

# Stockwood Vale Golf Club Newsletter No. 10

July – December 2017

## Bumper Xmas Edition

### 2017/2018 Incoming Captains

A warm Stockwood Vale welcome to incoming Captains for 2017/2018

Club Captain                 Simon Waddington

Ladies Captain             Andrea Jordan

Seniors Captain            Bob Cook

### Club AGM



After 12 years as Treasurer Wally Buley has handed over the responsibility to ex club captain John Gray. Many thanks to Wally who was presented with his 'Honoured committee member' jumper, and a painting by Chris Bull, at the Club AGM.



A great year for Captain Darren Thorne ably supported by his team – wife Sharon, Mother-in-law Celia, daughters Kelly, Kirsty and Kimberly and granddaughters Kaitlyn and Katie. Celia came into her own when she joined Darren's team in the big interdepartmental quiz – her total knowledge of general knowledge has left her on the shortlist to replace Daphne on TV's 'Eggheads'.

The highlight of Darren's captaincy year was his presentation of a cheque for £7,700 to his chosen charity 'BBAFS'



Club Champion 2017 Robbie Brice



This year's Clubman of the year actually became 'Club Persons' of the year and was presented to the team of Patsy and Dave Hurst, who run the monthly quizzes at the club.



Ex club captain Malcolm Gray was awarded the status of Honoured Committee Member and received his 'Honoured committee member' jumper, and a painting by Chris Bull, at the Club AGM presented by new captain Simon Waddington.

#### Summer Scratch Singles

Winner Rob Martin  
Runner up Spencer Collett  
Semi- finalists Robbie and Aaron Brice

#### Winter Scratch Singles

Winner Connor Wilkins  
Runner up Spencer Collett  
Semi- finalists Robbie and Aaron Brice

#### Winter Fourball

Winners Lee 'Lethal Whizzle' Whiteford, Rob Martin  
Runners up Mike Loftus and Gary Davis

#### Summer Scratch Foursomes

Winners Joe Harvey & Joe Harvey Jnr  
Runners up

#### Ladies Scratch Club Championship



Winner Lynda Sage

## Mixed Pairs KO



Winners

Chris Jones & Andrea Jordan  
Guy Norfolk and Rosemary Bates

## **Change of club professionals**

It's goodbye to Mark Sanders who has spent the last few years as golf professional at Stockwood Vale. He came up through the ranks at Knowle Golf Club starting in their junior section. He became English Amateur Champion 1998 (Woodhall Spa), represented England & GB&Ireland between 1997-1999. He also qualified for the Open Championship Lytham in 2001 and played on the European PGA Tour & Challenge Tour between 2001-2005. Stockwood Vale and members wish Mark all the best in his new venture.

The club is delighted to announce that James Jakes is our new Head Professional and that he will be starting in early January. James is a fully qualified PGA Professional with over ten years coaching experience in both the UK and abroad. Having played in tournaments in Europe, Asia and Australia he continues to compete in West Region PGA events

## **Restaurant and bar staff**

Ryan and his team have excelled themselves this year, working extremely hard and producing wonderful food (thank you Deb) and running an efficient bar throughout 2017. The members and guests appreciate their efforts and I would like to mention this in the Newsletter by way of a huge thank you. The social aspect of our club would not be anything without a friendly group of people working away to keep us fed and watered.

Ryan Thomas the food and beverage manager and his team - Head Chef Debbie, Elvire, Nick, Jodie, Beth, Christine, Linda and Chloe keep up the good work, you do a grand job.

The Xmas dinners were again a big success with the only black spot being a 'Blackout' on the 15th December Dinner and Disco Night, which was unlucky as Stockwood estate just up the road was unaffected.

## **Course Greenkeeping Team**

As always Steve Francombe and his team, Chris Chapple - Reg Shilton - Ben Conway - Tristan Easter, Olly Trenchard – Lee Hobbs – apprentice Jerry Baker, have done a brilliant job keeping our course in tip top condition.



