



Boldmere Shaggy Dogs



Newsletter February 2023

Welcome to the February newsletter. Winter is well and truly upon us with a frozen course and some frozen golfers. Many a pitch onto the green is rewarded with the sight of the ball bouncing high and disappearing into the distance behind the green. We have lost two Fridays and some Wednesdays to the weather this month, but even when competitions were called off, some shaggies still went out for their regular dose of fresh air, and to be baffled by the difficulties of putting on iced greens.

The shaggies used a variety of methods to keep warm on the course, extra clothing, mittens, soup, hand warmers and so on but the best was Phil Brook's electrically heated Gillet.

Below: Below Phil Brooks keeps snug and warm with his hi tech electric Gillet, and yes that is the 6th green on the left



Also in this newsletter, results of the two completions we did manage to play in February and the penultimate round of the Winter Trophy which is reaching its denouement.

Captain's Comments



Hi Shaggies, With the Summer Golf Season fast approaching, I thought you might like a preview list of our matches for 2023 with dates, opponents and venues to pencil into your diaries before the full list of Shaggy Dogs dates and events is published.

Dates are as follows:

Wed 12th April - Rose Hill (Home)
Thu 20th April - Redditch Kingfishers (Home)
Wed 10th May - Druids Heath (Home)
Mon 5th Jun - Marston Lakes (Home)
Wed 7th Jun - Birmingham Seniors Championships TBC
Thu 15th Jun - Redditch Kingfishers (Away)
Wed 12th Jul - Pype Hayes (Home)
Tue 18th Jul - Marston Lakes (Away)
Wed 26th Jul - Darnford Moors (Home)
Wed 2nd Aug - Rose Hill (Away)
Tue 22nd Aug - Darnford Moors (Away)
Tue 5th Sept - Pype Hayes (Away)
Wed 13th Sept - Druids Heath (Away)

Dates are subject to change. Teams are usually of 12 players per team (6 pairs) playing pairs matchplay. However, this may change depending on the number of players available for either team.

As with previous years I will be contacting Shaggies nearer the dates regarding availability and match day arrangements mainly via the Match Day WhatsApp Group.

6 Course Challenge.

Graeme has kindly agreed to look after arrangements for the 6 Course Challenge events as Vice Captain. Dates and venues for 2023 are as follows:-

Mon 3rd Apr - Harborne Church Farm
Mon 15th May - Rose Hill
Mon 26th Jun - Pype Hayes
Mon 24th Jul - Hatchford Brook
Mon 14th Aug - Cocks Moor Woods
Mon 18th Sep - Boldmere

Graeme will be in touch nearer the dates to confirm numbers, mainly via the 6 Course Challenge WhatsApp Group.

Cheers, Stan and Graeme

Medal

We played a medal off the yellow tees on Friday 13 January. Conditions were poor, the weather was chilly and the course frozen but two shaggies managed to better par with **Chris Sutton** taking first place with a nett 58 strokes, and **Tony Burns** second on 60.

Competition played on 13 January 2023 at Boldmere (Boldmere).

Full Net Result

Overall Position		Score	Placing
1	CHRIS SUTTON	87 - 29 = 58	Overall Winner
2	ANTHONY BURNS	87 - 27 = 60	Overall Runner-Up
3	PHIL BROOKS	82 - 19 = 63	Overall 3rd
4	TARA SUNNER	75 - 12 = 63	
5	KEVAL JANDU	84 - 20 = 64	
6	JOHN FIRTH	80 - 15 = 65	
7	THOMAS LOWTHIAN	86 - 21 = 65	
8	DEREK DEVENPORT	92 - 26 = 66	
9	TARLOCHAN BASSAN	82 - 16 = 66	
10	DICK CHAPMAN	87 - 21 = 66	

January Monthly Medal

Bad weather then intervened and our next competition, the Monthly Medal was played on 27 January. As the white tees are still unavailable, we played from the yellow tees. There was a rare appearance at the top of the leaderboard for **Richard Nicholls** who finished with an impressive nett 55. **Keval Jandu** was second on 58. Scoring was generally good with plenty of scores in the low 60's.

Competition Result

Competition played on 27 January 2023 at Boldmere (Boldmere).

Full Net Result

Overall Position		Score	Placing
1	RICHARD NICHOLLS	77 - 22 = 55	Overall Winner
2	KEVAL JANDU	78 - 20 = 58	Overall Runner-Up
3	CHRIS SUTTON	88 - 29 = 59	Overall 3rd
4	KEVIN WATERS	78 - 17 = 61	
5	STEVEN REES	74 - 12 = 62	
6	TARLOCHAN BASSAN	78 - 16 = 62	
7	GRAEME REID	87 - 25 = 62	
8	JOHN GIBBONS	81 - 18 = 63	
9	JOHN FIRTH	78 - 15 = 63	
10	IAN EDWARDS	83 - 20 = 63	
11	TARA SUNNER	75 - 12 = 63	

Winter Trophy Round 5

The penultimate round of the Winter Trophy was played on Friday 3 February. After a week without rain, the course had begun to dry out and there was only one temporary green in use. The improved conditions produced some good scores, and for the second week in a row **Richard Nicholls** finished first and **Keval Jandu** second. We think this is the first time we have ever had the same winner and runner up in consecutive weeks.

