



# The Chesterfield Golf Club

e-Bulletin  
7th - 27th October 2017

<b>Date:</b>	Sat 7th	Sun 8th	Mon 9th	Tue 10th	Wed 11th	Thurs 12st	Fri 13th
<b>Event:</b>	Gents Medal Closed to 3.00	Junior Comp 1st to 6th holes closed from 2.45 - 5.00		Ladies Comp 9.00 - 11.32	ASLEF GS 10.28 - 11.08		
<b>Date:</b>	Sat 14th	Sun 15th	Mon 16th	Tues 17th	Wed 18th	Thurs 19th	Fri 20th
<b>Event:</b>	Pro Comp (No time)	Ladies Medal 11.32 - 1.00 Crutchley GS 1.08 - 1.48		Ladies Comp 9.00 - 10.28	Medal Closed to 10.04	Vets Comp 9.32 - 11.32	Committee Cup 12.28 - 1.32
<b>Date:</b>	Sat 21st	Sun 22nd	Mon 23rd	Tues 24th	Wed 25th	Thurs 26th	Fri 27th
<b>Event:</b>	Pro Comp (No time)	Ladies Comp 11.00 - 12.28 Captain v Ladies Captain 1.00 - 2.04		Ladies Comp 9.00 - 10.28		Fox & Goose 1.16 - 2.12	

## Captain's Corner

I thought things were beginning to slow down a bit but there is still lots to do on the golf, social and committee front. The Vets Silver Jubilee trophy was rained off on Monday September 11<sup>th</sup> due to really heavy overnight rain but the ground had recovered sufficiently to be able to play with the Vets in their away match at Hallows the following day. Ladies Captain Liz and I played in a charity challenge the day after, having been challenged by Paul and Joan Bywater. We chose the American Foursomes format for the game and Liz and I managed to keep in touch with them for the first half of the round but sadly were soundly beaten in the end, the compensation being our opponents kind donation to the charity.

Three days of continuous golf then followed on Thursday (14<sup>th</sup>) when I played in the Men's Invitation to Ladies competition partnering Joan Bywater who had accepted my invitation. This is a new competition where men invite a lady who they don't partner on a regular basis to join them. We played American Foursomes and whilst Joan and I didn't feature in the prizes, all those who signed up to play appeared to have a good time and there was enough interest to try it again next year when hopefully more people will participate.

I played in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Gents Open on Saturday

16<sup>th</sup> with Tim Roberts and two of his friends who are members at Shirland. We had a very enjoyable round and both guests were extremely complimentary about all aspects of the course which was nice to hear and reassuring. A golf-free day on Sunday was followed by playing in the Vets exchange day at Wortley on Monday 18th. The course was in fine condition and the food and hospitality there excellent. A reminder to Chesterfield members that we have a reciprocal arrangement with Wortley to play the course for a £10 green fee. You need to contact them ahead of time to let them know you want to play and I am sure that members who haven't played there will have a very enjoyable time.

I spent the following morning at the Golf Club doing committee work with the Chairman, Terry Woodhouse, then participated in a rollup in the afternoon. Off to London for two days business work on Wednesday and Thursday then back to the Club on Friday evening for Dress Down where Neil and his team put on a terrific spread with a "fish" theme. There seemed to be fewer members than normal so make sure you check the dates for the next one next time you are in the club and come along to experience a really good evening that is great value for money.

No golf over the weekend as I travelled to Surrey to spend time with Jan and my two daughters, partners and grandkids as it was

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Jan's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday. The trip included a really nice day on the Sunday in Saville Gardens in Windsor Great Park. I drove back on the Monday in time to attend the Board Meeting at the Club then played with the Vets at Lees Hall the following day. Wednesday was taken up with meetings with Neil and Peter on catering planning and later with my Vice Captain and the Chairman on Club matters. After a flu jab at the doctors on Thursday morning, I joined in a Past Captains' competition in the afternoon followed by a meal in the evening which had been expertly arranged by Tony O'Malley. Aided by the guile and experience of John Thomas and Arnold Fear, our team managed to win and a great time was had by all!

On Friday I went to Morley Hayes to support our Ladies Bronze Team in the County Inter-Club Foursomes Final. Having done brilliantly to get to the final, they were beaten by one hole in a tense finish on the day. Congratulations to the team.

There were three more days of golf for me over the weekend with the Centenary Trophy (in which I played dreadfully) then off to Breadsall Priory on Sunday for a mixed friendly. Ladies Vice Captain and I had a great game against the Breadsall Captain and Ladies Captain, (Steve and Sue) losing to a monster putt on the 18<sup>th</sup> from Steve and a shorter one missed by yours truly. It was a lovely game played in a great spirit with the result being a Chesterfield loss by 3.5 to 6.5!