Olly Trenchard and apprentice Jerry Baker – Stockwood’s ‘Ant and Dec’ helping out with the annual ‘Coring’ process which is a golf course maintenance term that refers to the process through which putting greens (and sometimes fairways) are aerated, which helps keep them healthy and disease free.

## Avalon leagues

### **Avalon A Division 1**

Captain – Connor Wilkins

02 Apr	Taunton & Pickeridge	Stockwood Vale A	Won	4	11
06 May	Stockwood Vale A	Vivary Park	Won	10	3
13 May	Stockwood Vale A	Oake Manor A	Won	10	3
04 Jun	Stockwood Vale A	Taunton & Pickeridge	Won	10	3
17 Jun	Farrington Park	Stockwood Vale A	Won	3	12.5
02 Jul	Burnham & Berrow A	Stockwood Vale A	Lost	12	0
08 Jul	Stockwood Vale A	Farrington Park	Won	10	3
22 Jul	Oake Manor A	Stockwood Vale A	Lost	8	6
20 Aug	Stockwood Vale A	Burnham & Berrow A	Won	8	6
02 Sept	Vivary Park	Stockwood Vale A	Lost	10	3

### **Final Table Division 1**

**pts**

Vivary Park	93.5
Stockwood Vale A	80.5
Taunton and Pickeridge	75.5
Oake Manor	68
Farrington Park	54
Burnham and Berrow	40.5

Excellent season for Avalon ‘A’ just missing out to Vivary Park as division 1 champions. Non playing captain Connor Wilkins paid tribute to Lee Hobbs who stood in a captain for most of the season.

### **Avalon B Division 3**

Captain – Andy Yeatman

08 Apr	Oake Manor B	Stockwood Vale B	Lost	9	4.5
22 Apr	Mendip Spring A	Stockwood Vale B	Lost	13	8
06 May	Stockwood Vale B	Enmore Park	Lost	4	9
03 Jun	The Mendip A	Stockwood Vale B	Lost	11	1.5
11 Jun	Stockwood Vale B	Brean	Lost	6	8.5
17 Jun	Stockwood Vale B	Oake Manor B	Lost	4	11
16 Jul	Brean	Stockwood Vale B	Lost	12	0

22 Jul	Stockwood Vale B	Mendip Spring A	Won	10	3
5 Aug	Stockwood Vale B	The Mendip A	Won	8	6
13 Aug	Enmore Park	Stockwood Vale B	Lost	11	1.5

### Final Table Division 3

	<b>pts</b>
Enmore Park	87
Oake Manor Wasps B	81.5
Brean	76.5
The Mendip A	67
Mendip Spring A	55.5
Stockwood Vale B	45.5

It was not a good season for the 'B' team with only two wins, against 'Mendip Spring' and 'The Mendip'. There were a lot of close results and a couple of games where we were totally outclassed. In the vast number of games we played against a lot of sub 10 handicappers (on average 7 of their players per game). The 4 – 1 win against Mendip Spring was especially pleasing as it followed a season of disappointing results. It was followed by another brilliant win against The Mendip with Andy Inglis and Barry Puddy (6 & 5), Lee 'Wizzle' Whiteford and Colin Cramb (5&4), Captain Andy Yeatman and ex captain Andy Pearce (2&1). The away defeat at Brean in July hurt although there should be a special mention to Colin Cramb and Dave who were the only pair to be playing when visiting the 18th Green, for the rest of us it was game over before then. Still there is always next year.

Player of the year - Barry Puddy

Clubmen of the year - Andy Pearce and Lee Whiteford

### Avalon C Division 4

Captain – Keith Parker

02 Apr	Stockwood Vale C	Worlebury	Lost	6	8.5
23 Apr	Cricket St Thomas B	Stockwood Vale C	Lost	9	4.5
21 May	Stockwood Vale C	Tall Pines	Won	10	3.0
18 Jun	Wells	Stockwood Vale C	Lost	10	3.0
01 Jul	Weston-s-Mare B	Stockwood Vale C	Lost	8	6.0
09 Jul	Stockwood Vale C	Wells	Won	8	6
23 Jul	Stockwood Vale C	Cricket St Thomas B	Won	8	6.0
06 Aug	Stockwood Vale C	Weston-s-Mare B	Won	10	3.0
13 Aug	Tall Pines	Stockwood Vale C	Lost	10	3
02 Sep	Worlebury	Stockwood Vale C	Lost	9	4

