



# Boldmere Shaggy Dogs

## Newsletter May 2018

Welcome to the May 2018 issue of the Boldmere Shaggy Dogs' Golf Club newsletter. Spring appears to be very reluctant to make it's much anticipated appearance and we now have had a probable record number of cancelled golf games. Seven Fridays missed, one club match missed and one away day missed, a total of nine disappointments. Hopefully May will bring more golf friendly weather. Also please do read the Other News at the end of this newsletter as our Friday tee off times may be changing.

### Texas Scramble

On Friday 30 March we played a Texas Scramble competition. **Richard Nicholls, Roger Stevens** and **Roger Pollard** came out on top with 51.2 points, ahead of the team of **Pat Carey, Jim Dowling** and **Chris Cooper**.

Pos	Name	Group H/C	Gross	Net
1	Richard Nicholls Roger Stevens Roger Pollard	53.0	60	51.2
2	Pat Carey Jim Dowling Chris Cooper	54.0	62	53.0
3	John Firth Steve Betterton Michael Nielsen John Price	65.0	63	54.9
4	Trevor Jones John Draper Dog Denton	50.0	64	55.7
5	Dave Docker Stan Osborne John Hughes	52.0	67	58.3
6	Ian Heathcock Arnie Evans Anthony Burns	49.0	67	58.8

## Summer Medal

Although conditions were far from summery, we had our first summer medal on Friday 6 April. **Steve Betterton** just shaved **Roger Stevens** for top spot on count back, both carding a 59.

Pos	Member	H/C	Gross	Net
1	Steve Betterton	16	75	59
2	Roger Stevens	23	82	59
3	Peter Hart	13	75	62
4	Anthony Burns	21	85	64
5	Patrick Carey	12	76	64
6	Trevor Jones	14	79	65
7	Jim Dowling	15	80	65

## Six Course Challenge

Monday 9 April saw the start of this year's six course campaign, the first round being held at Hill Top Golf Club in very difficult conditions. The poor weather this year had prevented the fairways being properly mowed and all of the bunkers had been classified as G.U.R. Rain threatened the day and there was also a strong wind to contend with. This was reflected in the general scoring on the day, with only four golfers returning scores in the thirties. None of this bothered **Les Hamp** who powered his way through the course to return an impressive 39 points. **Richard Nicholls** was second on 35 points.

Pos	Name	H/C	Pts
1	Les Hamp	19	39
2	Richard Nicholls	17	35
3	Steve Betterton	21	32
4	Ian Heathcock	14	30
5	Arnie Evans	20	29
6	Trevor Jones	18	28
	Graeme Reid	28	28
	John Draper	21	28
9	Pat Carey	18	27
	John Price	22	27

## No Golf!

On Friday 13 April the weather gods struck again and the course was waterlogged and unplayable.



We did, however, have our AGM in the afternoon with 28 members in attendance. In recognition of the many years of managing the club's finances with a tight (less charitable members may say grasping) hand, **Stuart Baird** was made a life member of the club as was fitting for someone who has contributed so much to the club.

The AGM Minutes will be circulated shortly.

*Left: the outgoing treasurer and new life member Stuart Baird*

Following the elections for club officers, the committee now looks like this

Chairman	<b>Arnie Evans</b>
Vice Chairman	<b>Steve Betterton</b>
Secretary	<b>Richard Nicholls</b>
Treasurer	<b>Michael Nielsen</b>
Competitions Secretary	<b>Trevor Jones</b>
Asst. Competitions Secretary	<b>Richard Nicholls</b>
Captain	<b>Ian Heathcock</b>
Vice Captain	<b>Pat Carey</b> (nominated after the AGM)

## Boldmere v Rose Hill

Wednesday 18 April saw the first of our inter club matches as we entertained Rose Hill at Boldmere. Sad to say we were not at our best, losing 4½ - 1½, **Dick Chapman** and **Roger Stevens** getting the half, **Les Hamp** and **Steve Betterton** getting the victory.

	Boldmere	Result
1	Ian Heathcock	Lost 5 and 4
	Roger Pollard	
2	Dick Chapman	Halved
	Roger Stevens	
3	Arnie Evans	Lost by 1
	Doug Corfield	
4	Mike Nielsen	Lost 4 and 3
	John Price	
5	Trevor Jones	Lost 5 and 4
	John Draper	
6	Les Hamp	Won 4 and 2
	Steve Betterton	

## St. George's Trophy

On Friday 20 April, the St. George's Trophy was up for grabs. A large field of 27 members entered the competition which saw it kept safely in English hands for another year, **Roger Stevens** on 38 points just edging out **John Draper** on 37 with **Dave Docker** on 36.

	Member	H/C	Points
1	Roger Stevens	23	38
2	John Draper	17	37
3	David Docker	15	36
4	Les Hamp	15	35
5	John Firth	14	35
6	John Hughes	21	34
7	Dog Denton	19	34
8	Richard Nicholls	14	34

## Brandhall v Boldmere

On 25 April we played our first ever club match against Brandhall. Playing away on an unfamiliar course in blustery, rainy conditions, we crashed and burned to a 6½ - ½ defeat. **John Price** and **John Draper** saved us from the humiliation of a whitewash by halving their match. There will be much to put right when Brandhall make the return visit to Boldmere.

	Boldmere	Result
1	Les Hamp	Lost 4 and 3
	Dog Denton	
2	Michael Nielsen	Lost 9 and 8
	Graeme Reid	
3	Richard Nicholls	Lost 5 and 4
	Trevor Jones	
4	Arnie Evans	Lost 4 and 2
	Jeff Jones	
5	John Price	Halved
	John Draper	
6	Doug Corfield	Lost 3 and 1
	Anthony Burns	
7	Steve Betterton	Lost 7 and 6
	Roger Pollard	

## No golf again

On Friday 27 April the heavens open up again and although some more hardy members got their kit out of their cars, it soon became clear that there was to be no golf again in the torrential monsoon like conditions at Boldmere.

## Hatchford Brook Away Day

Our first away day of the year at Hatchford Brook on Wednesday 2 May was another wash out. The course was initially closed. and a very early lunch was taken as we held on for a later course inspection, but it was not to be. A hastily organised competition on the golf range was substituted for our round and the team of **Roger Pollard** and **John Price** came from behind to beat **John Firth** and **Jeff Jones**.

*Right: a waterlogged Hatchford Brook*



## **Other News**

### **Tee Times**

Please note that on Friday 11 May, our tee times have been moved forward 15 minutes to 09:15. We are not sure if this is permanent but it is as a result of complaints of slow play made by other users of the golf course. Our meeting will also be bought forward 15 minute and will start at 08:30.

### **Birmingham Seniors Championship**

We will need a lot of volunteers for the Birmingham Seniors competition on 6 June. We need spotters and car park marshals and score board runners. Please keep the day free in your diary.

### **Coming up:**

Wednesday 9 May Boldmere v Cocks Moors Woods

Wednesday 16 May Boldmere v Hill Top

Monday 21 May Six Course Challenge at Rose Hill

Tuesday 29 May Cocks Moors Woods v Boldmere

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

Boldmere Shaggy Dogs Committee	2018/2019
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Captain	Ian Heathcock
Vice Captain	Pat Carey
Competition Secretary	Trevor Jones
Assistant Competition Secretaries	Richard Nicholls
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