



Boldmere Shaggy Dogs

Newsletter December 2021

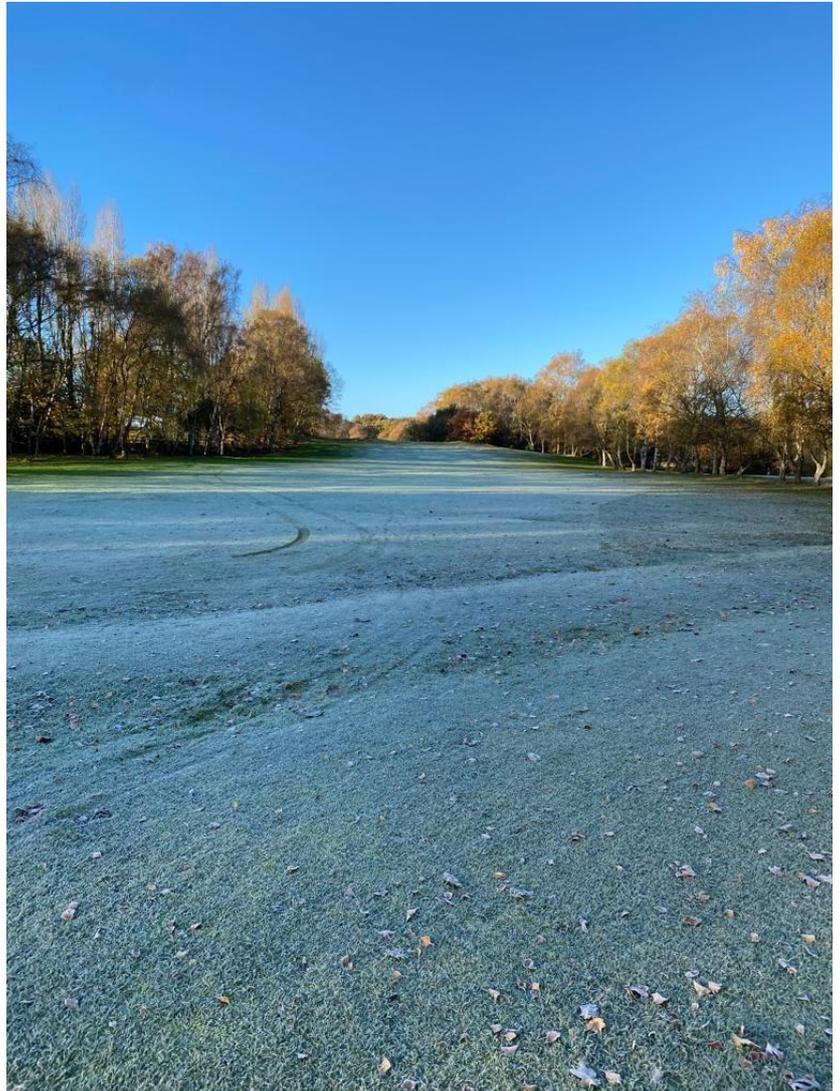
Welcome to the December newsletter.

Winter is fast approaching. The days have drawn in and we have frosty mornings at Boldmere. If this wasn't enough we had unusually early snow over the last weekend of the month which followed a deluge and postponed Winter Trophy on 26 November.

On the positive side, this means the Shaggy Dogs Christmas Party is also approaching. It's on Monday 13 December at Sutton Town Football Club. Don't miss it! Tickets from Graeme Reid at £7.00 per person. Please donate a raffle prize to Captain Kevin Waters, and feel free to invite guests.

There is a chance to win a Turkey for Christmas at our annual Turkey Trot on Friday 17 December. Entry fee will be £2.

Right: a frosty morning at Boldmere



Also covered in this issue, the competitions we did manage to play, our first ever annual Handicap Review, whatever happened to the Warwickshire Union County Card, and a welcome change to our Local Rules.

