

BRENT VALLEY GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER



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ALL THE PRESIDENT'S MEN (AND WOMEN): BRENT VALLEY PRESIDENT'S WEEKEND

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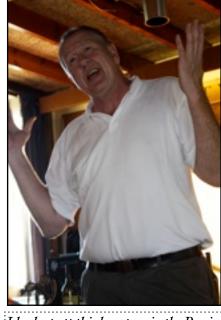
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Brent Valley Golf Club held is traditional end-of-summer 2-day President's Weekend on September 11-12. Held over two days, the President's Prize is one of the two blockbuster majors of the year, the other being the Captain's. In the men's prize, Larry Weill was the clubhouse leader on the first day, with a net 60, closely followed by Ronnie Dyer and MJ Murphy. But with rounds of 63 on the Sunday and 67 on the Saturday, Mick Hynes took first prize with a combined 130, ahead of Paul Shanahan and Ken Curtis. In a moving acceptance speech Mick said he didn't know who to thank so he thanked everyone and described it as a great honour to win the President's Prize. In an exclusive interview with the Newsletter, he claimed his secret was a steady hand and some good old consistency. In the ladies section, with rounds of 72 and 68, Helen Weill pipped Kathy Maloney to the ladies prize. Fe Daquil was third.



"El Presidente", MJ Murphy, and winner of the ladies prize, Helen Weill

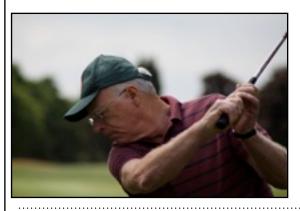


I had a putt this long to win the President's: Mick "Streaky" Hynes, winner of the mens prize

competition were Joe Horvath and Oscar Brown in the mens and Helen Weill and Teresa Brennan in the ladies. The pin-point specialists were James Craven and Jamie Lea, and Veronica Collins and Annette Dillon. Larry Weill recorded the best Saturday score with 60, and Richard Gray the best Sunday score with 61. Ronnie Dyer won the scratch prize and Matty Carthy took the seniors prize.

CAPTAIN'S WEEKEND

Golf, barbecue, poker, golf, World Cup football. The clubhouse enjoyed a busy Captain's weekend, as the first of the season's 2-day events was held on June 26-27. In glorious summer weather and some very dry conditions, the men's prize was won by Geoff Raynor with rounds of 66 and 61, in what he described as a "real up-and-down experience". The ladies prize was won by Kathy Maloney with scores of 67 and 72. In the men's section, David Jacks won the best Saturday score, with 60, and Frankie Burke the best Sunday score, also with a net 60.



Winner of the 2010 Captain's Prize, Geoff Raynor



Captain Dave Flynn congratulates winner of the ladies prize, Kathy Maloney, the ladies captain.

On the Saturday, players and spectators were treated to a delicious barbecue and buffet, courtesy of John Antunes' "Portuguese bandits" while the final of the poker season took place later in the evening. Even the unfortunate turn of events at the South Africa World Cup couldn't mar a wonderful sporting weekend at Brent Valley.

BRENT CUP

As the summer drew to a close, Jamie Lea held his nerve to proclaim himself winner of The Brent Cup, which runs from April to September and is scored on the 4 best cards from 6

monthly competi-



tions. With a 64, 65, 67 and 68, Jamie was level with John Antunes but pipped him on the last card. In third place was Joe Machado. Congratulations to Jamie on a fine example of consistency and excellent play for a player already on a tough handicap of 5.

CLUB CHAMPS

Another highlight of a busy golfing summer was the Club Championships, held on July 17. Winner of the overall event was Phillip Chris-

tides (pictured below) with a gross 71 (net 66). Winner in division 2 (5-10 handicaps) was Ray Cryan with a net 64. Division 3 (10-20 handicaps) winner was Larry Weill and Kevin Keenan won the division 4 (20+ handicaps).



