



BRENT VALLEY GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

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What a cracker! Helen Weill, Heather Burke and Marge Griffen get into the Christmas spirit at the Brent Valley Christmas dinner.

Brent Valley Golf Club wishes all its members, friends and colleagues a very happy new year and thanks everyone who made 2007 such a good year! Here's to some more good golf in 2008, Brent Valley Golf Club's 70th anniversary!



COMPETITION NEWS

Marking the end of 2007 season, Brent Valley Golf Club held its men's annual prize-giving ceremony on December 2nd, where prizes were presented to the winners of all the competitions played during the year. The full roll of honour is shown below:

St Patrick's	Rick Harvey
St David's	Matty Carthy
St George's	Rick Harvey
St Andrew's	Martin Halferty
Captain's Prize	Oscar Brown

President's Prize	F Deely
Jimmy Cup	Ken Curtis
Pat McGlew	Alan Niel
Club Champion	Philip Christides
Division 2	Barat Buschman
Division 3	Mick Hynes
Cremin 1	Mick McSwiggan
Cremin 2	Keith Woodward
Cremin 3	Tom Dunleavy
Cremin 4	Martin Brennan
Cremin 5	Graham Tollit
Cremin 6	Wayne Dickinson
Brent Cup	Jamie Lea
Brent Cup 1	Mick McSwiggan
Brent Cup 2	John Antunes
Brent Cup 3	PJ Gallagher
Brent Cup 4	Jamie Lea
Brent Cup 5	Andy Buckenham
Brent Cup 6	Tom Tarpey
Winter Singles	Richard Gray
Winter 4 Ball	Ken Curtis, Frank Burke
Greensomes	Andrew Lea, Tom Tarpey
Summer Singles	Wayne Dickinson
Summer 4 Ball	Philip Christides, W. Dickinson
Rabbits	Jim Chalmers
Teddies	Colin Selway
Foxes	Wayne Dickinson
Seniors	Ray Black



Ken Curtis presents the St Andrews trophy to Martin Halferty

ST ANDREWS

Played on Sunday October 28th the St Andrews attracted a good field in fairly damp but not too cold conditions. The mens winner was Martin Halferty with a net score 63, followed by Philip Christides (also on 63) and Joe Machado (64). The other players in the top ten, qualifying for order of merit points were: John Antunes (64), Oscar Brown (65), Rick Harvey (66), Brian Lennox (66), Dave Flynn (67), Mick O'Connor (67) and Geoff Raynor (68).



Jack's Back! Good to see Jack Farrugia back on the course.



Ladies captain Mary Curtis presents the St Andrews prize to winner Rose O'Connor.

JOHN RUSHE MEMORIAL NEW MEMBERS CUP



Keith Lea receives the John Rushe Memorial Trophy from Ken Curtis.

CREMIN

Billy Kearney won the Cremin 2, played in November, with 43 points. In second and third places were Joe Hovarth and Joe Machado respectively. The following Cremin, number 3, was won by Philip Christides, with 42 points, followed by Jamie Lea and Wayen Dickenson.

BRENT VALLEY OPEN



Steve Cannon tees off on the 7th during the Brent Valley Open.



COMMITTEE NEWS

- The committee appointed new mens and ladies captains, Ray Black and Heather Burke, for the new season. Rick Harvey remains captain of the seniors. The committee would like to thank the outgoing captains, Ken and Mary Curtis, for their excellent work and efforts during the past season.
- The committee would like to thank Bill Mulvanny for donating his labour to repaint the lockers in the mens changing room.
- If members are unable to attend competitions to which they are signed up, the committee strongly

requests that they give notice as soon as possible by calling one of the numbers shown below. Failure to show without notice may result in exclusion from future competitions.

