



Boldmere Shaggy Dogs

Newsletter April 2017

Welcome to the April 2017 issue of the Boldmere Shaggy Dogs' Golf Club newsletter.

The days are getting longer, the temporary greens and mats are getting fewer. That can only mean one thing - Spring is coming. We have well over 50 games to squeeze in (not counting Wednesdays) between now and the end of the Spring/Summer Season.

Our Annual General Meeting is on 21 April at 14:00 in the club house. Please make sure this is in your diary, and if you wish to raise an issue, please contact the secretary in writing.

Rained Off Again

On 3 March we hoped to catch up our backlog with the Winter Trophy Round 5 but it wasn't to be. The rain came down and the course was unplayable. However, there was a winner on the Day. **Dick Chapman** belatedly won the Nightingale Trophy following a concession from **Peter Hart** who has been nursing an injury for some considerable time.

Winter Trophy Round 5

At last on 10 March we could finally play round 5 of the Winter Trophy as the weather cleared up and we had less than five temporary greens.



Captain **Steve Betterton** claimed he was aiming for the bridge when he drove off the 15th tee.

Left: Steve Betterton's well paced shot

Ian Heathcock won by one point from **John Price** and **John Poultney** with **Trevor Jones** and **Roger Pollard** just behind.

Pos	Name	H/C	Points
1	Ian Heathcock	12	40
2	John Price	21	39
	John Poultney	27	39
3	Trevor Jones	14	37
	Roger Pollard	16	37

Bi Monthly competition

We were again in catch up mode on 17 March when we played February's Bi Monthly Medal.

Whilst clear up work from storm Doris was continuing, many members thought they could see an animal silhouette in the upturned tree. A horse, a unicorn, and an elephant were all muted.

Right: Mystery animal



Scoring was excellent on a somewhat shortened course off the white tees. **Dave Docker** came out on top with an excellent 57 with four players behind on 60 and two more on 61. In fact just about half the field broke the Standard Scratch Score of 62.

Pos	Name	Gross	H/c	Nett
1	Dave Docker	76	19	57
2	John Hughes	84	24	60
3	Richard Nicholls	77	17	60
4	Trevor Jones	79	19	60
5	John Firth	78	18	60
6	Steve Betterton	81	20	61
7	Tim Rafferty	87	26	61

Winter Trophy Round 6

Finally we were able to play the last round of the Winter Trophy on 24 March. Weather conditions were good and many members were in shirt sleeves by the end of the round. **Michael Nielsen** won by six points from **Les Hamp**, **John Draper**, **John Poultney** and **Arnie Evans** who were all on 33 points. It was great to hear Arnie all over the course again on his comeback from his operation, and an impressive return to go straight into second place.

Pos	Name	H/C	Points
1	Michael Nielsen	20	39
2	Les Hamp	16	33
	John Draper	16	33
	John Poultney	25	33
	Arnie Evans	16	33
3	Dave Docker	16	31
	Dog Denton	19	31

It was all change at the top though in the final listings for the Winter Trophy. The competition uses the best four rounds of the possible six stableford rounds over the winter and the clear winner was **John Price**, more impressive because he only played four rounds. Second was **Richard Nicholls** on 144, then **Trevor Jones** on 137, **John Firth** on 136 and **Michael Nielsen** on 135

Name	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Rd6	Total
John Price	35		41	34	39		149
Richard Nicholls	39	36	34	35	x31	x30	144
Trevor Jones	28		36	36	37	x28	137
John Firth	34	32	x29	36	34	x28	136
Michael Nielsen	x26	33	x29	31	32	39	135
Ian Heathcock		34	x27	31	40	29	134
Dick Chapman	36	28	x27	35	34	x22	133
John Poultney			31	29	39	33	132
Pat Carey	30		36	30	35		131
Stan Osborne	35	27		35	32		129
Arnie Evans	31	30	34			33	128
Jeff Jones	33	32	31	30	x29		126
David Heath	44	30	27		25	x22	126
Tim Rafferty	x26	29		35	32	29	125
Steve Betterton	35		27	32	28		122
Roger Pollard			28	29	37	28	122
John Draper	29	29	x25	29	x28	33	120
Dave Docker	25	34	29	x21	x24	31	119
John Hughes			28	28	30	29	115

Other News

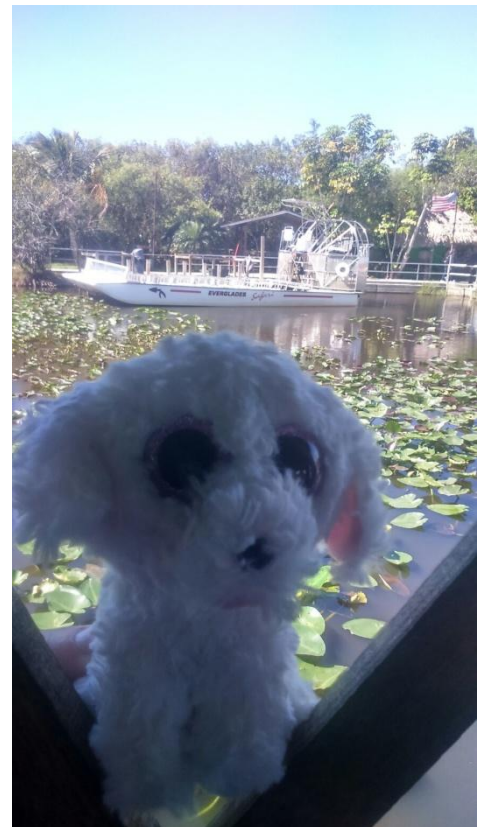


New Member Anthony Burns joined us in March. He is a member of the main club and has been given a society (Friday) handicap of 23 and allocated token no 5.

Shaggy has been on his holidays again, this time to Florida

Right: Shaggy in the Everglades

The new Greensome competition, the Mac Trophy will be played on 7 April (as long as we have an even number of golfers playing)



As always, the latest information is available 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			
Chairman	Arnie Evans		
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