THE TWO NEW MIKES: A USER'S GUIDE TO HOW TO TELL THEM APART

They're both called Mike, they both live in Chiswick, they're both accountants and they look quite similar. Meet our two latest members: Mike and Mike. So how does a Brent Valley member avoid embarrassment in the clubhouse and not get them mixed up? Here are the tell-tale differences between the two of them:

- One of their second name's is Cameron the other's is Davis;
- Mike Cameron won the Pat McGlew competition within weeks of becoming a member,
 Mike Davis has not won any competitions so far;
- Mike Cameron has a handicap of 25, Mike Davis 18;

- Mike Davis used to belong to West Middlesex golf club, Mike Cameron was unaffiliated before coming to Brent Valley;
- Mike Davis plays bridge, Mike Cameron plays pool.
- Mike Davis has more hair than Mike Cameron.
 So is that clear?



Mike Cameron (on the left), Mike Davis (on the right). Or is it the other way round...?

NEW MEMBERS JOIN FROM HORSENDEN HILL

Three players have joined Brent Valley Golf Club as members from Horsenden Hill. All veterans of the triangular competitions between Brent Valley, Horsenden Hill and Perivale, Peter Adams, Manny Shamoon and his brother John Shamoon, say they are looking forward to using their drivers and playing the open spaces of the Brent Valley course. We extend a warm Valley welcome to them!



L-to-r: Peter Adams, Manny Shamoon, John Shamoon.

JIM CHALMERS WINS JOHN RUSHE MEMORIAL

Jim Chalmers won this year's John Rushe Memorial New Members Prize on September 5. The best new member on the day was Sean Diggins. The competition is played in memory of John Rushe, who died tragically in a cycling accident in 2005. One of John's



Jim Chalmers, winner of the John Rushe Memorial New Members Cup

many roles within the club was to welcome and look after new members - one of them being Jim - and he is remembered very fondly by many members to this day.

SENIORS by Keith Hall, Seniors Captain

Men's Seniors Open

BVGC Seniors were hosts on Wednesday 19th May to players from a number of local clubs in this 18 hole Stableford competition for players of 50+ years old. The weather was perfect; sunshine throughout the day and the course looking better than it has for a long time. Our thanks go to My Time Active for their work in placing the 150 and 100 yard markers throughout the course and preparing the course so well. With a total of 67 players turning up and actually playing, this was quite a challenge in terms of organisation but in the event all went very smoothly. Particular thanks go to Kathy Maloney (below) who prepared the score cards, issued them, checked handicaps and logged all the scores on her computer as they came in and even provided a live electronic leader board!



Frank Scanlon (above right) finished in first place out of the overall 21 winners with 38 points. Well done Frank! Ronnie Dyer came second with 38 points and Mo Aslam third with 37 points. In the over 70s, Billy Kearney took the honours, and in the 60-69 age group, Geoff Raynor took first prize with 34 points, with Air Links' James Noel second and our own Peter Hyde in third.

The predominance of BVGC winners speaks for itself although perhaps this was to be expected with us playing on home ground!

The untimely death of Terry Strettle over a year ago prompted the Seniors' committee to commemorate Terry's life with a memorial trophy to be awarded annually at the seniors open, to a



regular senior player with the best score on the day. For the first time therefore the Terry Strettle Memorial Shield, kindly donated by Club President MJ Murphy, was awarded to Mo Aslam (below) who came third in the overall competition. Congratulations Mo!



Mo Aslam receives the Terry Strettle Memorial Shield

NAPGC Golfguard Team Series 2010 – Mitchell-Thomson Senior Men's Greensomes Trophy. Our second round match in this competition found us playing against Queens Park seniors. As many of our Members know,

Queens Park is the Bournemouth course used for the Bournemouth Open Golf Championships and considered to be a difficult course to play unless you happen to be a regular playing member! Our away match on 25th May was therefore something of a disaster. However, the highlight of the day was James Craven's hole-inone at the second. Well done James and commiserations to Rick Harvey, Geoff Rayner and Ron Dyer, James' team mates, who did their best on the day!

The home game, took place on Wednesday 9th June and despite fielding the best available team (Matty Carthy, Peter Hyde, Colm Gough and Jack Woodham) we were outclassed by four very consistent Queens Park players, beating us by 7 points. We'll try again next year!



