



Newsletter January 2023

Welcome to the January newsletter and a Happy New Year to everyone. This month's newsletter includes the Presentation Dinner, and the Christmas party as well as significant competitions, including our first completed trophy competition of the 2023 season. Also included in the new letter is a new feature, Captain's Comments.

It was a particularly Happy New Year for **John Price** who got his first ever hole in one at the 12th hole in round 4 of the Winter Trophy

Below: John's Ace on the 12th



Captain's Comments



Hi Shaggies, I thought you may like to be kept up to date with things that the Captain is involved with and I thought Richard's excellent newsletters would be a good way to do this, so here goes.

Captain's Charity

I would like to thank everyone for their generous and unstinting support for the Captain's Charity so far. Graeme our Treasurer and Vice Captain has informed me that as of 5th January the total stands at £713, which is remarkable. As you are probably aware we are supporting Birmingham Children's Hospital and are doing this jointly with the main Boldmere Club. Thank you for your continued support, especially the Shaggies who find the 18th hole bunker with such skill and unerring accuracy!!

Shaggies Matches

Richard has been working hard since the end of the summer to arrange dates for our schedule of matches for the coming season. We are still awaiting confirmation on some fixtures but matches against Rose Hill, Druids Heath, Darnford Moors, Marston Lakes, Redditch Kingfishers and Pype Hayes are confirmed. All fixtures and dates will be included in the Shaggy Dogs calendar of competitions and events for 2023, which will be distributed when ready.

Slow Play

This is a topic that we unfortunately have to visit from time to time. I would urge all members to ensure we complete our rounds with due consideration to other players and without unnecessary delay. If any Shaggies feel there is a problem with persistent slow play, this should be referred to the Captain to be resolved as per our Code of Conduct, which can be found on the Shaggy Dogs website.

In conclusion I would like to thank Shaggies who have welcomed me so warmly as Captain. I would also like to thank Graeme Reid for standing as Vice Captain whose support will be invaluable as we look forward to another enjoyable and successful golfing year.

Cheers, Stan

Presentation Dinner

We held our annual presentation evening on Thursday 20 October at Sutton Coldfield Golf Club.

The evening was well attended with 59 shaggies, partners and guests turning up for one of the highlights of the season. As usual, the food was excellent and a great evening was had by all.

Below: The tables





The full list of winners

Competition	Winner	Runner up
The Mac Trophy	Dick Chapman/Kevin Waters (56)	John Firth/John Poultney (57)
The Ron Bartholomew Three Club Challenge	Richard Nicholls (38)	Keith Gibson (36)
The St. George's Trophy	Trevor Jones (41)	Tarlochan Bassan (39)
The Cap Smith Trophy	John Draper(37)	John Gibbons (37)
The Millennium Trophy	Tim Rafferty (2 rds 116)	Arnie Evans (118)
The J. O'Donnell Jubilee Trophy	Ian Heathcock/Ian Edwards (115)	Pat Carey/Dog Denton (117)
The A.J. Lea Chairman's Trophy	Ian Edwards (2 rds 73)	Pete Hart (72)
The F.W. Price Rose bowl	Chris Cooper (58)	Pete Hart (58)
The Alan Wood Trophy.	Trevor Jones (57)	Bill Hunt (58)
The R. Nightingale Trophy. (Knockout)	Roger Pollard	Richard Nicholls
The Six Course Challenge	Pete Hart (156)	Chris Sutton (153)
The Winter Trophy (Best 4 to count)	John Firth (150)	Trevor Jones (149)
The McGlade Trophy (best 6 Winter)	Ian Heathcock (375)	John Gibbons (388)
The Redmore Trophy	Trevor Jones (361)	Graham Reid(361)
The R. Wells Trophy (best 3 wint/Summer)	John Gibbons	Ian Heathcock
The J. W. Curtis Trophy(Eclectic Summer)	John Price (47.1)	Phil Brooks (47.4)
The Critchley Jug	John Firth (717)	Jeff Jones (736)
The David Docker Pairs knockout	Ian Heathcock/Derek Devenport	Tara Sunner/Steve Betterton
The Generation Shield	The 60,s (won by 3/100 th of a stroke)	
Vic Smart Winter Eclectic Trophy (NEW)	Ian Heathcock (41.9)	Richard Nicholls (43.9)
Most Nearest the pins 18th hole	Peter Hart (5)	
Hole in One Trophy	Ian Heathcock	
Captain's Medal	Kevin Waters	



Left: All smiles from the biggest winner on the night, Trevor Jones with three wins, pictured here receiving the Alan Wood Trophy from Chris Price

Below: The Sixties wrested the Generation Game Trophy from last year's winners, the Seventies.



Below: Chris Price receives a thank you bouquet for presenting the trophies from outgoing captain Kevin Waters



Christmas Party

Our Christmas Party was held on 12 January at Sutton Town Football Club, Many thanks for all those who put the party together and special thanks to the all those talented shaggies who took part in the entertainment.

