



Boldmere Shaggy Dogs

Newsletter October 2021

Welcome to the October newsletter. The season is winding down and the last of our major competitions, the Six Course Challenge has reached its epic finale with its traditional final round at Boldmere. The Birmingham Seniors was also played this month. But we still have the finals of the Nightingale and David Docker pairs knockout to look forward to. We also have the presentation evening too, next month on 21 October at Sutton Park Golf Club. If you haven't done so already, please get those RSVP's back as soon as you can so we can plan for the evening.



Above: Success at the Birmingham Seniors. What did we win?

AM/AM Better Ball

We played an AM/AM pairs better ball competition on Friday 3 September, stroke play with the best of the pair's nett scores on each hole counting.

This format led to some amazing scores with twelve of the fifteen pairs scoring in the fifties.

As it was, the top two places finished on nett 52 strokes, with **Stan Osborne** and **Tim Rafferty** finishing ahead of **Kevin Waters** and **Ian McGregor** courtesy of the countback.

Competition Result

Competition played on 03 September 2021 at Boldmere (Boldmere).

Full Net Result

Overall Position		Score	Placing
1	STAN OSBORNE TIM RAFFERTY	52	Overall Winner
2	KEVIN WATERS IAN MCGREGOR	52	Overall Runner-Up
3	STEVE BETTERTON JOHN HUGHES	53	Overall 3rd
4	IAN EDWARDS JOHN POULTNEY	53	
5	TREVOR JONES CHRISTOPHER B. SUTTON	54	
6	DAVID DENTON JAMES J DOWLING	54	
7	IAN HEATHCOCK JOHN ROCK	55	
8	KEITH GIBSON GRAEME REID	55	
9	JOHN GIBBONS KEVAL JANDU	56	

Monthly Medal

Competition Result

Competition played on 10 September 2021 at Boldmere (Boldmere).

Full Net Result

Overall Position		Score	Placing
1	JOHN FIRTH	78 - 17 = 61	Overall Winner
2	TARLOCHAN BASSAN	79 - 18 = 61	Overall Runner-Up
3	STAN OSBORNE	81 - 19 = 62	Overall 3rd
4	JEFF JONES	89 - 26 = 63	
5	DAVID DENTON	84 - 20 = 64	
6	KEVIN WATERS	83 - 19 = 64	
7	STEVE BETTERTON	85 - 19 = 66	
8	IAN HEATHCOCK	81 - 15 = 66	
9	LES HAMP	85 - 18 = 67	
10	KEVAL JANDU	88 - 21 = 67	

It was a Monthly Medal on Friday 10 September. Once again the top two players had to be separated by the countback with **John Firth** pipping **Doc Bassan**, both on 61.

Druids Heath

	Boldmere	Result
1	Jeff Jones	Lost by 1
	Stan Osborne	
2	John Firth	Lost 3 and 2
	Arnie Evans	
3	Ian Heathcock	Lost 5 and 3
	Dog Denton	
4	Trevor Jones	Won 2 and 1
	Ian Edwards	
5	Pat Carey	Lost 5 and 3
	Roger Pollard	
6	Kevin Waters	Lost 7 and 6
	John Price	

Our first ever match at Druids Heath took place on Wednesday 15 September. This is a beautiful, well manicured and long course in Aldridge. It was a treat to play and we were well looked after by Druids Heath Seniors and treated to an excellent meal.

It was unfamiliar ground for the shaggies though, with few ever having played there before. We lost the match 5 - 1 with our victory coming from **Trevor Jones** and **Ian Edwards**

Medal

Friday 17 September and it was a medal at Boldmere off the yellow tees. Conditions were perfect for golf and the scoring reflected that with **Stan Osborne** shooting a nett five under par 56, followed by nett three under **par John Firth**.