The Home Team - Jack, Matty, Colm and Peter

Away at West Middlesex GC. Each year BVGC seniors play a friendly match against West Middlesex GC seniors. The West Middlesex course is very different from our own and unpopular with some of our players so it was difficult to field the strongest possible team for our away game which took place on Wednesday 26th May. We were beaten 5 games to 1 but are optimistic that we can make up the deficit on the 22nd September for the return match at home.

Jackpot! Captain's weekend 26th & 27th June heralded one of the largest number of Members in the Clubhouse on Sunday afternoon ... something to do perhaps with the screening of the England/Germany World Cup football match on the big screen and the delay of prize-

giving until after the match? The Take-Your-Pick draw fell in between these two events and the lucky winner of the £650 jackpot on this occasion was none other that a very deserving seniors member Andy Lambe (below being presented with his prize by Rick Harvey). Lucky guy!



Seniors Away Day ~ Farnham Park, 28th July 2010 This was yet another hot, sunny day with a turn-out of 26 players including seven guests and seven over 70s. Prizes were awarded to the best 8 players with Alan Niel 8th, Mo Aslam 7th, Alan O'Neill 6th, Richard Roberts 5th, Ray Morgan 4th, Ron Dyer 3rd and Rick Harvey 2nd. The overall winner with 40 points – was a worthy Jack Woodham who would also have walked away with a few other prizes had it not been for the 'one prize per player' rule! Well played, Jack (below)!



Billy Kearney and Andy Lambe were first and second respectively in the 70+ category; Colin Wyncoll and Ron Dyer were nearest the pin and Keith Hall, Seniors Captain, somehow managed the longest drive! Guest prizes went to Steve Dobson & Chris Rice. NAME-THATBRENTVALLEYMEMBERIN-THEIRYOUNGER DAYS!

We think this edition's name-that-Brent-Valley-member-in-their-younger-days is a bit easier than the last few. There's a glint in the eye and something in the smile that has survived the passing years, even if the rest of the face might now be pock-marked and sagging. The little boy smiling out at us looks like he had no difficulties socialising in the playground - so where did it go so wrong in later life that he



had to join Brent Valley? The photo is at least in colour, which means we can date it to post-1950. The sandy hair may provide a clue - but is that fine head of hair still gracing the fairways of Brent Valley today? Answers on a postcard please to the newsletter marked "Ravages of time"!



The identity of the last mystery member was... Mick "Streaky" Hynes!

Yes, indeed, we thought that cheeky grin and the Rupert Bear trousers were a real giveaway, but, no, once again there were no correct guesses, so the prize rolls over to the next newsletter. Volunteers for future editions very welcome!

In 1942....



... in 2010

BRENT VALLEY SHORT PUTTS

AND THE WINNER OF THE OSCAR IS...



If you've caught Oscar Brown stifling a yawn on the first tee just recently, there may be a good reason. He has just become a father! The newsletter sends heartiest congratulations to Gail, his wife, and above all to sweet Georgia Brown. Winner of far too many majors in his relatively short time at Brent Valley, Oscar has received enough congratulations from the club over the years, but, alright, congratulations to you too!

INCREDIBLE HULK GOES OB ON THE 17TH!

We've all been there. You've got a good card going and, bang, you slice it onto the 18th. It makes you so ANGRY!! You could rip off your new Pringle sweater with the annoyance. Actually this Incredible Hulk isn't on the 17th, but he is somewhere else on the Brent Valley course if you look hard enough. It's not quite a Banksie but it's not bad.



KEITH SETS NEWSLETTER RECORD!

And the photo on the right of Seniors Captain, Keith Hall, preparing to drive on the first tee, breaks the record for the most number of photos of one person in one newsletter (four), previously jointly held by Rick Harvey (three) in the Autumn 2008 edition. But the newsletter was so



impressed by Keith's textbook stance on the first tee at the recent President's weekend, that we had to include it as an example to other golfers - in addition to the three photos included by himself in the Seniors section! His fine upright stance also caused something of a stir amongst some of the onlooking ladies groups!

AND FINALLY: LET'S DO THE SHANAHAN TWIST...