### Final Table Division 4

	<b>pts</b>
Worlebury	78
Wells	77.5
Tall Pines	75
Stockwood Vale C	63

Weston-super-Mare B	63
Cricket St Thomas B	56

The Avalon 'C' Team finished mid table this year. If their away form had been as good as their home form in could have ended in promotion to division 3. The 'C' team player of the year this year was awarded to Chris Davey. Next years 'C' team captain is I believe Ken Wotherspoon who is replacing Keith Parker.

### **Main Club Competitions**

#### 30<sup>th</sup> December – Winter Medal 3

Div. 1

Winner Rob Martin (72)

2nd and 3rd Ian Mason, Dave Stock

Div. 2

Winner Terry Walsh

2nd and 3rd Joe Dicker, Steve James

#### 25<sup>th</sup> November – Winter Medal 2

Div. 1

Winner Rob Martin

2nd and 3rd Adam Meaker, Adrian Blake

Div. 2

Winner James Boyce

2nd and 3rd Ian Spanos, Steve Mcvniven

#### 28<sup>th</sup> October – Winter Medal 1

Div. 1

Winner Aaron Hooper

2nd and 3rd Adrian Blake, Joe Harvey (lowest gross 76)

Div. 2

Winner Gary Stenner

2nd and 3rd Joe Dicker (lowest gross 83), Adam Ben Rabha

#### 30<sup>th</sup> September – Summer Medal 6

Div. 1

Winner Andy Inglis

2nd and 3rd Dave Stock, Robbie Brice (lowest gross 74)

Div. 2

Winner Adam Ben Rabha

2nd and 3rd Rich Bull (lowest gross 86), Gary Stenner

## 26<sup>th</sup> August – Summer Medal 5

Div. 1

Winner Tony Brogden (lowest gross 78)

2nd and 3rd Kevin Hooper, Geoff Kent

Div. 2

Winner Adam Meaker (lowest gross 81)

2nd and 3rd Joe Lovell, Darren Buckle

## 29<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Medal 4

Div. 1

Winner Simon Waddington

2nd and 3rd Graham Kirk (lowest gross 74), Gary Davies

Div. 2

Winner Joe Lovell (lowest gross 82)

2nd and 3rd Ian Hopkins, Gary Morris

## Ladies section

### Ladies Away Weekend

Thank you to Marilyn Nash who organised this year's weekend away at the Forest of Arden. Two great golf courses with interesting wild life thrown in – deer and ducks galore! A great weekend was had by all.

### Lady Captain's Charity Day

Captain Alison Powlesland thanked everyone who played and supported her charity, raising £610 on the day. Also thanked Andy Carter for donating a laptop which was first prize in the raffle, congratulations to Jodie Hooper who won it! more thanks to Andy Carter who also donated other prizes. A special mention for Ian Haddon for donated prizes and for inputting the scores. Congratulations to all the winners!

Winners on the day Mark Pearson, Paul Wheeler, Pete Yeoman

Runners up Justin Salmon, Rob Davis, Ian Mason

### Ladies Open 2017

The Ladies Open was held on 15<sup>th</sup> July and was a great success. We had 12 teams and everyone enjoyed the day, although a few of the players had problems with our fast greens



Congratulations to the winners: Julie Finch, Lesley Moore and Lorna Learney



2<sup>nd</sup> place Helen Wormald, Andrea Jordan and Leona Meares

Huge thanks to all the sponsors and everyone who participated and helped out on the day, enabling us to raise £952 for Great Western Air Ambulance Charity.

### **Somerset inter county league**

Stockwood Vale ended the season mid-table in Division 3, just missing promotion to Division 2 by 1 point, having played 10 matches with 5 wins and 5 losses with the best wins at home to Minehead and Wheathill.

### **Cross county inter club league**

These are matches between Stockwood Vale, Saltford and Long Ashton.

