



Boldmere Shaggy Dogs

Newsletter April 2018

Welcome to the April 2018 issue of the Boldmere Shaggy Dogs' Golf Club newsletter. Spring still seems a very long way off with extreme cold or rain (often both) interrupting our scheduled competitions and causing a backlog which will need to be completed. It's hard to believe that we are playing our first inter club match in two weeks time.

No Golf

Friday 2 March should have been the final round of the Winter Trophy. However with the ground frozen and the temperature at -4 degrees with a biting wind, the course was closed. **John Draper** and **Richard Nicholls** were the only members that turned up to sip coffee and gaze through the windows at the desultory sight of an empty frozen golf course.



Above: A desolate Boldmere Golf Course

Winter Trophy Round 6

By Friday 9 March, the cold weather relented and we were able to play Round 6 of the Winter Trophy. As in Round 5 the resurgent **Peter Hart** played superbly to make his way to the top with a magnificent, handicap slashing 45 points, five ahead of his nearest rival **Pat Carey** who returned 42 points. In all 8 golfers managed 36 points or better.

Pos	Name	H/C	Points
1	Peter Hart	16	47
2	Pat Carey	14	42
3	Dave Docker	16	40
4	Richard Nicholls	15	39
5	Chris Cooper	28	39
6	Roger Stevens	24	38
7	Jim Dowling	15	38
8	Dog Denton	19	36

When the Competitions Secretary had entered all the scores in to the system and the results were double checked, the final results for the winter Trophy were available. The red scores are discounted as the best four from the six rounds are used for the total. After leading every round since October, **Ian Heathcock** on 145 points was finally pushed in to the runner up spot for the Trophy by an excellent 149 points from **Pat Carey**. **Jim Dowling** continued his usual excellent record in the Winter Trophy, coming third on 138 points.

Pos	Name	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Rd6	Total
1	Pat Carey	34	x25	x32	38	35	42	149
2	Ian Heathcock	40	36	x32	34	35	x31	145
3	Jim Dowling	x29	x32	35	33	32	38	138
4	Richard Nicholls	x28	33	32	x29	33	39	137
5	Steve Betterton	37	31	32	x26	37	x29	137
6	Dog Denton			25	35	35	36	131
7	John Draper	32	37	33	x26	x25	28	130
8	Arnie Evans	x29	29	x24	30	34	33	126
9	John Price	44	x29	19		31	31	125
10	John Hughes	31	33		32	28		124
11	John Firth	29	29	x27	33	32		123
12	Les Hamp	38	29	26	30	x21		123
13	Trevor Jones	x27	29	30	30		33	122
14	Jeff Jones		27	29	30	x28	34	120
15	Dick Chapman		29	x25	30	35	26	120

Also on Friday 9 March we were visited by Lee and Chris from Access Creative College who are working on a musical composition project funded by the Birmingham Conservatoire. This project is called "for-Wards" and is based on capturing the sounds and stories of community groups in every ward in Birmingham. We have been chosen to reflect the sounds and stories from Vesey ward. Chris and Lee spent time talking to members and recoding the sounds on the golf course. Thankfully their recorder was switched off during our morning meeting!



Left: Chris records a conversation with Dave Docker.

Right: Lee took this rather good photo of Dave Docker showing us how to get out of a bunker



No Golf Again!

Yet another day was lost to golf on 16 March as the heavy rain earlier in the week caused the course to be closed, the fifth day to be lost this winter. At least it gave us time to run the draw for the Nightingale knockout competition. All first round matches to be complete by the end of May.

Monthly Medal

On 23 March, with the white tees still in the grounds staff shed, the March Monthly Medal was played from the yellow tees, after a vote to play with 5 temporary greens was taken by members. In very tricky conditions, **John Firth** won with 62 strokes from four players who finished on 64. **Michael Nielsen** was given second place after applying the count back rules.

Pos	Member	H/C	Gross	Net
1	John Firth	14	76	62
2	Michael Nielsen	18	82	64
3	Dog Denton	19	83	64
4	Roger Pollard	16	80	64
5	George Calder	28	92	64
6	Roger Stevens	23	88	65
7	Arnie Evans	16	81	65
8	Ian Heathcock	12	77	65
9	Trevor Jones	14	80	66
10	John Draper	17	83	66
11	Doug Corfield	17	83	66
12	Dick Chapman	14	80	66

Below: a visiting pair of Greylag geese joined their Canada cousins watching the Monthly Medal with interest



Also on Friday 23, Lee and Chris returned to play some of the composition Chris had made based on his visit two weeks earlier. They couldn't get the sound box working properly so played the composition on a laptop. It appears Dave Docker could have a new career as a rapper! Chris is going to send us regular updates and will also send us tickets for the first public performance of the composition at the Party in the Park in Sutton Park on Sunday July 1.

Other News

Birmingham Seniors Championship

The planning meeting for hosting the Birmingham Senior Championship on our course took place on 28 March. It was decided that a stableford format would best suit our course with all players teeing off the first tee from 08:30 onwards. The competition will be on the measured white tee course (SSS 62). This will be a big undertaking for us and as well as fielding a team of ten, we will be asking for volunteers to help marshalling in the car park and to act as spotters on the golf course to help keep the competition moving quickly. Please make sure the 6 June is in your diary.

AGM

The 45th BSDGC AGM will be held on Friday 13 April at 14:00. There are a number of important club matters up for discussion as well as the election of officers for the 2018/19 season.

Coming up:

Monday 9 April First round of the 2018 6 course Challenge at Hill Top Golf Course.

Wednesday 11 April first match of the season away at Hill Top Golf Course.

Wednesday May 2 Away Day at Hatchford Brook.

As always, the latest information is available on line 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

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