



New Year Men's Section Newsletter (2017 6th)

AGM & Prize Giving

The Annual General Meeting of the Men's section will take place at the club on Friday 17th February at 7.30pm. The meeting will see the current Captain Geoff Smith hand over the reins to the new Captain Tony Dowsett. The men's committee would like to thank Geoff for all his hard work over the past year and wish Tony every success for the coming year.

If you have any questions that you would like to put to the Committee please can you put these in writing to the Secretary John Curtis, by the 10th February. His email address is johncurtis@btinternet.com

Immediately following the AGM we will hold our prize giving for competitions during 2016. A sheet will be going up in the changing room which will confirm those receiving Trophies. Please can you confirm your attendance for the evening on the sheet.

This is an important event for the Men's section and we would like to see as many members as possible there to show their support.

Captains Charity; (The Haemophilia Society)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you and your guests maybe who have contributed to my charity over the past twelve months. The final figures have yet to be confirmed but its looking like a figure in excess of £5000.00, which is a tremendous amount considering that the seniors did not contribute my specific charity during this period. The Ladies section alone has raised in excess of £2700.00 with an astonishing £1250.00 being raised at their annual Bridge Drive held last week at the club.

SO THANKS TO YOU ALL FOR YOUR EFFORTS!!

Summer Knock-out Competitions

Keep an eye out for the sign-up sheets that will be going up in the changing room in the next few weeks. There is a singles and two doubles competitions. As previously mentioned if entering a knock-out competition the only proviso is that you must have a Competition handicap at the time of playing any match **AND** you must have played in at least one qualifying competition in the previous six months (eg a Medal, Stableford, Captain's Day etc).

Winter Golf

At this time of year there may be occasions when the course is closed due to the weather. The status of the course can be found either online at www.chartridgepark.co.uk or by phoning the course line on 01494 790446. Information will usually be available from 7am.

Also to clarify a couple of rules at this time of year:

- 1) If your ball is plugged in the rough you may roll it out of the plug mark but you may **NOT lift or clean the ball**. On the fairway the ball should be marked lifted and cleaned and replaced within 6 inches but not nearer the hole.
- 2) When taking relief from standing water (or any relief allowed) you **MUST** take full relief. This means that the ball must be moved to the nearest point of relief where **NO** standing water exists but no nearer the hole. You cannot move it to an area where there is less water. If the ball cannot be moved on the basis of the above then it must be played where it lies.

Handicaps

The annual review of handicaps has now been completed. There is a list of players whose handicaps have changed at various points in the changing room. To avoid playing off an incorrect handicap please check to see if yours has changed either up or down.

Recent Competition Results:-

As you may have noticed, for a trial period, the Mens section has replaced the three winter Medals competitions covering December, January & February and changed them with Stableford competitions. This is normal at most other clubs during the harsh winter months, and is seen as way of attracting more golfers to weekend rounds.

	<u>October Medal</u>	<u>October Stableford</u>	
Gold	Nico Stols	Andrew Lock	
Silver	Iain Burrowes	Franz Van Den Berg	
Bronze	Chris Fleming	Zayne Julius	
	<u>November Medal</u>	<u>November Stableford</u>	
Gold	Dan Gray	Kian Bains	
Silver	Victor Tertullien	Marcel Oxlade	
Bronze	Paul Smart	John Fisher	
	<u>December Stableford (1)</u>	<u>December Stableford (2)</u>	<u>Winter Bogey</u>
Gold	John Duncombe	Duane James	1 st John Duncombe
Silver	Bruce Smith	Victor Tertullien	2 nd Alan Rotman
Bronze	Adam Todd	Simon Damery	3 rd Franz Van Den Berg

A full list of competition results is available in the folder in the Men's changing rooms and members area of the website

PLAY READY GOLF

Ready Golf means **BEING READY to play.... not playing when you're ready.**

If every person in a four ball could play each hole just 25 seconds quicker, then we will reduce the time to play each round by half an hour.

Here are some simple tips to speed up play.

On The Tee

The player with the honour should **be READY to play** first. If you have the honour, mark your scorecard after you've played your tee shot not before. If the player with the honour isn't ready, then someone else should go first. If you're not sure if your ball can be easily found after a wayward tee shot ... declare and play a provisional ball.

On The Fairway

Players should **be ready to play** as soon as it is their turn to do so. All players should walk to their ball as soon as possible. Walk down the sides of the fairway to reach your ball, determine your club selection while waiting, and then move towards the centre to your ball. You can usually get close enough to your ball and get **ready to play** the shot, while players behind you can still make their shots. While waiting, players can survey the shot, select the club and if necessary, take required practice swings.

Helping To Find Lost Balls

It is important that everyone try to help out to find a lost ball in order to keep play moving. But players should do it **AFTER** hitting their shots, not **BEFORE**.

Please use common sense. The player who is closest to the pin and scheduled to hit last should be the first to help the player whose ball is lost, while the players who are farthest away from the pin should play their shots first. When the players farthest away have played their shots, they should resume looking for the lost ball, while the players who are closest should get ready to play their shots. In this way, slow play is not compounded because of a lost ball. A time limit of 5 minutes applies to find a lost ball.

Speeding Up Play On The Greens

Playing Ready Golf around the Greens means getting **READY** to putt **BEFORE** it is your turn! Players should line up their putts **WHILE** other players are putting, so they're **ready to putt** when it's their turn.

Ready Golf also means putting continuously if the ball is not in someone else's line, and if the player does not have to spend a lot of time surveying the putt. If you miss a putt by one or two feet, for example, and have an open stance to make the next putt, you should go ahead and putt out instead of marking the ball and waiting for another turn. Of course, if it's a tricky putt and you want extra time to survey it, mark the ball but survey your next putt while someone else takes his or her turn. Ready Golf **DOES NOT** mean **RUSHING**. If you prepare in advance to putt, you can take your time **AND** play Ready Golf.

DO NOT MARK YOUR SCORECARD ON THE GREEN. Do it at the next tee while waiting your turn.

Farthest From The Hole

There is no reason Ready Golfers can't play in the order of who is farthest from the hole. In Ready Golf, the person farthest from the hole should be **READY** to play first. There are, however, a few common sense exceptions.

For example, if someone hits a shot, but is still farthest from the hole, players should hit **BEFORE** that player if they are Ready. If someone is off the Green in a bunker and hits it furthest from the hole, the other players should not wait for that player to walk around the green to play the next shot. Play should continue until that player is **READY** to make the next shot.

The only time that the above does not apply is in match play competitions where shots must be played in order of honour on the tee and furthest from the hole elsewhere. At any other time (including Medals, Stablefords, etc) the above can be applied.