- The committee is pleased to announce it has successfully persuaded the Council to allow course season tickets to be purchased by monthly direct debit, with a discount for club members.
- New calendars for the full year are available to members at the bar.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

Wednesday	2	Seniors Medal
Saturday	5	Ladies Winter Cup
Sunday	6	Ladies Winter Cup
Tuesday	8	Committee Meeting
Wednesday	9	Seniors Stableford
Friday	11	Coffee Cup, Quiz
Sunday	13	Phoenix New Year Scramble
Wednesday	16	Seniors Bogey
Friday	18	Coffee Cup, Bingo
Saturday	19	Cremin 4
Sunday	20	Brentside, Cremin 4
Wednesday	23	Seniors
Friday	25	Coffee Cup, Poker
Wednesday	30	Seniors

February

Friday	1	Coffee Cup, Bingo
Wednesday	6	Seniors Medal
Friday	8	Coffee Cup
		Ladies Winter Cup, Annual
Saturday	9	Dinner Dance
Sunday	10	Ladies Winter Cup, Phoenix
Tuesday	12	Committee Meeting
Wednesday	13	Seniors Stableford
Friday	15	Coffee Cup, Quiz
Saturday	16	Cremin 5
Sunday	17	Cremin 5
Wednesday	20	Seniors Bogey
Friday	22	Coffee Cup, Poker
Sunday	24	Brentside AM-AM
Wednesday	27	Seniors
Friday	29	Coffee Cup, Bingo

March

Saturday	1	Ladies Winter Cup, Cremin 6
Sunday	2	Cremin 6
Wednesday	5	Seniors Medal
Friday	7	Coffee Cup
Saturday	8	Mens Greensomes Qual.
Sunday	9	Mens Greensomes Qual.

Tuesday	11	Committee Meeting
Wednesday	12	Seniors Stableford
Friday	14	Coffee Cup, Quiz
Sunday	16	St Patrick's
Monday	17	St Patrick's Day competition
Wednesday	19	Seniors Bogey
Friday	21	Coffee Cup, Poker
Friday	28	Coffee Cup, Bingo
Sunday	30	Cremin Final, Brentside

April

Wednesday	2	Seniors Medal
Sunday	6	St David's
Tuesday	8	Committee Meeting
Wednesday	9	Seniors Stableford
Friday	11	Coffee Cup, Quiz
Saturday	12	Brent Cup 1, Ladies MM Brent Cup 1, Ladies MM,
Sunday	13	Phoenix
Wednesday	16	Seniors Bogey
Friday	18	Coffee Cup, Poker
Sunday	20	St George's
Wednesday	23	Seniors
Friday	25	Coffee Cup, Bingo
Saturday	26	Summer 4 Ball Qual.
Sunday	27	Summer 4 Ball Qual.
Wednesday	30	Seniors Medal



SENIORS



Grand Slam! Billy Kearney receives the first of three seniors trophies, the Order of Merit, from Seniors Captain Rick Harvey. Billy also won the Medal and Stableford trophies

The 2007 season finishes with the senior section in excellent health. An average of 23 seniors played on Wednesdays throughout the year, with around 14 playing on Fridays. Thanks to everyone for making it a tremendous year for the seniors. The culmination of the year was the seniors prize-giving dinner at Ealing Golf Club. Congratulations to Billy "The King" Kearney who won the Order of Merit, Medal and Stableford competitions. Well done to Sonny Creaty for

winning the Bogey competition. Thank you for the tremendous support at the dinner, which was a superb event attended by 60 people. Thank you to the mens and ladies captains, Ken and Mary Curtis, Club President and Lady President, Martin and Theresa Brennan and club treasurer Barry Barker, with his wife Sarah. Rick Harvey overcame his natural shyness to welcome guests Marge Griffen and Thin Thin Oo and thank them for their help over the year. Thanks and bouquets of flowers were presented to Kathy Maloney (looking as lovely as a summer's day), with many thanks to his wife Jill and to Suzy Strettle for all their help in making the night such a success.



Jackets may be removed. Left-to-right: Martin Brennan, Ken Curtis, Rick Harvey, Terry Strettle and Alan Neil at the Seniors Annual Dinner.

In other news, the Seniors Citizens Christmas party was very well attended on December 7th and a big thank you to John Evans and Harry Manners for organising it.

We look forward to 2008 and with everyone a happy new year.



The Wadham Trophy is presented to winning captain Geoff Raynor by Malcolm Wadsworth. Full line-up (left to right): Pat Heneghan, Peter Duffy Jr, Geoff Raynor, Bill Kearney, Malcolm Wadsworth, James Graven, Rick Harvey, Pat Rodrigues and Jack Woodham.



