

# News & Views

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Great Ham Valley

## NEW CAPTAINS' DRIVE-IN



L/R: **Archie Curtis** (Juniors Captain), **Patrick Connor** (Seniors Captain), **Gilly Grant** (Lady Captain), **Richard Wilson** (Men's Captain), **Annie McCulloch** (Outgoing Lady Captain), **Darren Sargood** (Outgoing Men's Captain) and **Eddie Montgomery** (Outgoing Seniors Captain)

### **CAPTAINS' DRIVE IN AND ANNIVERSARY TROPHY**

The 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary took place on Saturday 6 April, with some concerns that it might not go ahead due to recent weather conditions. However, Course Manager, **Adi Porter** and his green keeping staff did a fantastic job, enabling the members to play 16 of the 18 holes on the Lakes course. As expected, for the first competition of the year, there was a fantastic turnout of competitors. Although **Louis Hibbit** won the Men's prize money with 40 points, he was unable to claim the Trophy or his place on the Honours Board, as he didn't have 5 live competition cards.

Therefore, the Men's Trophy and Honours Board was won by **Nick Alexander** with 34 points. The Ladies Trophy was won by **Yasmin Bass** (Vice Junior Captain) with 31 points.

The players enjoyed a welcomed break from the strong winds at the halfway house, where the incoming Captains' **Richard Wilson, Gilly Grant, Patrick Connor** and **Archie Curtis**, provided a great selection of hot and cold food and drink, along with a very warm welcome. Special thanks must go to **Geraldine Ferguson** for her help in assisting.

31 players took to the Academy Course for an Anniversary Fun Stroke Play Competition, running in parallel with the main competition on the Lakes. There were some great scores, considering the weather conditions. The winner, with a nett 23, was **Joanne Ledwell-Clarke**, five golfers scored within one shot of the winner with a nett 24. **Stefan Holt** came second on countback with a birdie on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Nearest The Pins were won by **Tom Hampson, Su Garner** and **Alex Collyer**. Thank you for a great morning and please look out for our next one in the Summer.

After the tournaments the outgoing and incoming Captains' took part in the traditional Drive-In, which was very impressive with none of them going into the lake in front of the 10<sup>th</sup> tee! Everyone then retired into the Rutland Suite, where **Frank** and **Hazel Hinch** thanked Lady Captain **Annie McCulloch** and Men's Captain **Darren Sargood** for their sterling work throughout their year and presented them both with a crystal decanter and glasses. **Darren Sargood** then thanked everyone for their support for the year and presented gifts to Annie and Eddy for their assistance and hard work. He then announced that the members had raised a magnificent £3,382 for the Leicestershire, Rutland Air Ambulance Service. The outgoing Captains' then took down their photographs, apart from Junior Captain **Jonathan Hedley** who is still at college in America, therefore **Yasmin Bass**, Junior Vice Captain, stepped in as substitute. The new Junior Captain, **Archie Curtis** hung up his picture, followed by outgoing Senior Captain **Eddy Montgomery**, with New Seniors Captain, **Partick Connor** then hanging his picture into place, followed by a short speech! Patrick presented Eddy with some parting gifts from the Senior section. **Annie McCulloch** removed her picture which was replaced by that of **Gilly Grant**, and the Lady Captain's brooch of office was exchanged and Gilly announced that this year's Charity would be the Alzheimer's Society, helping local people charities in particular. The Men's Captains' then exchanged photographs, and **Darren Sargood** presented the Captain's Jacket and tie to **Richard Wilson**, who reciprocated by presenting Darren with a Past Captain's tie, this concluded the handover ceremony, which was followed by a meal and disco.

## OUTGOING CAPTAINS'

Darren, Annie, Eddy and Jonno would like to thank the members for their support over the previous year, they all thoroughly enjoyed the honour of being your Captains'. Their social events all went well and were well supported. They managed to raise an amazing £3382 for the Leicestershire, Rutland Air Ambulance and would like to thank all members for their contributions. The Seniors enjoyed a very successful year, the Awayday and Away Break were excellent and were well subscribed with 48 and 32 players respectively. The Seniors matches against other local clubs were brilliant days and they managed 7 wins, 3 draws and only 3 defeats. Without doubt the Christmas Golf and lunch day was the highlight of the year, 100 played golf on a shotgun start and 110 enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch. The outgoing Captains' wish Richard, Gilly, Patrick and Archie all the best with their year as Captains', they know they'll do a great job!