THE PHOENIX GOLF SOCIETY AWAY DAY

No expense was spared on the Phoenix away day on June 12 at Weston Turnville. As Phoenix away-dayers have come to expect, there was an excellent 3-course meal with wine, a round of golf on a beautifully manicured course and door-to-door luxury transport. But this year Barry surpassed all expectations by organising a fly-by from the Red Arrows! Down below on the golf course, there was a sense of deja-vu as John Antunes took the first prize with 40 points, his second Phoenix away day win in three years (having come sec-

ond last year). In second place was Steve Cannon - always the bride's maid, never the bride, it seems for Steve these days. More galling still, Steve seems to found his nemesis in John Antunes who has pipped him to prizes in various recent competitions. So unsurprisingly he seemed slightly less than gracious in defeat, as he invited the audience to boo John when he picked up his prize. All in jest of course. John thanked the Phoenix organisers for a marvelous day and very generously put his winnings behind the bar. The

only fly in the ointment was England's depressingly familiar start to the World Cup campaign, as they were "beaten" 1-1 by the USA. Hats off to Tom Murray who cut a lone figure as his cheer went up when the USA scored! But on the Phoenix golf course, it was Portugal that made the best start to the World Cup!



John Antunes: the nemesis of Steve Cannon and winner of the 2010 Phoenix away day



Phoenix captain, Jack Farrugia, commiserates Steve Cannon on another second place. He doesn't seem too

David Jacks splashes out from the bunker on the second hole during the President's weekend

PHOENIX RESULTS

June 6th
MENS
1st Joe Machado (41 pts)
2nd Philip Christides (41 pts)
3rd S Hynes (40pts)
LADIES
Theresa Brennan (32 pts)

July 4th MENS 1st Martin Halferty (38 pts) 2nd Mike Davis (38 pts) 3rd J Thompson (37 pts) LADIES
Theresa Machado (41 pts)

August 2nd
MENS
1st John Hunter (Lots)
2nd Ron Dyer
3rd John Antunes
LADIES
Teresa Machado (38 pts)

September 5th
MENS
1st Sean Diggins (40 pts)
2nd Frank Burke (39pts)
3rd Jim Chalmers (38 pts)
LADIES
Teresa Machado (35 pts)

BRENTSIDE

The main event on the Brentside Society calendar in the last few months was Ray Black's President's Prize away day at Stanmore Golf Club. Attended by 21 Brentside members and 13 guests, including past presidents of the Society, Jim Carragher and Patsy McCullagh, and founding members, Don Marron and Tom Griffin. The best score of the day was Jim Carragher's 40 points, winning him the Guest Prize. John Antunes took the Captain's

Trophy with 37 points, beating Ken Curtis, Graeme Tollitt and Martin Brennan on the back nine.

June 13: 1st: Jamie Lea, 2nd: Joe Horvath; 3rd: Ray Cryan. 22 members, 11 guests.

July 25: 1st: Frank Burke, 2nd: Ray Cryan; 3rd: John McFall. 29 members, 17 guests.

August 15: 1st: Joe Horvath (pictured right); 2nd: Frank Burke; 3rd: Matty Carthy. 23 members, 7 guests.





Larry Weill looks at the bracelet on Rick Harvey's wrist. It was his by the end of the evening



The poker's season reached a climax during the Captain's weekend when the ten top ranking players

over the year went head-to-head in a winner-takes-all clash of the titans. At stake was the golden bracelet hanging on the firm wrist of last year's winner, Rick Harvey. Chips were distributed according to each player's order of merit rankings, so some of the more impoverished players fell very early.



Holding his nerve at the end of the evening to become the new poker champion was Larry Weill. The other finalists were Rick Harvey, Alan Niel, David Daley, Nick Weill, Richard Gray, James Craven and, master croupier himself, Don Stewart.

OVER THE LINE!

England's overpaid footballers put a damper on the clubhouse mood during the Captain's weekend as the national team crashed out of the World Cup to the old enemy, Germany, losing 4-1. Of course, it all could have been very different had the referee or either of the two assistants had the normal use of their eyes.

Everyone in the clubhouse saw it, why couldn't the ref!