Monthly Medal

It was our November Monthly Medal on Friday 12 November. Only three members reached nett par or better, with **Stan Osborne** winning the medal on 61 strokes and **Ian Heathcock** holding off Steven Rees for second place via the count back on 63.

Competition Result

Competition played on 12 November 2021 at Boldmere (Boldmere).

Full Net Result

Overall Position		Score	Placing
1	STAN OSBORNE	77 - 16 = 61	Overall Winner
2	IAN HEATHCOCK	78 - 15 = 63	Overall Runner-Up
3	STEVEN REES	77 - 14 = 63	Overall 3rd
4	ARNIE EVANS	84 - 20 = 64	
5	TARA SUNNER	77 - 12 = 65	
6	JOHN FIRTH	83 - 17 = 66	
7	HUGH McNAIR	100 - 31 = 69	
8	JOHN HUGHES	97 - 27 = 70	
9	TARLOCHAN BASSAN	87 - 17 = 70	
10	PETER HART	84 - 14 = 70	

Medal

On Friday 19 November we played a medal off the yellow tees. The greens were in very good condition, the weather was calm, even occasionally warm, and we all had a very pleasant November round. Top spot was a terrific performance from **Les Hamp** who finished on a net 56 strokes, with **Ian Heathcock** just behind on 58.

Competition Result

Competition played on 19 November 2021 at Boldmere (Boldmere).

Full Net Result

Overall Position		Score	Placing
1	LES HAMP	74 - 18 = 56	Overall Winner
2	IAN HEATHCOCK	73 - 15 = 58	Overall Runner-Up
3	RICHARD NICHOLLS	82 - 23 = 59	Overall 3rd
4	STEVEN REES	73 - 13 = 60	
5	KEITH GIBSON	81 - 20 = 61	
6	ARNIE EVANS	80 - 19 = 61	
7	STEVE BETTERTON	81 - 19 = 62	
8	TARLOCHAN BASSAN	81 - 18 = 63	
9	KEVIN WATERS	82 - 18 = 64	
10	JOHN PRICE	84 - 20 = 64	

Bad Weather Texas Scramble

The forecast for Friday 26 November was very poor. Strong winds and rain were forecast. As the shaggies woke up and peered out of their bedroom windows, a very sorry sight greeted them. A discussion took place on our Whatsapp group and it was clear that a number of shaggies were not going to be playing. Our Winter Trophy round was then postponed. However a group of fifteen shaggies did turn up and decided to run a Texas Scramble. The team of **Dog Denton**, **Keval Jandu** and **John Price** finished on top.

Right: At the start the weather was ominous, but a rainbow lightened the mood. The sun came out later

All of the group finished their rounds.



Competition Result

Competition played on 26 November 2021 at Boldmere (Boldmere).

Full Net Result

Overall Position		Score	Placing
1	DAVID DENTON KEVAL JANDU JOHN PRICE	67 - 13 = 54	Overall Winner
2	ARNIE EVANS TARLOCHAN BASSAN CHRISTOPHER B. SUTTON	69 - 13 = 56	
3	KEITH GIBSON IAN EDWARDS PETER HART	68 - 11 = 57	
4	JOHN GIBBONS JOHN FIRTH RICHARD NICHOLLS	69 - 12 = 57	
5	JOHN HUGHES DICK CHAPMAN TIM RAFFERTY	75 - 14 = 61	

Winter Trophy Round 3

On Friday 3 December we played the third round of the Winter Trophy. Conditions were very wet, but thankfully the leaf problem has reduced slightly, but do see the changes to our Local Rules later in this newsletter allowing a free drop for a ball clearly lost in an accumulation of leaves. On the day **Peter Hart** managed the tricky conditions best with 38 points. Three members tied for second place on 37 points, but the count back gave the decision to **Tim Rafferty**.

