at Pyecombe as much as I have. Abiding memories for me would have to include seeing Mike "Wilmy" Willmotts Coconuts whilst dishing out the cocktails on Captains Day, not to mention seeing Duncan Campbell teeing off from a Melon and what



about Paul Spivey's outfit? Thanks to everyone for making the effort. BRILLIANT! Oh, and who did win the "Charlie Beamish"? I'm afraid prize giving was a bit of a Blurrrrr.



I must say that I have had a lot of fun being starter for a couple of events especially the Ladies Open which was quite an education. I learnt a new word for a particularly fetching button hole (corsage). I also learnt how to swear in "posh". (Competition for Nick Lee, I thought). Lady Captain Sandra and her loyal vice Mary deserved a terrific day on Lady Captains Day and duly received all the plaudits for presiding over an altogether happy and vibrant ladies membership. Also, congratulations to all the ladies after winning the county Division 1 league.

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### MEMBERS CONTRIBUTIONS TO NEWSLETTER

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## CAPTAIN'S REVIEW

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The inaugural Men's Auction Dinner and golf competition was an instant hit and a lot of fun with Trevor Greenfield & Pat Coleman winning the Golf and with Matt Greenfield the most generous at the Auction Night.

Meanwhile, (Uncle) Alan Davey has steered the "Pitcher" team to another final while plotting his own route to another final in the Sussex Secretaries Competition.

Congratulations and thanks to all the Pyecombe staff, following some glowing and super complimentary feedback from visiting teams & societies alike.

With that in mind it prompts me to urge all members of all categories to take advantage of the fantastic product that is PYECOMBE GOLF CLUB and be proud to take up your membership again come October.

### SOCIAL EVENTS

Please look out for these up and coming events.

- \* The Pyecombe Annual Ball
- \* The Presentation Night
- \* The "Beaujolais" Night
- \* The Christmas Party
- \* The New Year's Eve Party

Your continued support will be much appreciated.

***Colin Kemp***



**At Starting of Ladies Open**



**Lady Champions relaxing**

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## VETS SECTION

Our inter club matches are nearly over, only 3 more to play. All the vets who have played have enjoyed themselves Good golf good food and good company.

On paper it may seem that we suffered some heavy defeats but on closer inspection many of the games were lost on the 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> greens.

The Vets had an enjoyable day out at Sweetwoods recently where the condition of the fairways was superb.

A course swap with Tyrells Wood is the next event.

I look forward to seeing many vets and their ladies at our annual dinner which is always a most enjoyable event. This will be held on the evening of Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

***Brian Langley - 2014 Vets Captain***

## News from the Ladies Section for July and August

What a busy year!

We had a really good turn out for Lady Captain's Day on 15 July with 33 ladies playing in the 15 hole competition (stableford waltz) and 40 ladies for lunch. The winners were Di Mackley/Abbi Bates/Margaret Hann with 65 points.

The Jerdein Memorial Salver was played at Eastbourne Downs on 31 July. Roseanne Rees and Christine Gunn represented Pyecombe and put up a brave fight but the gale force winds proved too strong with most of the ladies struggling to keep the ball in play.

The Ladies Open took place on 5<sup>th</sup> August. 72 ladies took part from 20 different clubs and the overall winners came from Mid Sussex.

The Lady Captain's Awayday was held at Chiddingfold Golf Club on 7<sup>th</sup> August. The day started with coffee and bacon rolls then 18 holes of golf on a short but fairly tricky course followed by a BBQ/buffet and prizegiving. The format for the day was individual stableford played in teams of three with the two best scores counting on each hole. 33 ladies took part and the winners were Mary Barnard, Alison White and Abbi Bates with 88 points.

Congratulations to Pyecombe who have won the SCLGA Division 1 Club Championship (the ladies' equivalent of the Optimus trophy). They beat Mannings Heath in the Quarter Finals at Haywards Heath, Highwoods in the semi-finals at East Brighton and Worthing in the finals at Royal Eastbourne on 27<sup>th</sup> August. The final involved seven singles matches off scratch. Pyecombe, who have never won the competition before, are a smaller club than Worthing but have a strong single-figure team. Their second lowest player, Jo Galway, who played in all previous rounds, was absent from the finals line-up, but as it turned out it didn't matter. Roseanne Rees and Jan Hellings also played in previous rounds.

The team on finals day pictured after the victory consisted of: Alison Vermes, Aileen Greenfield, Jelina Fernando, Angie Bainbridge, Jan Brittin, Lorraine Everard and Sarah Godfrey. Well done ladies, we are all very proud of you. I must also thank all those members (men and ladies) who went to Royal Eastbourne and gave wonderful support to our team.



**Back row (L/R): Lorraine Everard, Alison Vermes (team captain), Sandra Staynes (PGC Ladies' Captain), Sarah Godfrey, Angie Bainbridge, Jelina Fernando**  
**Front row: Aileen Greenfield, Jan Brittin.**

And finally, Mary Barnard, our Vice Captain, has announced that Alison White has agreed to be her Vice Captain for 2014/2015.

***Sandra Staynes***  
Lady Captain

## **Pyecombe Junior Alfie's Successes**

(This is a reproduction of the report in office newsletter of 14<sup>th</sup> August)



Pictured is Alfie proudly holding the trophies for the County under 12 championship at Cuckfield. He managed to shoot a fabulous 3 over par 73 gross to get an amazing 49 points.

It was a pleasing win for Alfie in a tournament he has always wanted to win, and comes hard on the heels of his 4th place in the 'World Kids'. He also recorded a win in the nett prize at Ifield after the 36 hole competition carding a nett 2 under.

This good form has resulted in a cut in his handicap to 14.5.

Alfie and family have asked that their thanks to be passed on to everyone at Pyecombe for the support he received when going to the 'World kids'. He hopes that this latest victory will make everyone at the club proud.

We are and well done Alfie.

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## **Drilling for Our Own Water Supply**

Exploratory drilling for our own supply of water from a bore hole starts on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September. The site is to the rear of the 18<sup>th</sup> green and whilst every attempt will be made to minimise disruption to play, there may be a little disruption at times.

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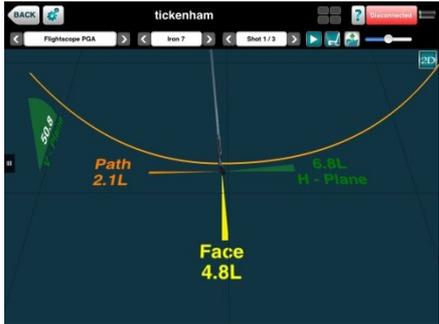
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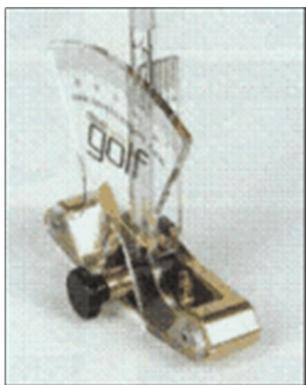
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*Jason*