



# Boldmere Shaggy Dogs

## Newsletter June 2019

Welcome to the June 2019 edition of the Shaggy Dogs Newsletter. Our first day out this year was at our now traditional trip to Hatchford Brook, which was a huge improvement on the rain soaked away day of 2018.

*Right: Les Hamp Dick Chapman and John Poultney ready to start our first away day of the year*

As well as results of this and all other matches, this newsletter contains a briefing for members on what to expect from the implementation of the World Handicap system in the U.K. and also introduces 5 new members who have joined the club in the last few months.



### Hatchford Brook Away Day

Boldmere Shaggy Dogs had their traditional Spring Away at Hatchford Brook on Wednesday 1 May.

This year we enjoyed a blue sky and sunshine, slightly different to the rain of 2018. Six groups of three enjoyed some good golf and a pleasant chat while enjoying the post match meal.

The two better ball stableford resulted in some very close results, with the team of **Trevor Jones, Roger Pollard** and **Tony Burns** just beating **Peter Hart, John Draper** and **Graeme Reid** on count back.

*Right: the prize winners line up with their spoils*



Individual honours went to **Peter Hart** on 36, followed by **Trevor Jones** 35 and **John Poultney** 31.

Nearest the pin prizes went to **John Price, John Poultney** and **Peter Hart**.

	Team	Pts
1	Trevor Jones,Roger Pollard and Tony Burns	72
2	Peter Hart, John Draper and Graeme Reid	72
3	Arnie Evans, John Price and Jeff Jones	71

**Next Away Day:** Summer Away Day at Maxstoke Park Monday 10th June £35. Contact **Arnie Evans**, Chairman to book a place.

**There is also now one place available(shared twin) for the overnight stay and play(two rounds) at the Portal Hotel, Golf and Spa complex in Tarporley, Cheshire on Mon8/9th July. Cost £99. 17 golfers and 8 partners already booked.**

### Millennium Trophy Round 1

We played round 1 of the Millennium Trophy on Friday 3 May. Veterans **Jim Dowling** and **John Poultney** topped the leader board. with 58 and 59 strokes.

	Member	H/C	Gross	Net	🏆	B9	B6	B3	B1
1	Jim Dowling	18	76	58		28	21	11	2
2	John Poultney	28	87	59		29	21	10	1
3	John Draper	19	79	60		28	20	11	3
4	Tara Sunner	11	71	60	1	29	18	8	1
5	Graeme Reid	26	87	61		31	22	11	4


### Boldmere v Cocks Moors Woods

On Thursday 9 May We entertained Cocks Moors woods at Boldmere. It was a tight match which ended up in a 3 -3 draw.

	Boldmere	Result
1	John Price	Lost by 1
	John Hughes	
2	Les Hamp	Won by 1
	Michael Nielsen	
3	Stan Osborne	Won 3 and 2
	Jeff Jones	
4	Ian Heathcock	Lost 2 and 1
	Arnie Evans	
5	John Firth	Won 3 and 2
	Dog Denton	
6	Jim Dowling	Lost 4 and 3
	John Gibbons	

## Medal

Friday 10 was a medal round which **Graeme Reid** won by a comfortable 3 strokes with **Jim Dowling's** good form earning him second place.

	Member	H/C	Gross	Net		B9	B6	B3	B1
1	Graeme Reid	26	87	61		32	21	12	3
2	Jim Dowling	17	81	64		32	23	14	4
3	John Gibbons	17	81	64		32	25	13	3
4	Dog Denton	19	84	65	2	25	18	8	1
5	Stan Osborne	17	82	65	1	30	21	11	2
6	Keith Tonks	19	85	66		32	23	12	2
7	Ian Heathcock	12	78	66		36	23	11	3

## Boldmere v Hill Top


We hosted a visit by Hill Top on Wednesday 15 May and romped to a 4 - 2 win losing only one match, that a 6 and 5 drubbing of our Captain and Chairman! It has been suggested that we do not pair two lefties again.

	Boldmere	Result
1	Pat Carey	Lost 6 and 5
	Arnie Evans	
2	John Firth	Halved
	Dog Denton	
3	Jim Dowling	Won by 1
	John Draper	
4	Ian Heathcock	Won 2 and 1
	Jeff Jones	
5	Les Hamp	Halved
	Michael Nielsen	
6	Doug Corfield	Won 3 and 2
	John Price	

## Cap. Smith Trophy

It was the Cap. Smith Trophy on 17 May and some close results saw Les Hamp win the trophy by one point from Dick. Chapman.

For newer members, this trophy was presented by Gilbert Smith widely known as Cap Smith. As youngsters during the 1<sup>st</sup> world war, whenever they played football or cricket, Cap became the Captain, hence Capt. Smith which was abbreviated to Cap Smith.

	Member	H/C	Points		B9	B6	B3	B1
1	Les Hamp	16	40		22	14	7	2
2	Dick Chapman	17	39		20	12	6	1
3	Kevin Waters	23	39	1	19	10	8	2
4	John Draper	19	39		18	13	7	2
5	Ian McGregor	22	37		16	12	5	2


## Six Course Challenge round 2 Rose Hill

The 6 Course Challenge juggernaut moved on to Rose Hill on Monday 20 May, widely regarded as the most difficult of all the 6 courses the competition is played on. As expected, scoring was not high with leader **John Gibbons** returning 32 points followed by **Peter Hart** on 31.