Competition Result

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

Full Net Result

Overall Position		Score (Play H'cap)	Placing
1	PETER HART	38 pts (15)	Overall Winner
2	TIM RAFFERTY	37 pts (26)	Overall Runner-Up
3	TREVOR JONES	37 pts (18)	Overall 3rd
4	KEVAL JANDU	37 pts (21)	
5	JOHN GIBBONS	36 pts (20)	
6	CHRISTOPHER B. SUTTON	35 pts (30)	
7	RICHARD NICHOLLS	34 pts (23)	
8	TARA SUNNER	33 pts (11)	
9	TARLOCHAN BASSAN	33 pts (18)	
10	GRAEME REID	32 pts (26)	

Other News

Very Sad News

Dorothy Devenport, wife of Derek passed away on 22 November after a short battle with cancer. Derek thanked the shaggies for support at this difficult time.

Warwickshire Union County Card

The County Card is a pass which allows its holder to visit participating golf clubs once each year for a reduced green fee where you can expect to receive up to 50% discount.



Most Counties run a County Card Scheme for their affiliated members and from 2012 all golf club members affiliated to the Warwickshire Union of Golf Clubs have been entitled to receive a County Card as part of their annual affiliation fee.

There is a fantastic number of Golf Clubs taking part in the scheme both in Warwickshire and nationally, with currently over 1,400 courses available to play using your Card.

However, as with most interactions with the public these days, the card has moved online. It is easy to load the County App on your phone. Called the igCounty App, to install it on your smartphone, visit: https://www.warwickshiregolf.com/downloading_the_app you will need your National Number (CDH No.) which will be on Master Scoreboard or ask any Joint Handicap Committee member.

Christmas Party

Our Christmas Party will be held at Sutton Town Football Club at 1.30 p.m. on Monday 13 December. It's a great afternoon, compèred by our own **Dog Denton**, with entertainment from house duo the Two Bobs, and from our surprisingly talented Shaggy Dogs. If you want to get involved in the entertainment, please give Dog a call. Tickets are on sale from Treasurer Graeme Reid at £7 per person. You are welcome to bring guests.

Annual Handicap Review

Boldmere Golf Club undertook its annual handicap review on Friday 26th November Boldmere.

Present were BJHC members: John Gibbons (Chair) Trevor Jones, Richard Nicholls and Ian Heathcock.

Boldmere members were given advance notice of the Review via Whatsapp, verbal announcement, and notices pinned on both clubs notice boards in case any member wished to raise an issue over their or any other member's Handicap Index (H.I.).

The Committee discussed the impact of the WHS since its introduction just over a year ago. The general feeling was that WHS is a good system, is working well, and reacts quickly to alter a player's handicap index depending on current form.

Findings

1. Only one player was found in the HC/SC Report who had less than 20 rounds recorded. No action as accurate H.I. will only be obtained after 20 rounds.
2. A list of players with few or no rounds was previously sent to JG and Tony Wilkins (Boldmere Capt.) in October in advance of their full Committee meeting. All Boldmere Seniors are "accounted for".
3. Four players were hard capped. Action taken on three, (see 7) No action taken on

the fourth, Roy Leeson who has no record of playing for two years, his Low Index will reset due to passing of time and current form will need to be established.

4. A verbal was request received to review the handicap of an “away” player. However that player subsequently became a “home” player and the Committee have acted (see 7)

5. The Committee discussed the players who were approaching the hard cap but decided to take no action on the basis that WHS was self regulating with low indexes rising over time if needed.

6. The evidence showed that players who had extraordinary rounds leading to Exceptional Score Reductions tended to take time to adjust to the lower handicap. No players were identified who needed a further reduction.

7. Actions: It was agreed the low handicap indexes of three hard capped players would be re-set.

John Draper: (just become a home player) transferred into Boldmere as former club took no action to amend his H.I. He was flagged 26 times for high scores in the HR Report. Low Index reset and H.I. moves from 30.1 to 41.4. Given the high number of strokes now being received authority for the action was sought and obtained from Warwickshire Golf Union.

