



Boldmere Shaggy Dogs

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

Newsletter January 2022

Welcome to the January 2021 newsletter, and a Happy New Year to all shaggies, Wags and friends.

One of the final acts of the year was for ex Captain **Jeff Jones** to present **Jackie Price** from the Sutton Cancer Centre with a cheque for £1,400 pounds, the proceeds of the 2021 Captain's Charity. Many thanks to all the generous shaggies supporting the charity, and an extra thanks for all those who worked hard to reach this total through running fund raising events.



New Captain **Kevin Waters** has chosen two charities to support in 2022, The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and the Birmingham Settlement

Also In this newsletter, the December results and the Christmas Party.



*Left: Party on!
Chris and Lynne
Sutton at the
Christmas Party*

Medal

We played a Medal on Friday 10 December in very wet conditions. no-one reached nett par with **Steve Betterton** our best player on a nett 63, with **Steven Rees** holding off **Stan Osborne** for second place courtesy of the countback, both on 65.

Competition Result

Competition played on 10 December 2021 at Boldmere (Boldmere).

Full Net Result

Overall Position		Score	Placing
1	STEVE BETTERTON	83 - 20 = 63	Overall Winner
2	STEVEN REES	77 - 12 = 65	Overall Runner-Up
3	STAN OSBORNE	81 - 16 = 65	Overall 3rd
4	JEFF JONES	91 - 24 = 67	
5	JOHN PRICE	89 - 21 = 68	
6	KEITH GIBSON	88 - 20 = 68	
7	IAN HEATHCOCK	82 - 14 = 68	
8	PETER HART	83 - 14 = 69	
9	DEREK DEVENPORT	98 - 29 = 69	
10	JOHN HUGHES	96 - 27 = 69	
11	CHRISTOPHER B. SUTTON	100 - 31 = 69	
12	IAN EDWARDS	90 - 20 = 70	
13	CHRIS COOPER	96 - 26 = 70	
14	KEVIN WATERS	88 - 18 = 70	
15	GRAEME REID	98 - 27 = 71	
16	PATRICK CAREY	86 - 15 = 71	
17	JOHN POULTNEY	104 - 32 = 72	
18	JOHN FIRTH	88 - 16 = 72	
19	ANTHONY BURNS	102 - 29 = 73	
20	RICHARD NICHOLLS	97 - 23 = 74	

Christmas Party!

We held our annual Christmas party on Monday 13 December. It was our biggest ever and some 60 shaggies and guests enjoyed the get together at Sutton Town Football Club courtesy of Sutton Town legend **John Poultney**. Chairman **Arnie Evans** welcomed the guests and **Dog Denton** was our compere for the afternoon. The full list of entertainment is listed below, Many thanks to **Ian Edwards** for recording it all, and John Firth for the photos. Steve Betterton won the Clubman of the Year award and was presented with his trophy by **Arnie Evans**. A big thank you to all the organisers. You know who you are.







'What's a swell party this is' I've heard of 'Guys and Dolls' the legendary Broadway show, but we've got 'Guy and Dog' It's the best show in town, great tunes and satire.

Starting with 'It's time to start the music', 'The Muppet Show' theme (always appropriate whenever the shaggies get together), 'Sisters' (White Christmas), along with tributes to Flanders* and Allen, and Jake Thackeray. What a great curtain raiser.

*The purpose of satire has been rightly stated as to strip off the veneer of comforting illusion and cosy half truth and our job, as I see it, is to put it back again' * M. Flanders 1963.

