



Boldmere Shaggy Dogs

Newsletter June 2020

Yes we are playing golf again! Welcome to the June newsletter. The country is still in lockdown and life is still tough for many people. For the Shaggies though, there is finally some good news as the government decided that from 18 May 2020, some outdoor sports including golf could restart under strict bio security conditions. Initially this allowed us to play golf as two ball groups, but from 1 June 2020 we are allowed to play as three and four ball groupings. We have had to make rule and procedural changes to our game to keep us all as safe as possible, but this has not affected enjoyment of our great game in any way.

mytimeactive

A big thank you to all our friends at mytimeactive for all their hard work in getting the course ready so we can play golf safely.


Do please read the Other News section for information on rules which the committee has adopted in order for our competitions to be played, the results of our emergency "virtual AGM", 2020/21 subscription fees and instructions for payment, schedule of events for the rest of the summer season, and the Nightingale knockout draw.



Above: We're playing golf! Steve Betterton and John Firth with the new handshake on the 18th green


Stableford

After a warm up game on Wednesday 20 May to test our rule and procedural changes, we played a stableford on Friday 22 May in absolutely superb conditions. **Chris Cooper** came out on top on 39 points just ahead of **John Gibbons** who edged out **Jim Dowling** on count back on 38 points.

	Member	H/C	Points		B9	B6	B3	B1
1	Chris Cooper	28	39		14	10	6	3
2	John Gibbons	18	38		18	9	5	1
3	Jim Dowling	18	38	1	17	12	8	2
4	John Price	19	37	1	17	11	7	2
5	Dick Chapman	18	36		19	12	6	2
6	Steve Betterton	19	34		17	12	6	2
7	Steve Rees	15	34	1	17	11	6	3
8	Graeme Reid	26	34		15	11	6	2
9	John Hughes	22	34	1	15	10	5	1


St. George's Trophy

With confidence gained from our game on the previous Friday, the committee decided it would be possible to resume our competitions, and on Friday 29 May we held a rearranged St George's Trophy stableford competition. The English contingent of the shaggies are very keen to keep this trophy in English hands. Sadly for them however the trophy is once again in foreign hands with both **Pat Carey** and **Jeff Jones** finishing on 42 points with Pat having the better back 9.

	Member	H/C	Points		B9	B6	B3	B1
1	Patrick Carey	16	42	1	21	14	8	3
2	Jeff Jones	23	42	1	18	12	9	4
3	Graeme Reid	26	40		20	13	5	2
4	Tara Sunner	11	39	2	20	13	6	3
5	Jim Dowling	18	39	1	18	11	5	3
6	Trevor Jones	15	38		20	14	7	2
7	John Firth	13	37		18	11	6	3
8	Dick Chapman	18	37		17	11	6	0

Cap Smith Trophy

The gorgeous sunny weather deserted us on Friday 5 June for the stableford Cap Smith Trophy. It was cold, wet and windy. That didn't stop members returning some good scores. Once again **Chris Cooper** headed the field by two points on 39 points. **John Poultney** finished ahead of **Jim Dowling** and **Stan Osborne** for second place on count back with 37 points.

	Member	H/C	Points		B9	B6	B3	B1
1	Chris Cooper	27	39	1	23	14	9	4
2	John Poultney	27	37		19	13	7	2
3	Jim Dowling	18	37	1	18	13	9	3
4	Stan Osborne	17	37	1	17	10	5	0
5	Dog Denton	18	36		18	12	6	2
6	John Gibbons	18	36		18	11	6	2

Other NEWS

Our new local rules and procedures

Five new R&A suggested local rules have been adopted by the committee in order to play golf as safely as possible. These are in addition to the obvious social distancing rules which must be adhered to at all times.

The idea of the rules are to help protect members from having contact with **anything** other than their own equipment whilst on the golf course.

1 Bunkers. As no rakes are available, if you are in a footprint in a bunker you can without penalty lift and place within one club length in the bunker, not nearer the hole.

2 Flagstick. The Flagstick is not to be removed or touched.

3 Holing Out. A ball within 12" of the hole will be deemed holed with the next stroke. You may wish to put a small mark on your putter grip or shaft in order to quickly decide if a ball is within 12" of the hole (hole edge to centre of ball). To be fair to everyone, it is important that this is applied uniformly across the club. A ball which touches the raised liner in the hole and comes out will be deemed holed.

4 Immovable Obstructions. Stakes and ropes defining paths and areas on the course must not be touched and are deemed Immovable Obstructions. Relief applies.

5 Cards. You must not touch anyone else's score card. One of your group will keep a master card and keep gross scores from all of your group on it. The master scorer will clearly verbally agree his own and his fellow members score for each hole.

The master card is to be signed only by the holder and will be taken on trust.

In a stableford competition, only gross scores need to be entered. This is to ensure the card is readable. Our Golfshake computer system will work out the relevant strokes and points.