Monday was the second Captain's Exchange to Sitwell Park and 36 members made their way by bus for a lovely day out. The weather was lovely although there was a strong wind which played havoc with some shots, the course was in good nick for the time of year and the food and hospitality at the club was first class. My thanks to my playing partners, Mike McLean, Peter Copley and Les Spencer for their company, for all the other members who participated, Trevor for his help in the planning, Paul Bywater for arranging the draw and the competition and Tim Roberts for being my taxi to the club

and back and for checking everyone onto the bus!

Finally, I am off to Turkey for 7 days in the hope of some relaxation and sunshine, back in town on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>. It nearly didn't happen having woken up to the news on Monday that my flight from Manchester with Monarch wouldn't be happening as they had gone bust but I managed to book an alternative one with Thomas Cook from Birmingham so it's back on again!

Best wishes to all as ever,  
Captain Chris

### Ladies Bronze Team Foursomes

We made it to the final! The weather was so much better than expected earlier in the week, the rain having cleared by lunch time. This years finals were held at Morley Hayes golf resort, a long and tough course, playing



even longer after the rain of the last few days. The bronze final was between Chesterfield and Maywood, a very close match with Chesterfield finishing runners up losing by just the 1 hole. A great experience for the four players; Joan Bywater, Pat Taylor, Hilary Cherry and Barbara Sims with many thanks to Pippa Sutherland, Liz Cromwell and Di Gillatt who played in earlier rounds too.

Thanks to Captain Chris Lightfoot and to Terry and Pat Woodhouse who travelled to support the team at Morley Hayes on Friday afternoon, and to everyone who sent

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messages of good luck before the game, support being really appreciated. Although the result wasn't what the team hoped for, it was a great achievement in itself in making it to the final.

Joan

### Lady Captain's report

I am delighted to report the results of the Ladies Finals from this Summer. I tried to attend as many finals as I was able, and made sure cake and wine was available to congratulate the winners and offer commiserations to the also rans (me included, I'm afraid!)

#### Summer Trophy

Winner - Joan Bywater - 43 points - an astonishing score which resulted in a significant reduction of handicap.

Runner up - Pat Taylor

Payne Bogey Winner - Kim Hopkinson

Runner up - Ann Lomas

Veterans' Trophy Winner - Liz Robinson

Runner up - Jaci Elliott

Markham Cup - Silver Winner - Sheila Gretton

Runner up - Jill More

Markham Cup - Bronze Winner - Amanda Hinchcliffe

Runner up - Pat Taylor

Centenary Trophy Winner - Kim Hopkinson

Runner up - Jill More

Scratch Cup Winner - Kim Hopkinson

Runner up - Marie Watson

Mason Cup Winner - Pippa Sutherland

Runner up - Liz Cromwell

Jean Ballingall Day Winners – Liz Outram and Barbara Sims

Summer Foursomes Winners - Sheila Gretton and Sue Drake

Runners up - Sue Howitt and Tracey Warwick

Macdonald Cup Winner - Marie Watson

Runner up - Ann Lomas

My year rushes on apace, surely I can't yet be thinking about the Christmas competitions! I would like to thank my committee and many others in the ladies' section who have given me so much help and encouragement over the

last eight months, particularly Tracey, who has been a significantly calming influence on more than one occasion. It is also a joy to work with Chris Lightfoot, who tolerates my volatility with such good nature!

Liz Cromwell – Lady Captain

### Congratulations to Marie Watson

Marie belongs to the Peak District Christian Golf Society and entered their singles knockout for the first time. She was pleased to say that she won this competition and is the first lady to do so. The final was at Matlock on a very, very wet day and she beat her gentleman opponent on the 20<sup>th</sup> hole. ( she was also giving shots!)

### Junior Golf

A dedicated junior and his father



determined to conquer the putting even though the light was fading!

Cadet coaching on Tuesday nights has now finished - we concluded with another look at putting the short game coaching into practice around the practice ground course - some excellent progress was overseen by Shane and we had a few holes in one!! The evening rounded off with a putting competition on the practice green with some more holes in one and, as you can see from the photo, some were reluctant to leave

until they had nailed it, despite the gloom and fading light. Thanks were given to Shane for his coaching and to Nick Miles and his team for setting up and maintaining the six hole practice ground course and for the new blue tees on the main course.

A winter coaching programme has been devised, starting in November, where we will be using Barlborough Links driving range and benefitting from the combined professional skills of Shane and Andy Carnall as the cadets focus on their long game. We are convinced that within our current group there are a number of potential future club and county representatives

Nearer to home, on October 8th, we will be hosting South Chesterfield Golf Club. 12 of our cadets will play alongside 12 South Chesterfield cadets in a Texas Scramble competition with a shotgun start at 4pm on the first six holes of the main course - **the 1st will be closed from 2.45 to allow everyone to clear the first six holes.** At the same time six of our cadets and six from South Chesterfield will play a competition on the practice ground course. Nick Roberts will be in attendance to capture some action shots and also get some team photos with our shirt sponsor, Peter Boardman.