Personal thanks to Dog for finding me a slot on the bill. A shame Dougie couldn't make it so it was 'Substitute me for him'. The brilliant resident duo the '2 Bob's' rescued me from 'Louisiana 1927' *, by backing a version of 'Mame' the title song from 'Mame'

The impeccable **John Firth** opened the great American songbook and pulled out 'Just one of those thing's', Cole Porter and 'Misty ' by Erroll Garner,

The Sutton Coldfield F.C . **John 'Legend' Poultney** closed the first set with 'When a child was born. (Europe)'Any dream will do' and 'Heart of my heart'

The excellent Buffet Lunch and **Stan Osborne's** Christmas Quizes followed and the raffle commenced, so good the crowd were singing. But wait, no! It wasn't the crowd, already with microphone at hand,it was the raffle organisers treasurer **Graeme Reid** and captain **Kevin Waters**, with a previously unheard impromptu rendition of 'Winter Wonderland'. Dog Denton wasted no time in inviting **Kevin Waters** and **John Firth** back to the stage, opening the second half by giving us the brilliant. 'Santa Claus is coming to town'.

Our 2020 captain **John Price**, his family and friends then elevated the party to new levels with song 'In the Old Fashioned way', and dance, which along with the dancers was 'Simply the Best'

The penultimate act saw **John Poultney's** closing set with ' Hello Dolly', 'Some Enchanted Evening', the very emotional, Roger Whittaker songs 'You are my Miracle' and 'The Last Farewell'.

Our Band leader **Arnie Evans** closed the party in style, bringing the audience into play with 'he 12 days of Christmas.

Ian Edwards

Turkey Trot

It was time for our traditional Turkey Trot on Friday 17 December. The field consisted of 33 players in teams of three playing a best two from three stableford competition. The conditions had improved slightly from the previous Friday's waterlogged course and some good golf was played.

The team of **Peter Hart, Richard Nicholls** and **Chris Sutton** won the turkeys on 85 points, just one ahead of the second place team consisting of **John Gibbons, Tara Sunner** and **Hugh McNair**.

Individual honours went to **Chris Sutton** on 44 points, ahead of **Kevin Waters** on 41

Competition Result

Competition played on 17 December 2021 at Boldmere (Boldmere).

Full Net Result

Overall Position		Score (Play H'cap)	Placing
1	PETER HART RICHARD NICHOLLS CHRISTOPHER B. SUTTON	85 pts	Overall Winner
2	JOHN GIBBONS TARA SUNNER HUGH McNAIR	84 pts	Overall Runner-Up
3	PATRICK CAREY JEFF JONES JOHN ROCK	83 pts	Overall 3rd
4	KEVIN WATERS KEITH GIBSON ANTHONY BURNS	81 pts	

Texas Scramble



Above: The first hole on a misty Friday. Or was it the fifth?

One of our last games of the year is our Christmas Texas Scramble. This was played on Christmas Eve in very misty conditions to begin with. The conditions did improve as the round progressed.

Position	Team
1	Steve Betterton, Graeme Reid, Ian Edwards
2	Les Hamp, John Gibbons, Tim Rafferty
3	Dick Chapman, Jim Dowling, John Rock
4	Pat Carey, Jeff Jones, Derek Devonport
5	Roger Pollard, John Price, Tony Burns, John Firth
6	Ian Heathcock, Dog Denton, John Poultney,
7	Kevin Waters, Keith Gibson, John Draper

Cancelled Game

We were scheduled to play a Medal on New Year's Eve. 21 golfers had signed up to play but the gradual attrition of the Christmas and New Year festivities took their toll as errands, grandchild minding and sheer festive exhaustion took their toll. This, compounded by a

seriously waterlogged course resulted in only seven very brave shaggies turning up. Respect to **John Price, Peter Hart, Jeff Jones, John Gibbons, Tim Rafferty, Ian Edwards and Chris Cooper**. No scores were available.

Bank Account

Account balance: **£1,696**

Less Commitments:

Birdie prize £50

Hole in 1 £72

Capt. Charities £332

Total **£454**

Available Funds £1,242

Richard Nicholls Secretary

Boldmere Shaggy Dogs Committee	2021/2022
Chairman	Arnie Evans
Vice Chairman	John Firth
Treasurer	Graeme Reid
Captain	Kevin Waters
Vice Captain	Stan Osborne
Competition Secretary	Trevor Jones
Assistant Competition Secretaries	Ian Heathcock
Secretary	Richard Nicholls
Assistant Secretary	John Price