As soon as possible after the round, the card must be WhatsApped to the relevant Wednesday or Friday group.

It's also important to keep the card as neat as possible as it will be viewed on a small screen. Our handicap secretary has selected this card from a three ball group in a stableford competition as good example of how a score card should be completed.

Bunkers

In addition, please note that the bunker to the left of the 3rd green and the bunker in front of the 18th green are still G.U.R.

Emergency AGM

Our emergency 'virtual' AGM was held online and members have unanimously accepted the four items in the composite motion. 34 in favour, none against.

1. That the minutes of last year are accurate
2. That last year's accounts are accepted
3. That the existing committee is re-elected en bloc with John Price as captain and Jeff Jones as the nominated vice captain
4. That the subscription for 2020/21 is set at £50. (£31.75 if you are already affiliated to the Warwickshire Golf Union and England Golf (for CONGU))

Consequently subscriptions are due. The following are the only two methods of payment.

1. BACS payment directly to the club account sort code **55-61-49** account **23830867**. Please put your name in the reference so your payment can be identified.
2. By cheque made payable to "Boldmere Shaggy Dogs Golf Club" and posted to treasurer Michael Nielsen, 43 Tolworth Hall Rd, Erdington, Birmingham B24 9NE.

The fee is £50.00 which includes CONGU registration. If you already pay your CONGU registration to another club, e.g. Pye Hayes, or the main Boldmere club **the fee is reduced to £31.75.**

Our fixtures for the rest of the year

BOLDMERE SHAGGY DOGS SUMMER FIXTURES 2020			
MAY Fri 29	St Georges Trophy Stableford	AUG Wed 05	Rose Hill Match – Away TBC
JUN Fri 05	Cap.Smith Trophy Stableford	Fri 07	Stableford Alliance Pairs
Fri 12	Millennium Trophy Rd 1	Mon 10	Six Course Challenge at Harbourne Church Farm
Thu 18	Summer Away Day Handsworth Golf Club	Thu 13	Darnford Moors Match Away TBC
Fri 19	F Price Rose Bowl	Fri 14	Medal
Mon 22	Six Course Challenge at Pype Hayes	Mon 17	Six Course Challenge at Cocks Moors
Fri 26	Medal	Wed 19	Brandhall Match - Home TBC
JUL Fri 03	J O'Donnell Trophy - Pairs	Fri 21	Chairman's Trophy Rd1 – Stableford
Mon 06/07	Ullesthorpe Away Stay and Play	Fri 28	Medal
Fri 10	Millennium Trophy Rd 2	SEP Fri 04	AM/AM Pairs Stroke Play
Mon 13	Six Course Challenge at Rose Hill	Mon 07	Final Six Course Challenge Boldmere
Wed 15	Pype Hayes Match - Home TBC	Fri 11	Medal
Fri 17	Captains Day	Tues 15	Pype Hayes Match Away TBC
Tue 21	Marston Lakes Match Away TBC	Fri 18	Chairman's Trophy Rd2 - Stableford
Fri 24	McK Trophy	Mon 21	Reserve Six Course Challenge Final
Mon 27	Six Course Challenge Hatchford Brook	Fri 25	Medal
Wed 29	Darnford Moors Match Home TBC	OCT Fri 02	Alan Wood Trophy
Fri 31	Medal	Wed 07	Autumn Away Day at Pype Hayes
		Fri 09	Reserve date(Monthly Medal)
		Fri 16	Texas Scramble
		Thu 22	Annual Dinner/Presentation TBC

The Nightingale knockout draw

PRE Round	FIRST ROUND	SECOND ROUND	QUARTER FINAL	SEMI-FINAL	FINAL
by 19 th June	By 17 th July	By 21 st Aug	By 11 th Sept	By 2 nd Oct	By 14 th Oct
Kevin Waters	John Gibbons				
John Gibbons	Michael Nielsen				
	Richard Nicholls				
	John Firth				
	Ian McGregor				
	Steve Betterton				
	Chris Sutton				
	John Poultney				
	Tarlochan Bassan				
	Tony Burns				
	Stan Osborne				
	Stephen Rees				
	Jeff Jones				
	Jim Dowling				
	Ian Heathcock				
	Dick Chapman				
	Tara Sunner				
	Chris Cooper				
	Tim Rafferty				
	John Hughes				
	Les Hamp				
	Dog Denton				
	Trevor Jones				
	Arnie Evans				
	Keith Tonks				
	Peter Hart				
	Hugh McNair				
	Pat Carey				
	John Price				
	Graeme Reid				
	Doug Corfield				
	Roger Pollard				

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	2020/21
Chairman	Arnie Evans
Vice Chairman	Steve Betterton
Treasurer	Michael Nielsen
Captain	John Price
Vice Captain	Jeff Jones
Competition Secretary	Trevor Jones
Assistant Competition Secretaries	Ian Heathcock
Secretary	Richard Nicholls
Assistant Secretary	John Price