Stockwood played 4, won 2, lost 1, drawn 1 with their best performance being an away win at Saltford.

### **An Eagle for the captain**

In the ladies September medal current ladies captain Alison Powlesland scored an eagle on the par 4 3<sup>rd</sup> hole

### **Lady's Competitions**

21<sup>st</sup> November – Stableford

Winner            Rosemary Bates  
2nd and 3rd    Yvette Gregg, Emma Gray

24<sup>th</sup> October - Monthly Medal

Winner            Helen Wormald  
2nd and 3rd    Linda Sage, Judy Bale

16<sup>th</sup> September – Saturday Medal

Winner            Sylvia Bradfield  
2nd and 3rd    Linda Sage, Alison Powlesland

12<sup>th</sup> September - Monthly Medal

Winner            Alison Powlesland  
2nd and 3rd    Linda Sage (lowest gross 98), Andrea Jordan



5<sup>th</sup> September - Stableford

Winner            Andrea Jordan  
2nd and 3rd    Linda Sage, Vanessa Wilmot

5<sup>th</sup> August - Stableford

Winner            Linda Sage  
2nd and 3rd    Jackie Long, Sylvia Bradfield

1<sup>st</sup> August - Stableford

Winner            Jackie Long  
2nd and 3rd    Sylvia Bradfield, Andrea Jordan

## **Seniors Section**

For any up to date news for the Seniors section please go to the link below

<http://www.stockwoodvale.com/news/members-news/>



Big thanks to outgoing 2017 Seniors Captain Derek Bryant and incoming 2018 Seniors Captain Robert Cook as well as new Seniors Vice Captain Barry Jenkins.

### **Avalon SENIORS League 2017 East Division**

Captain – Brian Clutterbuck

28 Mar	Stockwood Vale	Mendip Spring	Won	10	3
10 Apr	Stockwood Vale	The Mendip	Won	10	3
24 Apr	Stockwood Vale	Wheathill	Won	11	1.5
25 May	Stockwood Vale	Isle of Wedmore	Lost	4	11
12 Jun	Stockwood Vale	Long Sutton	Won	8	6
26 Jun	Long Sutton	Stockwood Vale	Lost	10	3
06 Jul	The Mendip	Stockwood Vale	Lost	10	3
17 Jul	Mendip Spring	Stockwood Vale	Lost	9	4.5
24 Jul	Isle of Wedmore	Stockwood Vale	Lost	8	6
14 Sep	Wheathill	Stockwood Vale	Won	6	8.5

### **Final Table Seniors East Division**

Long Sutton	95
Mendip Spring	74
Stockwood Vale	68
The Mendip	68

Isle of Wedmore	67.5
Wheathill	38.5

The Avalon SENIORS League was started successfully in 2016 based on 2 divisions. At the end of the season there are semi-finals between the division winners against the runners up of the other division at the division winners club. After that the final for the season's winner is then played at a neutral club before the AGM each year.

The inaugural winner of the Rob Ford Seniors Trophy was Enmore Park GC.

The maximum handicap in the SENIORS League is 20. This does not preclude higher handicappers playing in the League, but they will need to play off 20 in the League matches.

A reasonably successful start for the Seniors in their first season with an excellent start, with four wins in the first five matches. A poor finish to the season saw the seniors win only once in the last five games. Thanks to the great start made a final league position of 3<sup>rd</sup> was achieved.

