



Boldmere Shaggy Dogs

Newsletter May 2017

Welcome to the May 2017 issue of the Boldmere Shaggy Dogs' Golf Club newsletter.

It's getting very busy on the golf courses now as the first of our external matches against other clubs are being played and the Six Course Challenge gets underway.

Bi Monthly Trophy

On 31 March we managed to play the February Bi Monthly Trophy. The winner by a clear five shots was **John Price**, with **Ian Heathcock** and **Stan Osborne** the best of the rest.

Pos	Name	Gross	H/c	Nett
1	John Price	81	26	55
2	Ian Heathcock	76	16	60
3	Stan Osborne	78	18	60
4	Jeff Jones	87	25	62
5	Richard Nicholls	79	17	62

Mac Trophy

On 7 April we played the inaugural and much anticipated Mac Trophy, our first and only Greensome Trophy. Playing as pairs, 16 golfers teed off hoping to be the first names on the trophy. Coming out on top were **Steve Betterton** and **John Poultney**, with **Les Hamp** and **John Price** just behind.

Right Members waiting for the start of the Mac Trophy



Pos	Name	Gross	H/c	Nett
1	Steve Betterton John Poultney	77	20.2	56.8
2	Les Hamp John Price	76	18.0	58.0
3	Trevor Jones Dave Docker	75	15.4	59.6

Six Course Trophy Round 1

On Monday 10 April, the marathon of golf that is the Six course challenge started with round 1 held at Hill Top Golf Course. Conditions were not ideal, But **Steve Betterton** finished at the top of the leaderboard on 34 stableford points, with **Richard Nicholls** just behind on 33.

Pos	Name	H/C	Pts
1	Steve Betterton	20	34
2	Richard Nicholls	17	33
3	Pat Carey	19	32
4	Ian Heathcock	16	31
5	John Draper	20	32

Hill Top v Boldmere

Two days later on Wed 12 April we were back at Hill Top for our first club match of the season. We did not perform at our best, and lost the match 5- 1. Our only win was from the pairing of **Les Hamp** and **John Price**.

	Boldmere	Result
1	Les Hamp	Won 2 and 1
	John Price	
2	Trevor Jones	Lost 5 and 4
	Steve Betterton	
3	Pat Carey	Lost 6 and 5
	Stan Osborne	
4	Roger Pollard	Lost 3 and 2
	John Firth	
5	Arnie Evans	Lost 4 and 3
	Richard Nicholls	
6	John Draper	Lost by 1
	Ian Heathcock	

However one of those memorable golfing moments happened on the thirteenth hole where Hill Top member Les Baker had an ace.

Right: Richard Nicholls and Arnie Evans look on as Les Baker celebrates his hole in one.



Bi Monthly Medal

On 14 April We played the March Bi Monthly Medal and scoring was good.

John Draper headed the field with **Trevor Jones** just behind, in fact scoring was very good with seven players grouped within two shots at the top of the leaderboard.

Pos	Name	Gross	H/c	Nett
1	John Draper	77	16	61
2	Trevor Jones	76	14	62
3	Dave Docker	78	16	62
4	John Hughes	83	20	63
5	Michael Nielsen	82	19	63
6	Dick Chapman	77	14	63
7	Richard Nicholls	77	14	63

Boldmere v Rose Hill

On 19 March we entertained Rose Hill at Boldmere. Again, we were not at our best and lost 2 - 4. with the pairings of **Dick Chapman / Roger Pollard** and **John Firth/Doug Corfield** being our winners, the latter pairing by a huge margin of 7 and 6.

	Boldmere	Result
1	Les Hamp	Lost 2 and 1
	John Draper	
2	Steve Betterton	Lost by 1
	George Calder	
3	Dick Chapman	Won by 1
	Roger Pollard	
4	Stan Osborne	Lost 4 and 3
	John Poultney	
5	John Firth	Won 7 and 6
	Doug Corfield	
6	Ian Heathcock	Lost 7 and 5
	Tim Rafferty	

St George's Trophy

on 21 April we played for the St George's Trophy. Conditions were good and to the relief of most members, the trophy was back in English hands, with **Dick Chapman** scoring 39 stableford points. **Steve Betterton** was second and **Les Hamp** third on countback.