Competition played on 03 February 2023 at Boldmere (Boldmere).

Full Net Result

Overall Position		Score (Play H'cap)	Placing
1	RICHARD NICHOLLS	43 pts (22)	Overall Winner
2	KEVAL JANDU	43 pts (20)	Overall Runner-Up
3	STEVEN REES	39 pts (12)	Overall 3rd
4	TARA SUNNER	38 pts (12)	
5	HUGH McNAIR	36 pts (31)	
6	KEITH GIBSON	36 pts (18)	
7	IAN HEATHCOCK	35 pts (12)	
8	GRAEME REID	35 pts (25)	
9	IAN EDWARDS	35 pts (20)	
10	STEVE BETTERTON	34 pts (18)	
11	CHRIS COOPER	34 pts (25)	

When the cumulative results so far were worked out, it was **Keval Jandu** in the lead from **Steve Betterton** and **Tara Sunner**. Much is likely to change in the last round on Friday 3 March.

Overall Position		Count	Total (Points)	Best Scores			
1	KEVAL JANDU	4	156	37	37	39	43
2	STEVE BETTERTON	4	151	35	38	39	39
3	TARA SUNNER	4	146	34	37	37	38
4	ARNIE EVANS	4	145	32	36	38	39
5	STEVEN REES	4	143	31	33	39	40
6	TARLOCHAN BASSAN	4	141	32	33	35	41
7	JOHN GIBBONS	4	138	34	34	34	36
8	TREVOR JONES	4	137	30	32	37	38
9	JAMES J DOWLING	4	136	33	34	34	35
10	DEREK DEVENPORT	4	135	31	33	34	37
11	CHRIS SUTTON	4	133	21	30	39	43

Other News

Boldmere Shaggy Dogs 50th Anniversary

The Shaggy Dogs are 50 years old this year. To celebrate this milestone, we are organising a Seniors Pairs Charity Open at Boldmere on **Wednesday 21 June**. Please pencil this date in your diary to ensure you do not miss out on a fun day. We have currently sent out invites to all our friendly clubs.

Please do not use the form to book your place as we will sort the shaggy entrants nearer the day.



Boldmere Shaggy Dogs

50th Anniversary 1973-2023 Seniors Pairs Open 21 June 2023
Join us for a fun day and help us celebrate our Golden Jubilee





Pairs Open Cash Prizes! **Buffet Lunch included** **Raffle Prizes!** **Straightest Drive Prize!** **Nearest the Pin Prizes!** **Putting Prize!**

Pairs Better Ball Stableford Competition (85% allowance): Age limit: 57+, WHS Handicap Required, Handicap capped at 28 men 36 women. Cut off date for entries Friday 2 June. Tee times 08:31 to 11:05. Places are limited so please register early.
Competition entry per person including green fees and lunch £15.00 Mytime members, £20.00 Others

Registration:	Full Name	
Player 1 Main Contact Enter all Details	Full Address	
	National (CDH) No	
	Club (if Any)	
	Phone No.	
	Email address	
Player 2 Enter all Details	Full Name	
	National (CDH) No	
	Club (if Any)	

Preferred payment method: Transfer your team's entrance fee to account 55-61-49 75680327 (NatWest) and put your National (CDH) number as a reference. Email a clear picture of your entrance form to boldmereshaggydogs@hotmail.com

Alternative payment method: Return form to: Pairs Open Organiser, 80 Lowlands Avenue, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, B74 3RD. Include cheque for your team's entrance fee payable to "Boldmere Shaggy Dogs" with your form and write your name and National (CDH) number on the back. If you do not have an email address, please include a stamped self addressed envelope.

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Vicky Mallet Training Sessions

Vicky Mallet is running another set of her popular four weekly training course for the Shaggy Dogs. The February course is already fully booked, but the course is being run again in April. The dates are Thursday 6th April, Thursday 13th April, Thursday 20th April and Thursday 27th April, 08:30 to 09:30. Maximum group size is 4 which allows for a lot of individual tuition. Cost £40 includes tea and biscuit. To book a place, contact **Arnie Evans**.

Shaggies Accounts

Our Bank Balance now stands at £4,220 with commitments of £2,245 leaving an available balance of £1975. The Captain's Charity for the Birmingham Children's Hospital now stands at £824.

Richard Nicholls Secretary

Boldmere Shaggy Dogs Committee	2021/2022
Chairman	Arnie Evans
Vice Chairman	John Firth
Treasurer	Graeme Reid
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Vice Captain	Graeme Reid
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