The party was compèred by Dog Denton and had many performers including Dog himself, John Poultney, John Firth, Ian Edwards, Arnie and Sylvia Evans John Rock, and the hit of the evening, the Shaggy Wags. As ever, backing was from House Band the Two Bobs

Right: Our compère Dog Denton tells us about Sister Josephine



Below: girl group the Shaggy Songbirds sing Christmas hits





Left: John Firth on stage



Right: John Poultney entertains us

The Ron Bartholemew Three Club Challenge

The Ron Bartholemew Three club Challenge was held on Friday 30 December. Its the first trophy of the 2023 season. There were some very good stableford scores returned, none better than the 37 points that **Peter Hart** posted, winning him the trophy just ahead of **John Gibbons** who had to be separated from third place **Ian Edwards** via the countback as both finished on 36 points.

Looking at the scores, you have to wonder why we bother taking 14 clubs for a walk around Boldmere when it seems just three is ample.

Overall Position		Score (Play H'cap)	Placing
1	PETER HART	37 pts (11)	Overall Winner
2	JOHN GIBBONS	36 pts (19)	Overall Runner-Up
3	IAN EDWARDS	36 pts (21)	Overall 3rd
4	GRAEME REID	36 pts (26)	
5	JOHN HUGHES	35 pts (29)	
6	TREVOR JONES	34 pts (15)	
7	JAMES J DOWLING	34 pts (20)	
8	ARNIE EVANS	32 pts (19)	
9	TIM RAFFERTY	31 pts (22)	
10	ALAN JOHN DRAPER	30 pts (32)	

Winter Trophy

Round 4 of the Winter Trophy was played on Friday 6 January on a very wet golf course with four temporary greens. That did not prevent the shaggies from returning some very good scores. **Chris Sutton** finished in first place with **Tom Lowthian** second on 41.

Overall Position		Score (Play H'cap)	Placing
1	CHRIS SUTTON	43 pts (29)	Overall Winner
2	THOMAS LOWTHIAN	41 pts (21)	Overall Runner-Up
3	GRAEME REID	40 pts (25)	Overall 3rd
4	PHIL BROOKS	40 pts (19)	
5	PETER HART	39 pts (10)	
6	IAN EDWARDS	39 pts (20)	
7	ARNIE EVANS	39 pts (18)	
8	STEVE BETTERTON	38 pts (18)	
9	KEVIN WATERS	38 pts (17)	
10	BILL HUNT	36 pts (28)	

The standings in the competition after this round had **Steve Betterton** in first place with 151 points followed by **Arnie Evans** with 145 points. However, with two rounds still to be played and many golfers not yet completing four rounds, the competition is still wide open

Position of competition as at 8 January 2023

Overall Position		Count	Total (Points)	Best Scores			
1	STEVE BETTERTON	4	151	35	38	39	39
2	ARNIE EVANS	4	145	32	36	38	39
3	JOHN GIBBONS	4	138	34	34	34	36
4	TARA SUNNER	4	137	29	34	37	37
5	TREVOR JONES	4	136	29	32	37	38
6	DEREK DEVENPORT	4	135	31	33	34	37
7	CHRIS SUTTON	4	133	21	30	39	43
8	JOHN PRICE	4	129	25	33	34	37
9	STAN OSBORNE	4	124	28	28	32	36
10	IAN HEATHCOCK	4	120	24	31	32	33
11	KEVAL JANDU	3	113	37	37	39	
12	THOMAS LOWTHIAN	3	110	33	36	41	
13	TARLOCHAN BASSAN	3	108	32	35	41	
14	KEITH GIBSON	4	105	18	27	30	30

Other News

Boldmere Shaggy Dogs 50th Anniversary

The Shaggy Dogs are 50 years old this year. To celebrate this milestone, we are organising a Seniors Pairs Charity Open at Boldmere on **Wednesday 21 June**. Please put this date in your diary now. We will be asking for volunteers to help make the day a success and to raise a lot of Money for the captain's charity, the Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Practicing on the Course

MytimeActive have advised us that that the old 18th green and fairway is not a practice area and that the green is being used as a nursery for supporting other greens. The defined practice area is the old 17th hole on the far side of the car park. Members are advised of rule 5.2b. *On the day of a stroke-play (includes stableford, Par Bogey etc.) competition:*

- *A player must not practise on the course before a round, **except** that the player may:*
 - *Practise putting or chipping on or near their first teeing area.*
 - *Practise on any practice area.*
 - *Practise on or near the putting green of the hole just completed even if they will play that hole again on the same day*

This rule does not apply to Match Play competitions.

Shaggies Accounts

Our available Bank Balance now stands at £1845, with the Captain's Charity now standing at £713

Richard Nicholls Secretary

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