Pos	Name	H/C	Points
1	Dick Chapman	14	39
2	Steve Betterton	16	38
3	Les Hamp	16	37
4	Michael Nielsen	19	37
5	Trevor Jones	14	36
6	Dave Docker	16	36
7	Richard Nicholls	14	36

Hatchford Brook Away Day

Our first away day of the season was at Hatchford Brook on 26 April. It was a cold day and the length of the course and problematic bunkers restricted scoring. The handicapping worked out very well though with five teams within two points of the lead. The main competition was won by **John Firth**, **John Draper** and guest **Mike Estall**.

Pos	Name	Stb	Best 2
1	John Firth	26	69
	John Draper	28	
	Mike Estall	25	
2	Les Hamp	24	68
	Steve Betterton	31	
	Doug Corfield	28	
3	Arnie Evans	28	68
	John Poultney	22	
	Dave Docker	27	
4	Richard Nicholls	24	67
	Trevor Jones	29	
	Michael Neilsen	29	
5	Ian Heathcock	32	67
	Pat Carey	30	
	George Calder	15	
6	Dick Chapman	27	65
	Roger Pollard	23	
	John Price	31	

Nearest the pin prizes were won by **Michael Neilsen, Doug Corfield** and **Ian Heathcock**.

Top individual scorer was **Ian Heathcock** on 32 stableford points.

The bunker on the 8th hole had a gutter at the top which stopped balls rolling back and left the ball unplayable.

Right: The unplayable bunker on the 8th hole.



Monthly Medal

On April 28, we played our first Monthly Medal off the white tees, which is the replacement for the old Bi Monthly Medal and Bi Monthly Trophy. **John Firth** won with a 59, but the leaderboard doesn't show that on the 17th hole he took 9 shots so it could have been a truly great round. **Pat Carey** was second on 61.

Pos	Name	Gross	H/c	Nett
1	John Firth	77	18	59
2	Pat Carey	80	19	61
3	Arnie Evans	81	19	62
4	Dick Chapman	80	17	63
5	Jeff Jones	88	25	63
6	Ian Heathcock	79	16	63

Other News

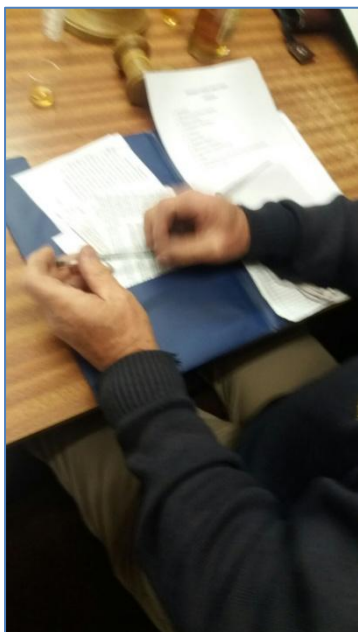


New Member **Graeme Reid** joined us in April. He is well known to the members who play on Wednesdays. He has been allocated token 39 and given a starting society handicap of 24.

Shaggy has been on his holidays again, this time he was spotted at Symons Yat.

Right: Shaggy at Symons Yat





Yes its true. Our Chairman has finally retired the handwritten scrap of paper that he has used as an agenda for the last four years and has replace it with a typewritten sheet of A4. Perhaps it was a birthday present to himself.

Left: The Chairman's new Agenda

The Nightingale knockout competition has been drawn. This year matches must be played in a timely manner.

Your co-operation will be appreciated.

Right: The draw for the Nightingale Knockout competition

NIGHTINGALE KNOCK OUT COMPETITION				
MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	
BYE L. HAMP	← HAMP			
BYE D DENTON	D DENTON			
D DOCKER				
J. HEATHCOTE				
BYE J. HUGHES	J HUGHES			
J. PRICE				
J. DOWLING				
D. CORFIELD				
S. CALDER				
J. JONES				
P. CAREY				
J. POULTNEY				
M. NIELSEN				
P. HART				
C. SUTTON				
I. Mc GREGOR				
S. OSBORNE				
A BURNS				
S. REID				
J. DRAPER				
T. RAFFERTY				
A. EVANS				
R. NICHOLLS				
R. POLLARD				
S. BETTERTON				
T. JONES				
D. CHAPMAN				
J. FIRTH				
D. HEATH				

As always, the latest information is available 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			
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Vice Captain	Ian Heathcock		
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