John Rock: A glitch in WHS software meant a severe cut in H.I. when 21 rounds reached. A previous attempt to rectify was not sufficient, so a further re-set to 32.8 was actioned.

Alan Hillier: Hard capped at 23.4 and current form 25.8 Low Index re-set and H.I. to 25.8.

A special thanks to **Ian Heathcock** for the hard work in the preparation of the review.

New Local Rules.

Our Local Rules have been updated to take account of two items.

Firstly, the new small drainage ditch by the guard rail between the path and the 18th green. Rule 16.1 applies and a free drop may be taken.

Secondly, given the problem we have with balls being lost in leaves on the course, a ball which is virtually certain to be lost in thick leaves can be treated as in Ground under repair and rule 16.1e applies.

Please familiarise yourself with our Local Rules below.

Boldmere Golf Club



LOCAL RULES

1 All Golf Course Local Rules as the scorecard.

2 *Distance Measuring* Devices may be used in all competitions. As a courtesy, distances must be made available to any players in the group who makes a request.

3 *Preferred Lies* Mytime Active sets the start and end dates for preferred lies. Boldmere Golf Club adopt these dates for Preferred Lies. In addition, the Handicap Committee may, at other times of adverse conditions, decide to apply Preferred Lies. This will be announced before the competition and noted on the starters sheet. When Preferred Lies are in operation: -

A ball lying on a *closely mown area* in the general area may be lifted without penalty and cleaned, after marking its position. It must be *placed* within six inches of and not nearer the hole than where it originally lay.

4 *Mud on Ball* If the Handicap Committee consider conditions warrant relief *in the general area* for dealing with mud on a ball then local rule 4 will apply This will be announced before the competition and noted on the starters sheet. When in operation: -

A ball not lying on a *closely mown area* in the general area and not in a hazard, and with mud adhered to it may be lifted without penalty and cleaned, after marking its position. The ball must then be *replaced* in the exact position from which it was lifted.

When using this rule the player must give his marker/opponent the opportunity to observe the marking and placement of the ball.

5 *Flooded Bunkers* Any bunker totally flooded before the start of a competition and brought to the Handicap Committee's attention, will be deemed Ground under repair. Otherwise rule 16.1.c applies.

6 *Aeration Holes* In the general area, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be lifted without penalty cleaned and dropped, as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole. On the putting green, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be placed at the at the nearest spot not nearer the hole that avoids the situation.

7 *For Safety & Clarification Reasons* any Ground Under Repair which includes a bunker is also a No Play Zone, including any grass verge below the white line that surrounds the bunker. Rule 16.1 applies.

8 *For Clarification* The low guardrail fence between the 18th fairway and the path to the 1st tee near to the putting green and clubhouse is an immovable obstruction as is the drainage strip cut out adjacent to the guard rail on the course side. Rule 16.1 applies, should either interfere with your stance or swing

9 *For Clarification* during play of the course any ground with temporary accumulations of leaves in the general area or in a bunker is treated as ground under repair from which free relief is allowed under rule 16.1e. players are asked to exercise good & fair judgement in these situations and not seek to gain an unfair advantage. i.e. virtually certain (95%) fellow players saw ball drop in the area. of an accumulation of leaves. (Scores returned when this rule applies are still acceptable for handicapping purposes if a measured course.) Please note that there is no choice of reference point under rule 16.1 It will be at the nearest point of relief not nearer the hole, *wherever that is*.

Bank Account

Account balance: **£2,848**

Less Commitments:

Birdie prize

Hole in 1

Capt. Charities

Total **£1,714**

Available Funds **£1,134**

Richard Nicholls Secretary

Boldmere Shaggy Dogs Committee	2021/2022
Chairman	Arnie Evans
Vice Chairman	John Firth
Treasurer	Graeme Reid
Captain	Kevin Waters
Vice Captain	Stan Osborne
Competition Secretary	Trevor Jones
Assistant Competition Secretaries	Ian Heathcock
Secretary	Richard Nicholls
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