PETER ALLISS CLEARS UP BRENT VALLEY MYSTERY

Peter Alliss, former Ryder Cup player and now sardonic golf commentator, has written to Brent Valley Golf Club via email to quash a rumour that has circulated amongst club members for many years. In response to club historian, Richard Gray's question, Did you remodel the course in the 60s, Mr Alliss sent the message shown below.

Subject: RE: Peter Alliss Website: Did you design Brent Valley?

Date: 20 August 2010 12:27:52 BST

To: rnj.gray@gmail.com

Reply-To: jackie@alliss-promotions.co.uk

Dear Richard Gray

Thank you for your email, but sorry, not guilty your Honour!

Keep swinging! Peter Alliss His reply might suggest that he has actually played Brent Valley, in which case, his cheeky insinuations are perhaps not entirely welcome to Brent Valley members, especially from one who has represented our be-

loved sport of golf at the highest echelons.



Peter Alliss: cheeky chappy!

But from the horse's mouth, that would seem to remove Mr. Alliss from our investigations. The search for the architect who, in the late 60s, remodeled Brent Valley's course to its current layout continues!

Exciting Social Events for your Diary!

Mark your diaries for various fun events in the Brent Valley clubhouse:

Quiz: Under the expert guidance of quiz-master, Tom Murray, on Friday October 22.

<u>Bingo</u> makes a welcome return to Brent Valley. Eyes down on Friday November 12.

<u>Poker</u>: usually the second-last Friday of every month organised by master croupier, Don Stewart: October 15, November 19, December 17.

<u>Take-your-pick</u>: your chance to win a jackpot of up to four figures, every Sunday after 3pm.

BILLY BIRMINGHAM

The annual Billy Birmingham memorial event was held on September 26. The newsletter asked some of the older members for their memories of Billy. The event is for mixed teams and was created to commemorate Billy's role in encouraging various of the "Studland Road wives" to join Brent Valley back in the 1980s. Billy is fondly remembered as the original Dr. Golf. A 5-handicapper, Billy en-

joyed a song and

was a big highpitched talker, one of his favourite pearls of Irish wisdom being "The hole won't come to the ball!". He was sadly taken by a heart attack while teeing off on the course's signature hole, the 14th.

BRENT VALLEY NOW ON WIKIPEDIA

Brent Valley Golf Club now has its own page on Wikipedia, the world's largest electronic encyclopedia. Included in the category, "Golf Clubs and courses in England" alongside around 60 other forward-thinking clubs, the page provides a summary of the club's illustrious history, with photos and historical references, and key facts about the course.

Wikipedia, or Wiki as it is affectionately known, is the internet source of choice for information from aardvarks to zebras, from Arthur Askey to Zenedine Zidane. Admission to the page is strictly monitored and requires all information to be reliably supported by references. Photos are only admitted when the Wiki authorities are satisfied they have the appropriate copyrights.

The new page further extends the club's cyber footprint, adding to our website (www.bvgc.org) and our results on www.howdidido.com. While the website is a way of connecting with potential new members and players and of keeping existing members informed, the Wiki page will also provide a historical document for generations to come.

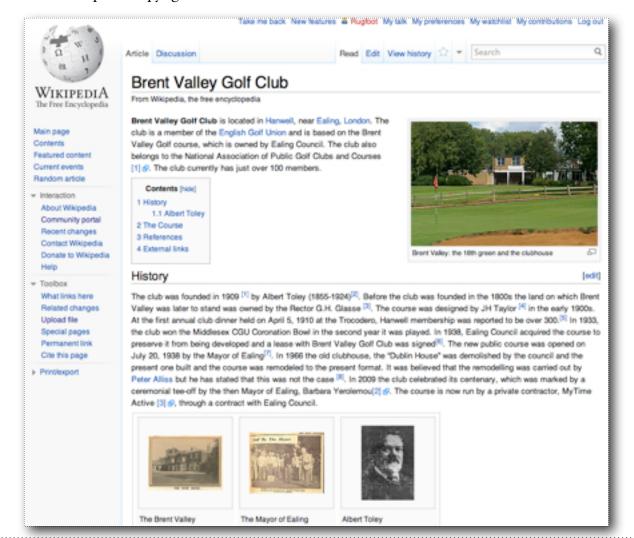
The idea with Wikipedia is that pages are works in progress, and so any Brent Valley members (present or future) with the technological know-

how and inclination are welcome add their own information

To find the page, search for "Brent Valley wiki".