Our first season has gone really well - we targeted 20 cadets in anticipation of a 30% retention rate - we have actually ended the season with 29 cadets [25% are girls, which is great news for the ladies section]. If you know of anyone who would be interested in joining next year's programme you can email Mike Barker at:

[mike.barker1958@gmail.com](mailto:mike.barker1958@gmail.com) with names and contact details.

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Finally, we'd like to thank the members of Chesterfield Golf Club for making the cadets feel welcome and for all the positive comments we've received over the past few months.

### Course Report

Considering the recent weather I think the course is withstanding it fairly well. The greens are definitely a little softer now but the ball is still rolling true. Once we have carried out the drainage work outlined below we shall be verti-draining greens and fairways as well as blowing leaves. Soil temperatures are still warm enough for the grass to be growing as the definition on the course is excellent. The disease prevention programme is working well with a combination of fungicide applications and phosphate/chelated iron applications.

### WINTER PROGRAMME 2017

#### Drainage

- 5<sup>th</sup> Hole Install new drain into sump pond dug out behind Hope Hut. Laterals coming off the main drain to stop area getting wet during winter. Main drain to be dug out with digger, laterals using trencher.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Hole Dig out area that blisters during winter to see if there is a joint there and repair.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Hole Install new drain next to right hand fairway bunker through trees into brook. Laterals coming off the main drain to stop area getting wet during winter. Propose to change bunker whilst working in that area. Bunker to be reshaped. A new drain installed and new sand. All work to be carried out with digger. Pipe and fill in narrow ditch next to tee.
- 16<sup>th</sup> Hole Install a main drain from fairway across to ditch on right hand side at the top end of the copse. Laterals coming off to dry up semi rough beyond trees. Main drain to be dug out by digger, laterals using trencher.
- 17<sup>th</sup> Hole Pipe and fill in ditch dividing carry and fairway as it is not improving the hole or taking any water as planned.

#### Tree work

Plan is to have Steve working on trees Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. This will be working hole by hole removing all lower hanging branches

and any suckers growing from the base. Main focal point will be on 9, tidying up the willow following the storm damage and working on the ditch line up to the pine trees. Regarding any tree removal around the 18<sup>th</sup> green, I feel that this should only be undertaken if the membership is in agreement.

#### Bunkers

Having discussed the pros and cons of liners with Steve and Wain I feel that this could be an expensive exercise that may or may not work. Therefore, I would like to propose that we undertake a 5 year plan that involves us removing the existing sand, reshaping bunker if required, checking drains and putting new sand in.

#### Pathways

Continue using the rubber mats at the ends and top up majority of paths this winter. Work to be carried out on 10, 14 and 15 as a priority.

Nick Miles  
Course Manager

#### Pub Night

Friday 24th November



Steve Clayton, will be there to entertain us with his Piano music, a very different evening to the normal Dress Down nights so do come along and give it a try, I am sure you will find it entertaining and fun.

#### Course Etiquette

It is with great sadness that we feel it necessary to remind members of the need to repair their pitch marks on the greens, rake the bunkers after playing out of them and replacing divots on the course.

Please would you all kindly try and make a difference by doing your bit, thus reminding other players to do the same by setting a good example.

#### Tee Box Sponsorship

We are still waiting for a few members to respond to the letter that went out asking them to renew or let us know as soon as possible if they were not going to do so.

This is a plea to all those who have not paid up to please let Trevor have your money as soon as possible, or if you do not wish to continue for the next 3 years to let Liz Day or Trevor know as soon as possible.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter, your sponsorship is very much appreciated.

#### Bulletin Publications

Due to holidays there will not be a bulletin published on 20th October. Instead it will be 27th October (the appropriate fixture dates have been added to this one to cover the 3 week period).

Bulletins will then be published monthly until the end of March 2018 when the new season of golf begins.

Special Editions may be produced as and when needed.

#### Television Monitor in the entrance

Please note if you are in doubt as to what is happening within the Club the television monitor in the foyer is kept up to date with all the fixtures, so please do refer to this.

Also if you have any information you would like to display on the tv, please contact Liz Day.

#### Land Alongside the 2nd & 3rd

Negotiations on the terms and conditions of the draft Option Agreement with Strata Homes are advanced. The expectation is that, by the end of November, a final draft will have been produced for the Board by our lawyers and that we shall be in a position to recommend either acceptance or otherwise. If there are any material developments that impact upon this expectation, I will let you know.

Peter McGowan