## MEN'S NEWS



### WINTER LEAGUE TROPHY

Over the winter, 46 pairs competed to win the prestigious Winter League Pairs Trophy. Many days were rain affected and this was the case on the Finals Day in February. Ultimately, the winners were **Charles Brook-Shannahan** and **Ian Allum** (pictured)

### WINTER ORDER of MERIT

	Player	Points		Player	Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ian Cunningham	181	6 <sup>th</sup>	Charles Brook-Shananhan c/b	171
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Stef Dutton	179	7 <sup>th</sup>	Richard Wilson c/b	171
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Alan Ledwell-Clark	174	8 <sup>th</sup>	Kevin Hingle	169
4 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Aitman c/b	172	9 <sup>th</sup>	Darren Sargood	167
5 <sup>th</sup>	Gary Evans c/b	172	10 <sup>th</sup>	Andy Hardy	165

**EASTER PAIRS** - there was a great turnout in the Pairs Betterball Stableford on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Overall winners on countback, with 35 points, were **Phil Holland** and **Steve Holland**. President **George Grant** and Club Secretary **Kevin Hingle** were second, with **David Copley** and **Stephen Burgon** third on 34 points.

### **ANNIVERSARY TROPHY RESULTS**

**Louis Hibbitt** - 40 points

**Nick Alexander** - 34 points

**Steve Bennoson** - 33 points

### **1<sup>ST</sup> and 2<sup>ND</sup> TEAM NEWS**

Both the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Teams started their campaigns on Saturday 13 April with matches against Stoke Rochford. The 1<sup>st</sup> Team, captained by **Rory Smith**, were at home and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Team, captained by **Iain Affleck**, were away. Both teams will be looked very smart in their new team kit which has kindly been sponsored by Eddisons Chartered Surveyors & Property Consultants.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Team have finished second in the top league for the last 2 seasons and are hoping to go one better this time as they battle against Stoke, Burghley and Sleaford.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Team are hoping to get promotion from the 2<sup>nd</sup> division where they face Stoke Rochford, Toft, Thorney Lakes and Boston. Good luck to both teams!

If any new members, with a handicap of 7 or less, are interested in playing in the 1<sup>st</sup> Team please contact Rory Smith (his contact details are available from the Notice Board in the Clubhouse).

### **NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION**



Our Club Secretary, **Kevin Hingle**, has been selected to play for England Deaf Golf (Seniors) to participate in the World Deaf Golf Championships. The Championships will take place at Royal Pines Resort, Queensland, Australia 24 – 29 August 2024.

To help fund the trip, Kevin set up a GoFundMe page and he is very grateful to members of Greetham Valley for their support and generosity. A total of £307 was donated by Members at the Anniversary Trophy plus there have been many contributions by members on the crowdfunding page. The generosity of the members and others has covered the cost of the flight to Australia which is brilliant. Kevin feels very humble that so many people have helped him and would like to pass on his gratitude and thanks!

## MESSAGE FROM THE MEMBERS OFFICE

### NEW MEMBERS AFTERNOON

Are you a New Member? If so, then come along to our **New Members Afternoon** on **Sunday 28 April** at **2pm** in the Lakeview Suite. The Club Officials look forward to meeting you and it's a chance for you to meet up with other new members.

Summary of changes to some golf rules, introduced by England Golf in April – you will find a printout of these details on the noticeboard in the Clubhouse foyer (next to the computer screen). These can also be viewed by clicking onto the link below:

<https://static.whsplatform.englandgolf.org/clubs/1000-1/uploads/downloads/whs/2024-update/2024-updates-to-whs.pdf>

## LADIES NEWS

### LADIES WINTER ORDER OF MERIT TROPHY 2023/24

November was the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ladies Winter Order of Merit, the Trophy for which was donated by **Bev Dolman** and the competitions are run by **Jackie Friend**. It runs from November to March during some weekends and is open to all ladies at any handicap level. It is a very popular competition, especially for those who work during the week. New Members are welcome to participate and have the opportunity to meet and play with other lady members. The Trophy was played for over 11 rounds and 27 ladies entered but due to the horrific winter weather conditions and other issues, not everyone was able to play in every round.

