



# Boldmere Shaggy Dogs



## Newsletter March 2023

Welcome to the March newsletter. Its still very cold out there on the course, but we can see signs of approaching Spring. The Snowdrops and crocuses are trying their best out on the course, and we are getting some occasional watery sun to warm us up.

However the forecast for March is remains cold so don't go "casting any clouts" just yet.

In this newsletter: The results of our February competitions, and a new feature, the Rules Corner, where a member of the Handicap Committee will address some rules which we may or may not know.



*Above: Snow drops announce spring will be here - at some point*

## Captain's comments



With the daylight hours gradually lengthening and a return of some spring-like weather, we will soon be looking forward to resuming our matches with our friends from other clubs.

With this in mind, I thought the Shaggies would like a preview of our upcoming fixtures for April and May.

Wednesday 12th April - Rose Hill (Home)

Thursday 20th April - Redditch Kingfishers (Home)

Wednesday 10th May - Druids Heath (Home)

Tuesday 30th May - Hatchford Brook (Away)

I will be in touch nearer these dates regarding availability to play in these matches.

## 6 Course Challenge

Graeme will also be contacting members to ask for names for the 6 Course Challenge rounds for April and May, as follows:-

Monday 3rd April - Harborne Park Farm

Monday 15th - Rose Hill

## Captains Charity

I would like to thank everyone who has contributed so generously so far to our charity (Birmingham Children's Hospital). Our Treasurer, Graeme informs me that the total currently stands at £857. Thank you.

## Teeing Areas

It is good to see the promised remedial work to the main grass teeing areas has begun and clear to see on the opening holes during the Wednesday round on 1st March. An encouraging start and hopefully this will be rolled out over all 18 holes.

Green Keeper Dave has asked us if we could steer well clear of these freshly dressed and seeded areas (roped off) especially with trolleys and buggies to help with the process. Unfortunately, he has observed golfers (not Boldmere members) still using the roped off grass teeing areas in spite it clearly being ongoing ground works.

Cheers, Stan

## Rules corner



Ian Heathcock of the Handicap Committee explains how Shaggies can ensure they comply with the rules when the "Ball is accidentally moved" in different parts of the course.

### **Rule 9 Fairway and Rough, Ball moved when taking a practice swing.**

If you take a practice swing and accidentally move your ball in doing so, this does not count as a stroke, and you must put the ball back with

one penalty stroke. If you do not put it back, you will incur two penalty strokes for playing from the wrong spot.

**Rule 13 On the Green, Ball accidentally moved.** If you accidentally cause your ball to move (eg when grounding your club or as a result of a practice swing too close to the ball), no penalty is incurred on the green by way of exception. The ball must be put back on its original spot.

**Rule 6 Ball falls off the tee.** If the ball is accidentally knocked from the tee before you tee off (e.g. when grounding the club or because of a practice swing too close to the ball), this does not count as a stroke. There is no penalty and you can tee the ball up again.

More rules explained next week.  
Ian Heathcock

## This Month's Results

### Texas Scramble

We had a break from our usual medal matches on Friday 10 February and played a Texas Scramble. The team of **Doc Bassan, Arnie Evans and John Rock** took first place.

Pos	Team	score
1	Doc Bassan, Arnie Evans, John Rock	53.2
2	John Price, Chris Cooper, John Poultney	55.0
3	Trevor Jones, Phil Brooks, John Hughes	55.3

### Monthly Medal

We played our February Monthly Medal off the yellow tees on Friday 17 February. **Keval Jandu** won the competition on a net 61. In second place was **John Gibbons** on 62 separated from **Richard Nicholls** by the countback.

Overall Position		Score	Placing
1	<b>KEVAL JANDU</b>	<b>81 - 20 = 61</b>	Overall Winner
2	<b>JOHN GIBBONS</b>	<b>80 - 18 = 62</b>	Overall Runner-Up
3	<b>RICHARD NICHOLLS</b>	<b>84 - 22 = 62</b>	Overall 3rd
4	<b>PHIL BROOKS</b>	<b>81 - 19 = 62</b>	
5	<b>STAN OSBORNE</b>	<b>79 - 16 = 63</b>	
6	<b>KEITH GIBSON</b>	<b>82 - 18 = 64</b>	
7	<b>ARNIE EVANS</b>	<b>82 - 18 = 64</b>	
8	<b>JOHN HUGHES</b>	<b>92 - 28 = 64</b>	
9	<b>STEVE BETTERTON</b>	<b>83 - 18 = 65</b>	
10	<b>KEVIN WATERS</b>	<b>82 - 17 = 65</b>	

## Medal

It was a medal on Friday 24 February. This time it was the in form **Richard Nicholls** who won the competition on countback from second place **Hugh McNair**, both scoring a net 59 strokes.