Pos	Name	H/C	Pts
1	John Gibbons		32
2	Peter Hart		31
3	John Firth		29
4	John Price		28
5	John Draper		27
6	Pat Carey		23
	Les Hamp		23
8	Roger Pollard		22
9	Trevor Jones		17

## May Monthly Medal

On Friday 24 May we played the May Monthly Medal. **John Gibbons** came first in this competition as well carding 58, ahead of **Trevor Jones** on 60.

	Member	H/C	Gross	Net		B9	B6	B3	B1
1	John Gibbons	21	79	58		25	18	9	2
2	Trevor Jones	18	78	60		28	19	10	2
3	Anthony Burns	26	89	63	1	29	22	11	3
4	John Firth	17	80	63		30	24	14	4
5	John Draper	22	86	64		31	20	10	2
6	Kevin Waters	18	82	64	1	33	24	13	3

## Cocks Moors Woods v Boldmere

We played our return fixture at Cocks Moors Woods on Tuesday 28 May. We lost the match 4½ -1½. The best showing was from **Ian Heathcock** and **Jeff Jones**, who played really well to win 5 and 3, and **Pat Carey** and **John Hughes** who managed a half.

	Boldmere	Result
1	John Firth	Lost 4 and 3
	John Gibbons	
2	Dog Denton	Lost 4 and 3
	Peter Hart	
3	Pat Carey	Halved
	John Hughes	
4	Ian Heathcock	Won 5 and 3
	Jeff Jones	
5	Doug Corfield	Lost 6 and 5
	Roger Pollard	
6	Stan Osborne	Lost 3 and 2
	Keith Tonks	

## Brandhall Gala Seniors Open

Nine shaggy dogs supported the Brandhall Gala Seniors Open on Wednesday 29 May. Conditions were far from ideal and the only Boldmere winnings came from the raffle, a bottle of whisky and a pair of secateurs. Since neither of the winners, **John Firth** and **Jeff**

**Jones** were there when raffle prizes were selected, negotiations to see who gets which raffle prize are taking place.

## **Other News**

### **World Handicap System Implementation**

A few members have been asking questions about the World Handicap System (WHS) due to be implemented in January 2020. **Ian Heathcock** has prepared a briefing note on what it is and when we can expect it.

Your handicap will be based on the best eight of your last 20 rounds. The automatic increase of 0.1 shots per round after a poor round will no longer take place, nor will there be a buffer zone. The Competition Scratch Score (CSS) for a round will also disappear.

Competitive and recreational rounds of 9 or 18 holes will count towards handicaps so we may be able to have the same handicap in use for Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

The maximum handicap allowed will be 54.

Our existing CONGU handicaps will be used to generate the new average handicap.

We will need to submit 20 cards every two years to retain our handicaps.

For handicap calculation purposes the new system will use the same maximum nett double bogey score for any hole.

The slope rating will mean that when you play a more challenging course than Boldmere, you will get extra shots on your handicap. Conversely, if you play an easier course you will lose shots from your handicap.

All rounds will need to be pre registered (to stop golfers not handing in cards which would reduce their handicap).

Annual handicap reviews will still apply as they do now.

The system was originally going to be implemented worldwide by Jan 2020 , but Great Britain and Ireland will not be ready until November 2020 at the earliest, because all courses will have to be *slope* rated for all tee options (white yellow and red at Boldmere). This will provide a uniform assessment of all courses degree of difficulty.

Handicap software suppliers will have to create new software to manage the new system, all of which will need to be fully tested before introduction. The Shaggy Dogs will need to liaise with the main club to see if we can use the same system.

## New Members

Several new members have joined the shaggies in recent months.



**Tara Sunner** joined us in December. He is also member at Boldmere Club. He has a Friday handicap of 11.



**Martin Atkinson** also joined us in May . He is also a member of Boldmere Club. He has a Friday handicap of 18



**Keith Tonks**, well known to those shaggies who play on Wednesdays has joined us. He has a Friday handicap of 19.



**Keith Waters** joined the Shaggies in May. He has a Friday handicap of 16.



**Robbie Lawlor** also joined us in May. He has yet to be allocated a Friday handicap .



As always, the latest information is available on line at  
<http://shaggies.wixsite.com/boldmere-shaggy-dogs>

**The committee want to ensure that everyone who wants to play in a match has the chance to do so. Please contact the Captain and let him know which matches you are available for.**

Richard Nicholls Secretary

Boldmere Shaggy Dogs Committee	2019/20
Chairman	Arnie Evans
Vice Chairman	Steve Betterton
Treasurer	Michael Nielsen
Captain	Pat Carey
Vice Captain	John Price
Competition Secretary	Trevor Jones
Assistant Competition Secretaries	Ian Heathcock
Secretary	Richard Nicholls
Assistant Secretary	John Price