There was an exciting run up to the end of the competition, as the scores at the top of the leaderboard were very close, which made the result unpredictable. The eventual winner was **Di Barnett** with **Mary McDonald** in second place, **Dee Ginnity** was third and **Rachel Southwell** fourth.



Jackie Friend would like to congratulate **Di Barnett** (pictured) and applaud all the ladies that played and supported the Ladies Winter Order of Merit.

### WINTER ECLECTIC

Congratulations to **Dyl Powell** and **Margaret Littlemore**, who were joint winners of the Winter Eclectic – well done ladies!



**EASTER PAIRS** - 21 pairs of ladies competed in the Pairs Betterball Stableford on Good Friday and Easter Sunday and the overall winners on countback, with 33 points, were **Maxine Webb** and **Dee Ginnity**. **Jo Shepherd** and **Lesley Young** claimed second place with 33 points, with **Pat Jamieson** and **Nicola Toon** coming third, also on countback, with 31 points.



The ladies played a Reverse Waltz on the Valley Course on Wednesday 3 April – the winners were **Mary McDonald, Rachel Southwell** and **Di Barnett** (39 points) with **Dee Ginnity, Jill Cannings** and **Bev Dolman** in second place (34 points). After golf the ladies congregated in the Rutland Suite to enjoy a bowl of soup, followed by a brief presentation by Gilly Grant (Lady Vice Captain) on the recent England Golf changes to the rules. Following this the Lady Captain, Annie McCulloch, presented her many helpers with gifts and thanked all the ladies for their appreciated support throughout her Captaincy.

Gilly had organised a collection of donations from the ladies in appreciation of Annie's hard work over the year and concluded the afternoon with a presentation to her of two pairs of beautiful earrings, a dazzling bracelet and a pair of Sketchers trainers. Annie was overwhelmed with her gifts and thanked the ladies for their generosity. Well done Annie on another successful term as Lady Captain!

### ANNIVERSARY TROPHY RESULTS

**Yasmin Bass** - 31 points

**Sophie Beardsall** - 29 points (on countback)

**Diane Barnett** - 29 points

### TASKERS TROPHY

On Thursday 4 April Greetham Valley played Cosby at home on the Valley Course. Despite difficult conditions and a few drops of rain the match was played in good spirits. Unfortunately, Greetham Valley ladies lost 5-2 despite 2 matches playing 3 extra holes.

The first round is a home and away match so we look forward to playing them at Cosby on 19 April. Team on the day was Liz Haughton, Jo Robinson, Lesley Young, Mary Macdonald, Jackie Friend, Annie McCulloch and Rachel Southwell.

## SENIORS NEWS

### MESSAGE FROM NEW SENIORS CAPTAIN

It is an honour to serve the Greetham Valley Seniors this year, assisted by Chris Doherty as Seniors Vice-Captain. We have thirteen Team matches around our neighbour courses, details as listed, please contact me (my details can be found on the Noticeboard in the Clubhouse) to sign up and details are posted on our 'Senior Team Matches 2024' WhatsApp page.

We also have an away day at Styrrup Hall, north of Newark, on the 22nd May (tickets still available at £50 with food before and after). Our annual 3-day break is to Hawkstone Park GC in Shropshire in September which will be a great trip and there are many more Senior home events throughout the year. With 500 senior members you are bound to meet someone new and enjoy some fabulous golf here at Greetham Valley this year.

I look forward to meeting this year's new members on **28th of April** and I am always available on Mondays 1-2pm at the clubhouse after Senior Monday Comps, or just give me a call and we'll meet up at a convenient time. Don't forget the Wednesday and Friday Morning Roll-Ups will be joined by Friday Evening Roll Ups soon.