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COOL GOLFERS OF THE WORLD

NO. 4: JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE

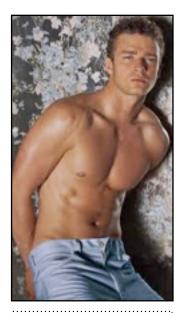
Who? Some of our older members may be asking. Ask your teenage daughters, or grand-daughters - or wives. Justin Timberlake has been a heart-throb for generations of women around the world over the last decade. First on MTV videos where his rippling muscles would drip manly perspiration, and more recently on the silver screen. And in 2009, Cosmopolitan (a women's magazine apparently) voted him their "Sexiest Man on the Planet". But

not only is he, as they say these days, drop-dead gorgeous, a talented singer song-writer and a halfdecent actor, not only that damn it! - he's' also quite good at golf! He is a 6handicapper, and is a regular on the US pro-celebrity tour. Last year Golf Digest ranked Justin number 15 on the Top 100 musicians who play golf. Of the players ranking above him, readers of the newsletter will possibly only have heard of Kenny G, Lloyd Cole and Huey Lewis (and none of them are cool enough to be a Cool Golfer of the World!).

Justin started playing golf with his Dad at the age of 12 on the local "muny" (as they called municipal golf courses in America). But a few years later, when he heard that the course was to be bought for development, he bought it



And not a bad golfer either - a 6 handicap but only 15 on the celeb rankings



Rippling muscles, manly perspiration-weren't we all at his age?

himself to keep it as a golf course - so very much like Brent Valley in 1938.

Like all celebs, dishy Justin has stepped out with some famous ladies in his relatively short time, including Britney Spears, Scarlett Johansson and Cameron Diaz, to name but a few (surely there are only so many hours in the day?!).

Though American, Justin nevertheless takes an

interest in English "soccer". His favourite club? Manchester United. That figures. Despite this, the newsletter believes his grammies, his certified sex appeal and his 6 handicap just about make him our fourth Cool Golfer of the World!



Winner of 6 grammies - makes you sick

In the next edition of "Cool Golfers of the World": **Barack Obama**

OTHER COMPETITION RESULTS

MENS

BRENT CUP 3 • 13/6/10

		Net score
ıst	Jamie Lea	64
2nd	Joe Machado	64
3rd	Joe Horvath	65
4th	Kevin Keenan	66
5th	Donald Stewart	66

BRENT CUP 4 • 4/7/10

		Net score
ıst	Martin Halferty	65
2nd	Phillip Christides	67
3rd	Jamie Lea	68
4th	Joe Machado	69
5th	Adelino Rocha	70

CLUB CHAMPS • 17/7/10

		Net score
ıst	Phillip Christides	66
2nd	Jamie Lea	73

BRENT CUP 5 • 1/8/10

		Net score
ıst	Jack Farrugia	63
2nd	John Antunes	64
3rd	Geoff Raynor	66
4th	Scott Lea	67
5th	Sean Diggins	68

BRENT CUP 6 • 5/9/10

		Points
ıst	Sean Diggins	63
2nd	Jim Chalmers	64
3rd	Graeme Tollitt	64
4th	Martin Halferty	66
5th	Dave Flynn	66

LADIES

MONTHLY ST'FORD • 20/6/10

		Points
ıst	Helen Weill	32
2nd	Teresa Machado	30
3rd	Annette Dillon	30
4th	Teresa Brennan	29
5th	Fe Daquil	27

SUMMER SALVER • 4/7/10

		Net score
ıst	Teresa Machado	67
2nd	Kathy Maloney	71
3rd	Veronica Collins	71
4th	Jayne Charlwood	72
5th	Helen Weill	74

CAPTAIN'S DAY • 10/7/10

		Points
ıst	Heather Burke	43
2nd	Kathy Maloney	42
3rd	Teresa Brennan	38
4th	Fe Daquil	35
5th	Veronica Collins	35