Competition Result			
Competition played on 17 September 2021 at Boldmere (Boldmere).			
Full Net Result			
Overall Position		Score	Placing
1	STAN OSBORNE	74 - 18 = 56	Overall Winner
2	JOHN FIRTH	75 - 17 = 58	Overall Runner-Up
3	LES HAMP	79 - 19 = 60	Overall 3rd
4	TIM RAFFERTY	87 - 26 = 61	
5	DOUG. CORFIELD	83 - 21 = 62	
6	KEITH GIBSON	83 - 20 = 63	
7	JOHN GIBBONS	83 - 20 = 63	
8	ANTHONY BURNS	94 - 31 = 63	
9	CHRISTOPHER B. SUTTON	94 - 31 = 63	
10	KEVIN WATERS	82 - 19 = 63	

Six Course Challenge

The Six Course Challenge finally finished at Boldmere on Monday 20 September.

This round is the only one played from the white tees. **Trevor Jones** headed the field with an impressive 42 points whilst **Jeff Jones** came second on 40 points.

Competition Result

Competition played on 20 September 2021 at Boldmere (Boldmere).

Full Net Result

Overall Position		Score (Play H'cap)	Placing
1	TREVOR JONES	42 pts (19)	Overall Winner
2	JEFF JONES	40 pts (27)	Overall Runner-Up
3	JOHN PRICE	39 pts (21)	
4	IAN EDWARDS	39 pts (21)	
5	KEVIN WATERS	37 pts (20)	
6	IAN HEATHCOCK	34 pts (16)	
7	TARA SUNNER	33 pts (13)	
8	DOUG. CORFIELD	33 pts (21)	
9	ROGER POLLARD	31 pts (20)	
10	GRAEME REID	30 pts (26)	

With round six played, the final positions for this season long event could be produced. The competition is based on the four best stableford rounds from six mytime courses in Birmingham. It was a terrific win for **Ian Edwards** in his first Six Course Challenge, finishing on 159 points, with the lowest of his four counting scores coming in at 39 points. **Peter Hart** was a worthy runner up finishing on 152 points.

Best 4 Rounds Competition

Position of competition as at 24 September 2021

Overall Position		Count	Total (Points)	Best Scores			
1	IAN EDWARDS	4	159	39	39	40	41
2	PETER HART	4	152	33	36	39	44
3	TARA SUNNER	4	150	34	35	39	42
4	KEVIN WATERS	4	148	36	36	37	39
5	IAN HEATHCOCK	4	148	34	35	37	42
6	ROGER POLLARD	4	145	31	32	37	45
7	JOHN PRICE	4	142	33	35	35	39
8	JOHN FIRTH	4	142	29	35	38	40
9	TREVOR JONES	4	140	26	34	38	42
10	STAN OSBORNE	4	140	29	35	36	40
11	ARNIE EVANS	4	138	31	32	37	38
12	JEFF JONES	4	135	29	33	33	40
13	KEVAL JANDU	4	134	26	29	36	43
14	TARLOCHAN BASSAN	4	127	23	31	36	37

The Birmingham Seniors

The Birmingham Seniors returned this year after absence last year due to lockdown. It was played at Rose Hill, one of the most hilly and difficult courses in the competition. So hilly that one club refused to take part. Our shaggies battled on valiantly and came a creditable third overall, with home team Rose Hill scooping the trophy. Pye Hayes were second. A new club joined the competition this year to replace two clubs who have folded. Redditch Kingfisher finished in fifth place

Steve Rees was our best player and came an excellent fourth place in the individual competition with a nett 33 points. **Ian Edwards**, **Arnie Evans** and **John Price** played well and between them won all three nearest the pin competitions.

		H.I.	P.H.	Nett
Rees	Steve	17.1	16	33
Heathcock	Ian	18.7	18	28
Jones	Trevor	22.1	21	26
Edwards	Ian	24.0	23	24
Price	John	24.8	24	24
Sunner	Tara	14.7	14	23
Firth	John	20.4	20	21
Hamp	Les	22.8	22	21
Carey	Pat	18.2	17	20
Evans	Arnie	23.9	23	18

CLUB	Gross	Nett	Pos.
Rose Hill	118	264	1
Pye Hayes	108	221	2
Boldmere	77	200	3
Cocks Moors Woods	98	194	4
Redditch Kingfisher	67	174	5

The Generation Game

On Friday 24 September, we played the Generation Game. A Stableford competition with three teams, the 60's, 70's and 80's based on the age of each competitor. The results for each of three groups were then averaged for a team score. Individual scoring was excellent with ten players on or over 36 points. **Stan Osborne** won on countback on 40 points, and it was great to see **Derek Devenport** also on 40 points.