## SENIORS FIXTURES

THURSDAY 18 APRIL HOME vs SCRAPTOFT  
TUESDAY 23 APRIL AWAY AT RUTLAND WATER  
THURSDAY 2 MAY AWAY AT WHETSTONE  
WEDNESDAY 8 MAY AWAY AT THE LEICESTERSHIRE  
THURSDAY 16 MAY AWAY AT BURGHLEY PARK  
TUESDAY 11 JUNE HOME vs TOFT  
WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE AWAY AT HUMBERSTONE  
TUESDAY 2 JULY HOME vs BELTON WOODS  
THURSDAY 11 JULY HOME vs MARKET HARBOROUGH  
TUESDAY 16 JULY HOME vs LINGDALE  
TUESDAY 23 JULY AWAY AT MELTON MOWBRAY  
TUESDAY 20 AUGUST AWAY AT NENE PARK  
THURSDAY 26 SEPTEMBER HOME vs BIRSTALL

## GENTS FIXTURES

The Gents matches are organised by **Max** (Peter Maksymiw). Dates as follows:-

SUNDAY 28 APRIL AWAY AT BRAMPTON  
SATURDAY 11 MAY AWAY AT SPALDING  
SATURDAY 15 JUNE AWAY AT NENE PARK  
SUNDAY 28 JULY HOME vs BRAMPTON  
SATURDAY 24 AUGUST AWAY AT BURGHLEY PARK  
SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER HOME vs BURGHLEY PARK  
SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER HOME vs ELTON FURSE  
SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER HOME vs SPALDING  
SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER HOME vs STOKE ROCHFORD

If you would like to play in any of the matches, please contact Max (refer to List of Team Captains' details on Noticeboard in the Clubhouse)



## LADIES FIXTURES

The Ladies matches are organised by the Lady Captain, **Gilly Grant**. Dates as follows:-

THURSDAY 2 MAY HOME vs ROTHLEY PARK FROM 11:14

MONDAY 20 MAY AWAY AT BURGHLEY PARK FROM 13:30

FRIDAY 31 MAY 4-WAY MATCH AT BELTON WOODS FROM 12:04

TUESDAY 18 JUNE AWAY AT THORNEY LAKES FROM 10:00

WEDNESDAY 10 JULY AWAY AT RUTLAND WATER FROM 11:00

FRIDAY 23 AUGUST AWAY AT SPALDING FROM 10:30

THURSDAY 29 AUGUST AWAY AT STOKE ROCHFORD FROM

THURSDAY 5 SEPTEMBER HOME vs BRAMPTON FROM 10:26

THURSDAY 17 OCTOBER HOME vs PETERBOROUGH MILTON FROM 11:14

If you would like to play in any of the matches, please add your name to the sign-up list displayed on the Ladies Match notice board in the Ladies Locker Room.

## LADIES HANDICAP LEAGUE FIXTURES

The Ladies Handicap League matches are organised by **Sue Brand**. Dates as follows:-

SATURDAY 27 APRIL HOME vs STOKE ROCHFORD FROM 12:58

TUESDAY 14 MAY AWAY AT BURGLEY PARK FROM 13:04

TUESDAY 4 JUNE HOME vs WOODALL SPA FROM 11:06

TUESDAY 25 JUNE HOME vs BURGHLEY PARK FROM 11:14

MONDAY 15 JULY AWAY AT WOODALL SPA FROM 14:10

WEDNESDAY 7 AUGUST AWAY AT STOKE ROCHFORD FROM 13:00

**The maximum handicap index allowed is 20.4** If you would like to play in any of the matches, please add your name to the sign-up list displayed on the Ladies Match notice board in the Ladies Locker Room.

## **MIXED FIXTURES**

The Mixed matches are organised by the Lady Vice Captain, **Jill Cannings**. Dates as follows:-

SATURDAY 20 APRIL HOME vs BURGHLEY PARK FROM NOON

SUNDAY 16 JUNE HOME vs SPALDING FROM NOON

SUNDAY 25 AUGUST HOME vs ELTON FURZE FROM NOON

SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER HOME vs BELTON PARK FROM NOON

SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER AWAY AT ROTHLEY PARK

If you would like to play in any of the matches, please add your name to the sign-up list displayed on the Mixed Match notice board in the Clubhouse.