### **Seniors friendlies**

Results: 2017 overall      Played 30      Won 12      Lost 13      Drew 5

Some excellent wins this year especially a 6 – 1 win against local rivals Knowle, also the same winning margin against Saltford and Shirehampton. Clevedon proved to be a bogey team losing both the home and away fixture by a big margin. Derek Bryant (seniors captain), Paul Trenchard and Mike Newell were ever present in the team only missing a couple of matches each. Other regulars were Ron Curtis, Andy Pillinger and Terry Edenborough with over 20 appearances. All opposing teams commented on how good the condition of the course was and of course this was passed on to Steve and his team of greenkeepers. A new and very welcome addition to our fixture list this season was, thanks to Paul Bishop, Cumberwell Park. The away fixture in June was won 4 - 3, and the same score repeated at home. Another welcome new fixture this season was the inclusion of Gloucester the first match being away. They proved a very friendly crowd, nice clubhouse and course in good condition and was definitely a home advantage course. We lost 5 - 2 there were good wins for Clive Hammond & Barry Jenkins, Ron Curtis and Mike Lock. An excellent 2 course meal was provided afterwards, and a lot of good banter was shared between the two sides ensuring that the spirit of the Senior Friendly matches still remains. Whilst all wanting to win our individual matches, the result is accepted graciously and more importantly you get to play on a different course, meet new people and enjoy an excellent meal. The Senior Captains all try to be stand-up comedians for a few minutes which is usually embarrassing - but it all adds to the ambience!

### **Seniors confusing competitions**

Utter confusion at the Senior's Pairs Greensomes. This is the competition where you both tee off and take the best ball, playing alternative shots to the hole. The club wasn't sure of the handicap allowance, so Mr. Ian Haddon looked it up in his 'Book of Words' and the

recommended calculation was 60% lower + 40% higher handicap allowance stableford scoring. This somewhat stretched the mathematical abilities of our Seniors, and Martin Edenborough, who after numerous requests to use his calculator, decided to change it to halve the combined handicaps!! ..... Still the faggots, mash and peas tasted nice for the post match meal!!

20<sup>th</sup> December saw a new competition 'The Chicago'. Each golfer starts with a negative amount of points, then awards points for positive achievements during the round. The object is to move from negative points into positive points - the points total each golfer starts with is based on handicaps, so all golfers in a Chicago tournament need to have handicaps. The competition is also known as 'Thirty-Nine(s) or 39's'. You add your Handicap to -39 to get your starting score, so if you play off 14 you start on -25 (minus). Now play of scratch and score

1 for a bogey - 2 for a par - 4 for a birdie - 8 for an eagle.

The idea is to get to 0 or better.

### **Seniors Competitions**

13<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Stableford

Winner	Keith Sheppard
2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lyndon Cheal, K Beiby

6<sup>th</sup> December – Seniors Winter Medal

Winner	Alan Partridge
2nd and 3rd	Dave Barrett, Guy Norfolk (lowest gross 79)

29<sup>th</sup> November – Seniors Stableford

Winner	Robert Fleming
2nd and 3rd	Alan Partridge, Derek Bryant

22<sup>nd</sup> November – Seniors Bowmaker

Winners	Richard Neate, Alan Partridge, Keith Sheppard
Runners up	Brian Clutterbuck, Barry Jenkins, Andy Pillinger

15<sup>th</sup> November – Seniors Stableford

Winner	Barry Jenkins
2nd and 3rd	Rob Payne, Lyndon Cheal

8<sup>th</sup> November – Seniors Winter Medal

Winner	Dennis Foster
2nd and 3rd	Guy Norfolk (lowest gross 81), Tony Little

1<sup>st</sup> November - 3 Clubs and a putter

Winner	Mel Gibbon
2nd and 3rd	Laurence Stenner, Dave Christopher

25<sup>th</sup> October – Seniors Stableford Greensomes Pairs

Winners Bob Cook, Dave Christopher

Runners up Phil Norris, Guy Norfolk

18<sup>th</sup> October – Seniors Stableford

Winner Guy Norfolk

2nd and 3rd Tony Clothier, Dave Gladwin

11<sup>th</sup> October - Seniors Captains Cup

Winner Bill Ferrar

2nd and 3rd Martin Walters, Lyndon Cheal

4<sup>th</sup> October – Seniors Texas Scramble

Winners Mike Hall, Lawrence Stenner, Glynn Welch

Runners up Pete Mumford, John Fry, Dave Barrett

27<sup>th</sup> September - Seniors Stableford

Winner Ivor Stone

2nd and 3rd Rob Winter, Rich Bull

20<sup>th</sup> September - Seniors Stableford

Winner Mike Lock

2nd and 3rd Ian Haddon, Bill Ferrar

13<sup>th</sup> September - Seniors Stableford

Winner Derek Bryant

2nd and 3rd Ivor Stone, Rob Payne

5<sup>th</sup> July – Senior's Captains Invitation Day

Winners Kevin Saunders and Paul Trenchard

Runners up Steve Brady and Rob Winter

Kevin and Paul won a 4 ball voucher for Castle Coombe Golf Club.