You will have to wait a little longer to find out which generation won the game though. All will be revealed at the presentation dinner.

Right: an interested spectator watches Pat Carey play in the Generation Game



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Full Net Result

Overall Position		Score (Play H'cap)	Placing
1	STAN OSBORNE	40 pts (17)	Overall Winner
2	DEREK DEVENPORT	40 pts (30)	Overall Runner-Up
3	ROGER POLLARD	39 pts (19)	Overall 3rd
4	CHRIS COOPER	38 pts (27)	
5	JAMES J DOWLING	38 pts (20)	
6	JEFF JONES	38 pts (25)	
7	IAN HEATHCOCK	37 pts (15)	
8	DOUG. CORFIELD	37 pts (20)	
9	ANTHONY BURNS	36 pts (29)	
10	KEITH TONKS	36 pts (22)	

Match play knockout competitions (dates are incorrect)

Nightingale Singles

Semi-Final				
To be played by Friday, 1 October 2021				
Match				
61	WATERS, KEVIN	v	REES, STEVEN	
62	EDWARDS, IAN	Beat	RAFFERTY, TIM	3 & 2
Final				
To be played by Friday, 15 October 2021				
Match				
63	Winner Match 61	v	EDWARDS, IAN	

David Docker Pairs

Semi-Final				
To be played on Friday, 20 August 2021				
Match				
29	REES, STEVEN & POULTNEY, JOHN	Beat	BASSAN, TARLOCHAN & DEVENPORT, DEREK	2 & 1
30	CHAPMAN, DICK & JANDU, KEVAL	v	SUNNER, TARA & COOPER, CHRIS	
Final				
To be played on Friday, 17 September 2021				
Match				
31	REES, STEVEN & POULTNEY, JOHN	v	Winner Match 30	

Other News

17 - 24 League

Many shaggies have represented Boldmere club in the 17-24 League Division 2 this year. The team were runner up in the division. **Steve Betterton**, **John Gibbons** and Boldmere club member **Shelley Hufton** also played in the Captains Jubilee Competition at Hatchford Brook where they collected their Division 2 Runner Up keepsakes. All 8 players who represented Boldmere in the 17-24 league matches will receive keepsakes. This includes **John Firth**, **Doc Bassan** and **Arnie Evans**. Meanwhile, **John Price** and **Pat Carey** represented Boldmere club in the Vale Robinson Trophy reaching the quarter final stage.

At the Jubilee Competition at Hatchford Brook, **Steve Betterton** played exceptionally well in coming second in the individual Stableford competition with 42 points scored from the white tees. It was his lucky day as he also won a prize in the sweep.



Above: Steve Betterton, John Gibbons and Shelley Hufton receive their Division two runners up trophies

Pro - Am Day at Boldmere

On Sunday 26 September a number of shaggies supported the annual Boldmere Pro - Am tournament. Each team of four had one professional golfer and three amateurs with the best two nett scores on each hole counting. Shaggies supporting the event included **John Gibbons, Doc Bassan, Pat Carey, Dog Denton, Ian Edwards, Arnie Evans, Ian Heathcock, Keval Jandu, Jeff Jones, Trevor Jones, Roger Pollard, John Price and Tara Sunner and Steve Rees.**

Did you know? In its 68th year, the Boldmere Golf Club Pro - Am is believed to be the oldest Pro - Am tournament in Europe!

Best results for the shaggies came from Keval Jandu who was in the team that came second and from Jeff Jones whose nearest the pin win earned him a box of golf balls which coincidently had been sponsored by the Shaggy Dogs.

The winning team of the Pro - Am pictured below, from left to right: Adrian Shortall, Tom Palmer professional at Great Barr GC, Jas Rai and David Hillier seen holding the "Stan Jackson Trophy" Their winning score was 103 an amazing 23 under par.



Congratulations to **John Gibbons** for all his hard work in delivering a successful competition.

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	2021/2022
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