



Boldmere Shaggy Dogs

Newsletter November 2016

Welcome to the November issue of the Boldmere Shaggy Dogs' Golf Club newsletter.

October was the start of the Winter season for us, with all of our inter club matches finished for the year. Now we have the Winter Trophy matches and the McGlade matches to look forward to.

October was also the month of the ever popular annual dinner and presentation evening.

Right The Captain's wife Kay Betterton and guest Beth McKelt are presented with bouquets by John Firth and John Poultney at the presentation evening



Texas Scramble

The last competition in September was a Texas Scramble played on 30 September. This is always a popular competition and the handicapping formula worked perfectly as three teams ended with very similar scores. In fact only the count back separated the first two teams with **John Firth, Trevor Jones, Dave Docker and George Calder** winning.

Pos	Name	Group H/C	Gross	Net
1	John Firth Trevor Jones Dave Docker George Calder	8.6	61	52.4
2	Pat Carey Les Hamp Arnie Evans John Price	8.6	61	52.4
3	Rob Peers Richard Nicholls David Heath	7.2	60	52.8

Pype Hayes Away Day

On 5 October the weather was excellent for our last away day of the year, which was held at Pype Hayes. The competition was the best two stableford scores from teams of three and the main competition was won by **John Firth**, **Doug Corfield** and **Tim Rafferty**.

Pos	Name	Stb	Best 2
1	John Firth	42	87
	Doug Corfield	37	
	Tim Rafferty	27	
2	Richard Nicholls	36	86
	Mike Elsthall	34	
	John Price	41	
3	Pat Carey	34	79
	Trevor Jones	33	
	John Hughes	33	

Highest scoring individual was **John Firth** on an impressive 42 points, closely followed by **John Price** on 41 points.

Winter Trophy Round 1

7 October saw the first round of the Winter Trophy played as a stableford format. With a huge haul of 44 points, **David Heath** won his first competition with the Shaggy Dogs.

Richard Nicholls came second on 39 points.

Pos	Name	H/C	Points
1	David Heath	19	44
2	Richard Nicholls	14	39
3	Peter Hart	15	38
4	Doug Corfield	16	36
5	Dick Chapman	14	36

Medal

A medal competition off the yellow tees was held on 14 October. **Stan Osborne** carded a superb 57 to win and seriously damage his handicap. **Richard Nicholls** was the Bridesmaid for the second week in a row on 59.

Pos	Name	Gross	H/c	Nett
1	Stan Osborne	74	17	57
2	Richard Nicholls	73	14	59
3	Steve Betterton	79	18	61
4	Rob Peers	72	10	62
5	Dick Chapman	77	14	63

Presentation Dinner

20 October was the date of our Presentation Dinner which was held, as last year, at Sutton Coldfield Golf Club. This event was well attended with 61 members, partners, and guests. The food was first rate, the company convivial and a good time was had by all.

John Poultney again sourced the flowers for the evening, having to overcome a late non delivery from a supplier. He was able to use his influence in the business to secure wonderful alternative bouquets for the members' partners. Many thanks to John.

Chairman **Arnie Evans** welcomed everyone to the presentation evening, particularly the new members who had joined in the last twelve months, and also the guests for the evening, **Beth McKelt**, whose father was a long standing member of the Shaggies and who had passed away earlier in the year, as well as **Mark Clarke** and **Graham Marshall** from myTime.

Captain **Steve Betterton** then talked through the golfing achievements in what turned out to be a very successful year for us and proposed a toast to the ladies and guests.

The Chairman's wife **Sylvia Evans** responded on behalf of the ladies and guests and thanked the club for organising a wonderful evening.

Beth McKelt made a very moving tribute to her father and unveiled a new trophy for next year, the John McKelt Trophy which will be played as a greensome competition.

Assistant Handicap Secretary **Trevor Jones** then called out the winners and runners up for all the trophy competitions in the year, who were then presented with their trophies by the Captain and his wife.

Finally **Roger Pollard** ran the raffle which raised a significant amount of money for the club and left nearly everyone with a prize to take home.



Left: the table was groaning under the weight of the trophies and raffle prizes

*Right: Chairman
Arnie Evans on
page 14 of his
welcome speech*



*Left: Captain Steve Betterton was
pleased with the overall performance
this year with great success in club
matches played 12 won 7 drawn 3 and
lost 2*

Right: 20 October was also George Calder's 72nd birthday. He celebrated by conducting the Happy Birthday song himself



Left: Beth McKelt presents Chairman Arnie Evans with the new John McKelt Trophy, which members will compete for next year

Right: Sylvia Evans responds to the toast to the ladies and guests



Left: Trevor Jones struggles to read John Firth's handwriting, but does a masterful job as compare for the presentation awards

Right: A new trophy for 2016 as the chairman presents the first ever Shaggies hole-in-one trophy to John Draper for his ace at the 12th hole. Hopefully more will be presented next year



Above: Jim Dowling manages to balance two heavy trophies as the winners pose with their spoils.