MONTHLY ST'FORD • 25/7/10

		Points
ıst	Helen Weill	36
2nd	Fe Daquil	33
3rd	Kathy Maloney	33
4th	Helen Weill	31
5th	Kathy Maloney	30

MONTHLY MEDAL • 8/8/10

		Net score
ıst	Helen Weill	67
2nd	Veronica Collins	68
3rd	Teresa Brennan	73
4th	Barbara Murphy	76
5th	Kathy Maloney	77



Events Calendar



October	November	December
Sat 2: Ladies Winter Cup	Wed 3: Seniors Medal	Wed I: Seniors Medal
Sun 3: Ladies Winter Cup; Phoenix; Captains v Presidents	Sat 6: Ladies Winter Cup	Sat 4: Ladies Winter Cup
Wed 6: Seniors Away Day (Wexham Park)	Sun 7: Ladies Winter Cup; Phoenix	Sun 5: Ladies Winter Cup; Phoenix
Sun 10: Triangular Prize: Brent Valley v Horsenden Hill v Perivale	Wed 10: Seniors Stableford	Wed 8: Seniors Stableford
Wed 13: Seniors Stableford	Fri 12: Bingo	Sat II: Cremin 3
Fri 15: Poker	Sat 13: Cremin 2	Sun 12: Cremin 3; Ladies Christmas Sprint
Sat 16: Cremin I	Sun 14: Cremin 2; Brentside	Wed 15: Seniors Bogey
Sun 17: Cremin I, Brentside, Ladies Stableford	Wed 17: Seniors Bogey	Fri 17: Poker
Wed 20: Seniors Bogey	Fri 19: Poker	Sat 18: Ladies Stableford
Fri 22: Quiz (8pm start)	Sat/Sun 20/21: Winter Greensomes; Ladies Stableford	Sun 19: Ladies Stableford, Brentside Scramble
Sat/Sun 23/24: Winter 4 Ball qualifier	Wed 24: Seniors	Wed 22: Seniors
Wed 27: Seniors	Sun 28: Team event followed by Annual Prizegiving	



Everything you wanted to ask about the rules of golf but were too afraid to ask...

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No. 1: TO TEND OR NOT TO TEND, THAT IS THE QUESTION

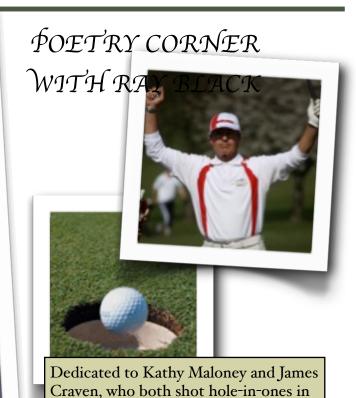
When does the flag have to be attended? Well, you can leave the flag in but if you putt the ball on the green and it hits the flag, you will incur a 2 shot penalty. So you'd better have the flag out or attended! What if the muppet attending my flag doesn't pull it out and the ball hits the flag on the way

in? Again, 2 stroke penalty. What about if you're off the green, can someone tend the flag? Yes, you can have the flag attended from anywhere on the course (if you're feeling lucky). And if my ball is just on the edge of the hole after a superb approach shot, can I tap in with one hand (a la Matty Carthy) and hold the flag with the other? Yes, no problem. Provided the ball doesn't touch the flag.

For more details see R&A rule 17.

A Hole in One

He put the ball upon the tee Practised his swing slow and free Lined up the target that was all Sent the ball skyward on its way To the green he shouts hooray! The ball it lands near to the pin. Then he sees it rolling in. "F**k me!" he says, "That's a hole in one! 1m not insured, what have I done!" His friend tells someone Who tells someone who will tell everyone what he did do. They ll be at the bar waiting with glee Laughing and joking the drinks are on thee! You didn't play well but a hole in one Thanks for the drinks, not your day my son!



Thanks! Go to our advertisers, Keith Hall (Seniors and various photos), Bill Mulvanny (Brentside), Barrie Barker (Phoenix), Matty Carthy, Ken Curtis and Martin Brennan. If you have any ideas, photos or golfing stories for the newsletter, contact Richard Gray.



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