### **Seniors Summer K/O competitions**

Summer Singles

Winner Guy Norfolk

Runner up Mike Golder

A special mention for Guy Norfolk who is currently top of the 'Merit Table' and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 'Eclectic' table after 4 rounds. He also won two recent seniors medals and a seniors stableford.

Summer Pairs winners –

Winners	Lyndon Cheal & Mike Sheppard.
Runners up	Simon Waddington & Steve Brady

Seniors' Summer Singles

Winner	Steve Brady
Runner up	Bob Mason

Congratulations to winner Steve Brady following on from his Seniors Winter Pairs last season with partner Robert Payne. Steve also appeared in the Seniors Summer Pairs Semi-Finals.

### **Seniors Somerset Bowl 2017**

In the first round this year we were drawn to play Entry Hill at Saltford. A brilliant display resulted in a 5-0 win for us. In the second round, which proved much more difficult, we were paired with Orchardleigh at Mendip Spring. Our first two groups lost but the third and fourth groups produced good wins to level the score at 2-2. Our final pairing finished all square after 18 holes but eventually lost on the 21st hole. During the extra holes this group was followed by about 20 people from both sides eager to see the match to a conclusion.

### **Annual Seniors away trip**

This year's 2-day break, again very well organised by John Fry, was at one of the best courses in the South West - Dartmouth. It was another very successful event taking place over Sunday/Monday 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> September. The weather this year was excellent, the venue was top class, rooms and food great as well.

Winners

Day 1 nearest the pin, Mark Curtis and Alan Gregg

Winner Albert Charlton. Second John Fry. Third Mark Curtis.

Day 2 nearest the pin, Mike Hall and Steve Bull

Winner Nigel Walker. Second Richard Bull.

### **Seniors Eclectic**

The final positions for the summer 2017 eclectic was

1 <sup>st</sup>	Brian Clutterbuck
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Steve Bull
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Paul Trenchard

The current positions for the winter eclectic are

1 <sup>st</sup>	Derek Bryant
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- 2<sup>nd</sup> Guy Norfolk  
3<sup>rd</sup> Lyndon Cheal

### **Seniors Christmas Meal**

Another excellent night and a fantastic meal provided by Ryan and his fantastic kitchen staff, followed by a disco and the usual raffle.

### **Seniors Joke**

A golfing couple made a deal that whoever died first would come back and inform the other if there is not only life but sex after death. Bob passes away and a few weeks later during the night she hears a voice:

“Is that you, Bob?” “Yes, I’ve come back like we agreed.” “That’s wonderful! What’s it like?”

“Well, I get up in the morning, I have sex. I have breakfast and then it’s off to the golf course. I have sex again, bathe in the warm sun and then have sex a couple of more times. Then I have lunch (you’d be proud – lots of greens). Another romp around the golf course, then pretty much have sex the rest of the afternoon. After tea, it’s back to golf course again. Then it’s more sex until late at night. I catch some much needed sleep and then the next day it starts all over again”

“Oh, Bob! Are you in Heaven?”

“No – I’m a rabbit on St. Andrews golf course.”

### **Stockwood Vale Quizzes**

Dave Hurst and Pete Drissell have been running a quiz at Stockwood Vale for the last twelve years and in the early years we struggled to get more than three or four teams. Therefore, having to cancel it more times than not due to lack of support. The initial quizzes took place on the last Thursday of every month and became more and more popular and now take place every other week and we regularly have between 50 and 60 people attending in teams of four to six. The quizzers have formed a large social group and a merry bunch they are (as the bar takings will testify) with the ‘Quizzers’ Annual Christmas dinner the highlight of the year. On Dave’s quiz night there is absolutely nothing to play for - no prizes of any kind with the proceeds of the quiz generously donated by all to the Captains’ charities. Please feel free to come along and join us any time and bring along your family and friends - everyone is welcome.