SOCIAL SCENE

There is a varied and vibrant calendar of social events throughout the year at Brent Valley. All members and their friends and families are very welcome to join us at the club house at any of these events. Aswell as being good fun, they provide valuable funds for the club. The bar is open for refreshments at all events. The club would like to thank all those who give their valuable time and considerable efforts to organise and run all the social events. In particular, the club would like to thank all those who helped to serve up a marvellous Christmas dinner on December 9, especially those in the kitchen and behind the bar: Josie Keenan, Thin Thin Oo, Marge Griffen, Heather Burke, Helen Weill and Colin Wyncoll.

Bingo: Eyes down from 8pm on the last Friday of every month, hosted by Steve Cannon. Six sheets of different colours. First lines and full houses win cash prizes.

Quiz night: from 8pm, on the second Friday of every month, hosted by Sarah Barker or Larry Weill. Cash prizes for the top three teams. Six rounds with joker round. Teams of up to 5.

Poker: Don Stewart is King Croupier and oversees 2 or 3 tables of up to 10 hands, playing classic Texas Hold 'Em. Winners from each table playing out a final table. Beginners are very welcome to participate and will receive guidance from more experienced players. Buy in for £10. Winner takes it all! Third Friday in every month.



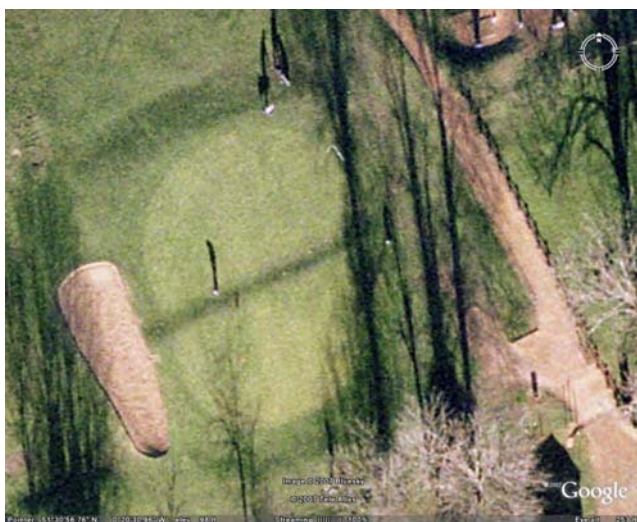
Poker evenings, hosted by Don Stewart, have proved very popular with members

Annual dinner dance: Places are limited for this year's dinner dance at West Middlesex Golf Club on Saturday February 9. £25/head. Contact Ray Black to book your place.



NAME THAT GREEN!

Name the Brent Valley green pictured below.



IS YOUR DRIVER ILLEGAL?

From January 1, 2008 certain “driving clubs” (as the Royal & Ancient calls them) will become illegal. The new rule basically outlaws drivers whose COR, or coefficient of restitution, is too high. In lay man's terms, a driver's COR is a measure of how “springy” it is. For the mathematicians amongst you, the COR is the speed of the ball off the club divided by the speed of the club. A perfect COR would see the ball fly off the club at exactly the same speed as the club came down on the swing. Golf's ruling bodies have set the limit at 0.83 for professional and recreational (that's us) play.

If you're not sure whether your new driver conforms to either of these rules, the best way is to check the R&A website where there's a 265-page list of all the drivers that are legal.

CONTRIBUTE TO THE NEXT NEWSLETTER!

Please send any results, news or information to news@bvgc.org or give it in person to Richard Gray. Photos of key moments in the club's events (prize givings etc.) also very welcome (especially if they are

electronic and can be emailed). The aim is to produce a newsletter at least every quarter so the next one is planned for mid-April.

Thanks go to everyone who provided information for this newsletter, particularly Andy Buckenham for competition news, Marge Griffen for the ladies news, and Rick Harvey for the seniors news.

Also, if you don't get down the clubhouse as much as you'd like but want to stay in touch, you can receive this newsletter by email. Send an email to news@bvgc.org and we'll put you on the mailing list.



USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Club competitions: John Antunes 07845 945255

Phoenix: Barry Barker 020 85670024

Brentside: Ken Curtis 020 84454324

Seniors: Rick Harvey 020 89983816

Ladies: Marge Griffen 020 85678548

Quiz: Larry Weil 020 82483590

Bingo: Steve Cannon 020 88106586

Poker: Don Stewart 07956 294324

Club house: 020 85674230

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