There is not enough room to show everyone being awarded their trophies but here is the full list of all the trophy winners.

COMPETITION	Winners	Runner ups
RON BARTHOLEMEW 3 CLUB CHALLENGE 1 round stableford played with only 3 clubs	Jim Dowling	John Firth
WINTER TROPHY Best 4 of 6 stableford rounds Oct-Mar	Arnie Evans	Richard Nicholls
McGLADE TROPHY Best 6 strokeplay rounds Oct-Mar	John Firth	Roger Pollard
St GEORGE'S TROPHY 1 round stableford (St George's Day)	Jeff Jones	Jim Dowling
CAPTAIN SMITH TROPHY 1 round stableford	Ian Heathcock	Roger Pollard
MILLENIUM TROPHY 2 round stroke play	John Draper	Dick Chapman
O'DONNELL PAIRS TROPHY 1 round strokeplay (aggregate pairs scores)	Jim Dowling Harold White	Roger Pollard Stan Osborne
CHAIRMAN'S TROPHY 2 rounds stableford	Arnie Evans	Dick Chapman
PRICE ROSEBOWL 1 round strokeplay	Dave Docker	John Firth

ALAN WOOD TROPHY 1 round strokeplay	Stan Osborne	Richard Nicholls
CURTIS CUP Eclectic - best net score on each hole May- Aug	Arnie Evans	Dick Chapman
NIGHTINGALE TROPHY Matchplay knockout tournament	To be	decided
REDMORE TROPHY Best 6 strokeplay rounds Apr-Sep	John Firth	Jim Dowling
WELLS TROPHY Best 3 winter and best 3 summer strokeplay rounds	John Firth	Ian Heathcock
6 COURSE CHALLENGE CUP Best 4 of 6 stableford rounds on 6 Mytime courses	Les Hamp	Richard Nicholls
CRITCHLEY CUP Best 6 summer and best 6 winter strokeplay rounds on Wednesdays	Rob Peers	
CAPTAIN'S MEDAL awarded to captain	Steve Betterton	



Left: In addition to the Shaggy Dogs' competitions, Ian Heathcock, Roger Pollard, Steve Betterton, Michael Nielsen, Les Hamp, Pat Carey and Arnie Evans also played for the main club in the 17-24 handicap league. Here they are pictured with the runners up trophies from the 17-24 knockout competition

Bi Monthly Trophy



The first of the Winter stroke play competitions off the white tees was held on 21 October. This was the day after the presentation evening so there were more than one or two members navigating rather gingerly round the course.

The year so far has featured any number of trolleys making a break for freedom and this Friday was no different. **John Draper** had been celebrating a par on the 7th hole and found his trolley had disappeared. It was found hiding near the 8th tee. The competition was won by **Ian Heathcock** on count back from **John Price** as both carded a 60.

Left John Draper's Trolley was found near the 8th tee

Pos	Name	Gross	H/c	Nett
1	Ian Heathcock	78	18	60
2	John Price	87	27	60
3	Stan Osborne	80	18	62
4	Les Hamp	84	21	63
5	David Heath	84	21	63

Medal Round

28 October saw a winter medal round which was won by **Arnie Evans** who carded a 61 followed by **Doug Corfield** on 64. However, scoring was strangely condensed on the day with 10 members all between 66 and 68 strokes, well over half of the field.

Pos	Name	Gross	H/c	Nett
1	Arnie Evans	77	16	61
2	Doug Corfield	80	16	64
3	Dick Chapman	80	14	66
4	Les Hamp	82	16	66
5	Stan Osborne	82	16	66
6	Dave Docker	82	16	66
7	Iain McGregor	88	21	67
8	John Firth	79	12	67
9	Jim Dowling	80	13	67
10	David Heath	84	17	67
11	Richard Nicholls	82	14	68
12	John Draper	84	16	68

Other News

The final of the Nightingale knockout competition between **Dick Chapman** and **Peter Hart** will be held as soon as can be arranged.

Forthcoming events

Date	Competition
Monday 12 December	Shaggies Christmas party at Sutton Coldfield F.C.

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			
Chairman	Arnie Evans		
Vice Chairman	John Firth		
Captain	Steve Betterton		
Vice Captain	Les Hamp		
Competition Secretary	John Firth		
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