A couple of years ago Dave was asked to do a quiz involving all the ‘teams’ at Stockwood for example Avalon ‘A’, ‘B’ and ‘C’ teams, Management, Bar-Staff, Greenkeepers, Sunday leagues, Builder Boys. All proceeds again go to the club charities. The latest Charity quiz evening was held in September and was won by the ‘Stragglers’



Question master Dave Hurst presents the cup to captain of the winning team Jeff Player from 'The Stragglers'.

'I owe it all to the brilliance of Ian Mason' was not heard as a quote from Jeff.



pictured are Darren & Steve Goodwin thinking hard about a tricky answer. After several minutes they got it right. Their team name that is.

Dave passed on a donation of £82 each to our Club Captain Darren Thorne and Lady Captain Alison Powlesland for their charities.

### **Thanks to Keith Parker**



The 'C' Team had an away day at Cumberwell Park to thank outgoing team captain Keith Parker, who is making way for the new captain Ken Wotherspoon.

Well done Steve McNiven, winner on the day with 41pts.

### **Fred's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday**



Congratulations to long term member Fred Porter who celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday this year. Fred joined the club in its second year and still plays and reckons he averages about 120 for the 15 holes he completes. Fred was married to his wife Mabel for 63 years served as a staff sergeant in the British army in Palestine. His last job was as a Master Glassblower working at Bristol University

## Player profiles

This edition I have picked 2 current members – club nonagenarian Fred Porter and current captain Simon Waddington

### Fred Porter

First car: Austin A30 (Fred can even remember the registration - TTA 13)

Favourite teams: Bristol Rovers

Hobbies: Golf and Speed skating

Sporting heroes: Ray Warren – Bristol Rovers centre half during the 50's

Favourite TV Show: Last of the Summer Wine

Favourite film: Debbie does Dallas

Favourite groups/singers: Michael Ball and Alfie Boe

Favourite meal: Chile Con Carne

Favourite golf course: Stockwood Vale

### Simon Waddington

First car: Age 19 - Triumph MkII 2.5ltr with overdrive - cost 50p for a raffle ticket in a local pub. It was the publican's old car.

Favourite teams: Yorkshire CCC (God's own Cricket Club, named so because God used to play for them, although was only a useful no.4, never good enough to open the batting) and Leeds United (The Mighty Leeds)

Hobbies: Golf (no time left for anything else)

Sporting heroes: Allan Clarke, Johnny Giles, Norman Hunter, Peter Lorimer, Joe Root, Geoff Boycott, Michael Vaughan, Martyn Moxon, Darren Gough

Favourite TV Show: Father Ted

Favourite film: Jean de Florette / Manon des Sources

Favourite groups: Genesis and Pink Floyd

Favourite meal: Can't beat a good rare steak, onion rings, mushrooms, chips, tomato and peas with horseradish sauce and red wine. Champion.

Favourite golf course: La Bretesche near Missillac, Loire Atlantique, Brittany, France. If Carlsberg did golf courses.....



## Hole in One Club



Darren Abbott  
hole in one on 4<sup>th</sup>



Mike Nash  
Hole in one on the 4th - 4th July



Malcolm Gray  
Hole in one on the 4th - 12th July



Congratulations to long term member Geoff Kent scoring an Albatross on the 5<sup>th</sup> hole par 4. Geoff achieved this during a seniors stableford competition. - no expense was spared with Geoff buying a bottle of Jack Daniels



Current Club Captain Simon Waddington

Hole in one - 6<sup>th</sup> hole

240-yd Par 3, steeply uphill and into a gale-force wind. Normally an extremely difficult hole but made impossible in the -5C conditions and poor ball flight. I took aim with my 5-iron. Connor Wilkins looked on and commented "A 5-iron, surely you need your driver? Even I couldn't make the green with the big-dog." I started the backswing and punched a three-quarter shot into the green. The ball flew low and a little to the left before cutting and lifting slightly and then landing on the raised bank before the green where it could check and roll gently up into the hole.

