



Boldmere Shaggy Dogs

Newsletter May 2020

Welcome to the sad May newsletter. With the country in lockdown there is very little golf to report on, although we can at least report on the winter phase of the Critchley Jug. This is particularly poignant as the Jug is named for friend of the Boldmere Golf Clubs, Jeanette Mary Docker nee Critchley, the late wife of David Docker, a long time member of the Shaggy Dogs and the Boldmere Golf Club. David passed away peacefully on 2nd April.



Above: David Henry Docker 25th June 1937 - 2nd April 2020

Many Shaggies are now using our Whatsapp Group to keep in touch, posting amusing videos and stories together with their own lockdown experiences.

If you would like to join the group but are not sure how, please contact the secretary.



The Critchley Jug

The Critchley Jug, is the only Wednesday competition to qualify for a trophy, and is awarded at our Annual Dinner and Presentation in October.

The competition comprises an aggregate of the best six winter stroke play rounds plus the best six summer stroke play rounds from our Wednesday competitions. The competition has had only two winners since its inception in 2014.

2014 Rob Peers

2015 John Firth

2016 Rob Peers

2017 John Firth

2018 John Firth

2019 John Firth

The winter leg of the 2019/2020 competition has now ended and the aggregated best six round scores are as follows:

Pos.	Player	Score	Rounds Played
1	John Firth	372	17
2	Graeme Reid	386	12
3	Jim Dowling	393	10
4	Dick Chapman	395	10
4	Keith Tonks	395	12
4	Roger Pollard	395	15
7	Arnie Evans	396	13
8	Steve Betterton	398	15
9	Tim Rafferty	400	15
10	Doug Corfield	401	9
11	Les Hamp	403	6
12	John Draper	411	10
13	John Price	413	9
14	Tony Burns	416	12
15	Jeff Jones	421	12
16	John Poultney	424	8
17	Chris Sutton	430	12

In view of the disruption to golf caused by the coronavirus pandemic, it is unclear whether the summer rounds can be played in full. The committee will be considering how to proceed with the competition.

David Docker

We had very sad news that David Docker passed away from Coronavirus on 2nd April 2020. David, was one of the longest serving members of the Boldmere Shaggy Dogs and Boldmere Golf Clubs, having originally played here when it was a nine hole course.

David was a larger than life character and was never afraid to stand up for what he believed to be right, both in matters of Golf (especially in golf etiquette and rules - as many Shaggies have experienced) but also more broadly in life.

He was a very successful businessman with an analytical brain which he applied to improving the processes in businesses he worked for, before founding and developing his own sportswear company, Woodchester, in the 1970's which centred around his passion for swimming. His company had 25 UK staff and 17 international agents and manufactured swim wear and tracksuits for top brands such as Speedo, which were worn not only by the UK Olympic swimming team but by many other teams including Germany and the Netherlands.

David was heavily involved in coaching swimming at all levels. The formulae he developed for comparing the timings of swimmers in different length pools to give comparative standard times was of great use to the national coaching community. He travelled to Seoul in 1988 as the coach of the UK Paralympic swimming team. A measure of his commitment to the sport was evident when he learnt how to speak Hindi, Urdu and Punjabi to try and improve the take up of swimming in under represented communities.

He was also a glider pilot and an R&A invigilator.

He will be greatly missed.

Trophies won at Boldmere Shaggy Dogs Golf Club

2015 A.J. Lea Chairman's Trophy

2016 F.W.Price Rosebowl

2017 Millenium Trophy

2017 Redmore Trophy



Above: David receives F.W. Price Rosebowl in 2016

Unfortunately we were not able to attend David's funeral on the 27th April because of the coronavirus restrictions, but David's daughters Julia, Sarah and Jayne have supplied us with the Order of Service which has already been distributed to members.



Julia, Sarah and Jayne would like to thank you for your kind support and messages of sympathy.

Our father David was well loved and respected amongst his family and friends, and we understand that a great many people including his grandchildren, extended family and friends will want the opportunity to pay their last respects and say goodbye to the man they knew and loved. We do not wish to deny anyone of that opportunity, therefore once we are safely able to do so we will be arranging a memorial service for him and will be in touch with all the details in the near future, and as soon as we possibly can.



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

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