Overall Position		Score	Placing
1	<b>RICHARD NICHOLLS</b>	<b>81 - 22 = 59</b>	Overall Winner
2	<b>HUGH McNAIR</b>	<b>90 - 31 = 59</b>	Overall Runner-Up
3	<b>JOHN HUGHES</b>	<b>90 - 28 = 62</b>	Overall 3rd
4	<b>KEITH TONKS</b>	<b>87 - 24 = 63</b>	
5	<b>ALAN JOHN DRAPER</b>	<b>93 - 30 = 63</b>	
6	<b>ARNIE EVANS</b>	<b>82 - 18 = 64</b>	
7	<b>IAN EDWARDS</b>	<b>84 - 20 = 64</b>	
8	<b>STAN OSBORNE</b>	<b>81 - 16 = 65</b>	
9	<b>JOHN POULTNEY</b>	<b>97 - 31 = 66</b>	
10	<b>ROGER POLLARD</b>	<b>84 - 18 = 66</b>	

## Winter Trophy Final Round Six

The last big competition of the winter reached its climax on Friday 3 March. The six round individual, best 4 from 6 rounds, stableford competition finished with some really good scoring as **Graeme Reid** won round six on a cold but dry day, finishing on 42 points. Second place on 39 points was **Ian Edwards**, just ahead of **John Firth**, last year's Winter Trophy champion on 37 points. The improved conditions resulted in a large number of birdies on the day, none better than Tony Burns, who holed a whopping 72 foot putt on the 10th.

Overall Position		Score (Play H'cap)	Placing
1	<b>GRAEME REID</b>	<b>42 pts (25)</b>	Overall Winner
2	<b>IAN EDWARDS</b>	<b>39 pts (20)</b>	Overall Runner-Up
3	<b>JOHN FIRTH</b>	<b>37 pts (15)</b>	Overall 3rd
4	<b>KEITH GIBSON</b>	<b>36 pts (18)</b>	
5	<b>JEFF JONES</b>	<b>35 pts (24)</b>	
6	<b>CHRIS SUTTON</b>	<b>34 pts (29)</b>	
7	<b>ANTHONY BURNS</b>	<b>33 pts (27)</b>	
8	<b>CHRIS COOPER</b>	<b>33 pts (25)</b>	
9	<b>HUGH McNAIR</b>	<b>33 pts (31)</b>	
10	<b>RICHARD NICHOLLS</b>	<b>32 pts (22)</b>	

The scores from all six rounds were then run through our results software and the overall standings were calculated. It was a great win for **Keval Jandu** on 156 points, ahead of the unlucky **Steve Betterton** on 151 points who could not take part in the final round through illness. Get well soon Steve.

Overall Position		Count	Total (Points)	Best Scores			
1	<b>KEVAL JANDU</b>	4	<b>156</b>	37	37	39	43
2	<b>STEVE BETTERTON</b>	4	<b>151</b>	35	38	39	39
3	<b>CHRIS SUTTON</b>	4	<b>146</b>	30	34	39	43
4	<b>TARA SUNNER</b>	4	<b>146</b>	34	37	37	38
5	<b>ARNIE EVANS</b>	4	<b>145</b>	32	36	38	39
6	<b>STEVEN REES</b>	4	<b>143</b>	31	33	39	40
7	<b>IAN EDWARDS</b>	4	<b>142</b>	29	35	39	39
8	<b>TARLOCHAN BASSAN</b>	4	<b>141</b>	32	33	35	41
9	<b>JOHN GIBBONS</b>	4	<b>138</b>	34	34	34	36
10	<b>JOHN FIRTH</b>	4	<b>137</b>	31	34	35	37
11	<b>TREVOR JONES</b>	4	<b>137</b>	30	32	37	38
12	<b>JAMES J DOWLING</b>	4	<b>136</b>	33	34	34	35
13	<b>DEREK DEVENPORT</b>	4	<b>135</b>	31	33	34	37
14	<b>THOMAS LOWTHIAN</b>	4	<b>134</b>	24	33	36	41
15	<b>JEFF JONES</b>	4	<b>132</b>	30	33	34	35
16	<b>JOHN PRICE</b>	4	<b>132</b>	28	33	34	37

## Other News

### Shaggies Accounts

Our Bank Balance now stands at £5,237 with commitments of £3,418 leaving an available balance of £2,089. The Captain's Charity for the Birmingham Children's Hospital now stands at £857.

### Shaggy Dogs 50th Anniversary Pairs Open 21 June 2023



Invitations have gone out to our friends from other clubs and, including shaggies we now have an estimated 60 golfers taking part in the competition, which includes giveaways, cash prizes, a raffle, nearest the pin prizes, express putting competition and a meal after the round. Do make sure the date is in your diary. Joining instructions for shaggies will be issued nearer the date.

Richard Nicholls Secretary

Boldmere Shaggy Dogs Committee	2021/2022
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