## **Captain's Rosebowl**



Thanks to those who played today. We had a great time with the winners of the Texas Scramble being the 2016/17 Captains set of Alison Powlesland, Darren Thorne and Derek Bryant on 61.8. This is a fantastic score. Sadly, we lost one group due to a buggy ban following heavy overnight rain.

A big thank you too for donating your prize-money to my chosen charity of Asthma UK.

Next year I hope that we can get all the Past Captains who still play to take part. Put it in your diaries now. The Rosebowl 2018 will be on Saturday 6th October.

## **Builder Boys Xmas cup**

This year's competition was won by Andy Watts with 38pts, beating Nick Uren into 2<sup>nd</sup> place on countback. Organiser Russell Breen finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 37pts again on a countback with Robbie Brice. The annual tournament has been running for approximately 10 years with Connor Wilkins winning it twice.

## **County Pairs championship**



Congratulations to two of Mark Sander's pupils and friends, Mike Walker and Rob Martin on winning the County Pairs Championship today at Saltford. Lessons and hard work starting to pay off!

Well done lads, you've done yourselves and Stockwood Vale proud

## **Stroke Indexes explained**     Ian Haddon

How many times have you said, "The 14th Hole is never the second easiest hole on the course" or heard someone say, "The 15th isn't the 3rd hardest"?

Well here is your answer

As Golf England put it "Stroke Index is not determined on hole difficulty, but on ensuring an equal distribution of strokes is given/received in a match play competition."

Various guidelines have been laid down for clubs to use, amongst them being such suggestions as -:

1. This is best achieved by allocating the odd numbered strokes to the more difficult of the two nines, usually the longer nine, and the even numbers to the other nine.

2. The 7th to the 10th indices should be allocated so that a player receiving 10 strokes does not receive strokes on three consecutive holes.
3. None of the first eight strokes should be allocated to the first or the last hole. This avoids a player receiving an undue advantage on the 19th hole should a match continue to sudden death.

There are several more recommendations, most of which have been factored into our index, however, as all courses are different, it will always be a balancing act to try and get as many suggestions included as possible. I know that when the committee sat some years ago to review the current situation, no good reason could be found for changing any of them.

Such a selection provides more equal opportunity for all handicaps in match play and Stableford and Par competitions than an order based upon hole length or difficulty to obtain Par.

I hope this helps to slightly clarify what has always been a somewhat misunderstood subject.

**Courtesy shots explained** Ian Haddon - Why Courtesy Shots aren't actually a Courtesy.

Ever wondered why the men give "courtesy shots" to the ladies? Is it just that they are kind? Well, whilst they may be kind, that is not the reason. They would better be referred to as "Parity Shots" or "Standard Scratch Adjustment Shots" (But if a mouthful I think) - It is all to do with the Standard Scratch Score (SSS).

CONGU – the body who control the handicap system in the UK – describe SSS as “a measure of the playing difficulty of a golf course for a scratch golfer under normal mid-season course and weather conditions.” Our three SSS figures were calculated by England Golf Union when they visited the course a few years ago and set at Yellow tees 69, White tees 70 and Red tees 71.

"But" I hear you say, the Red course is shorter. Well, when it was measured, it was only used by the ladies who do not hit as far. It was calculated, by EGU, that a scratch lady golfer would take 71 shots to go round our course. In other words, a scratch male golfer would go round the yellow course in 69, a female off reds in 71 (a more challenging course for the ladies). In order to level up a competition where both tees are used therefore, the ladies are given the two shots (71-69) added on to their handicaps. (or 1 if the men are off the whites).

So, NO! The men aren't being generous or even courteous!!

### **Pause for thought**

“The reason the pro tells you to keep your head down is so you can't see him laughing.”

Speaking personally I seem to get a better score when I have the scorecard

Never trust a man, who when left alone in a room with a tea cosy... doesn't try it on.

Many Thanks to everyone who have contributed and as the French say - 'Bouches-du-Rhône'

Dave Hurst – In Mr Waddington's own words “If Carlsberg made left handers.....”