

Blackburn Golf Club

LADIES SECTION NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the 14th edition of the BGC Ladies Section Newsletter.

Competitions are now in full flow with a pretty busy month ahead including Lady Captain's Drive In on the 7th April. We hope she enjoys her first official event of the year.....fingers crossed for some warmer weather!!

Team matches commence this month. Good luck to all who play in them.


*****IMPORTANT NEWS*****

As from the 1st April, Council have decided to ban the use of golf clubs until further notice. This is due to the continued damage to the fairways and greens. Balls must be thrown around the course, except on the green, where they must be rolled. Everyone will be given an increase of 2 strokes to their handicap to compensate for this. Sorry for any inconvenience. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

*****IMPORTANT NEWS*****

APRIL ISSUE

April 2013

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Upcoming Events

CAPTAIN'S CHARITY COMPETITION SATURDAY 13TH APRIL 2013



18 HOLE 3-PERSON TEAM (any combination) TEXAS SCRAMBLE (OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS)

**£15.00 per Team of 3
+ £5.00 per Team for entry into
Nearest the Pin on ALL Par 3's (Optional)**

**This Competition is to help raise funds for Lucas Fitzmaurice
(the son of one of our members) who requires treatment
for Plagiocephaly which is not available on the NHS.**

**We will also be holding a raffle on the day with
numerous prizes.**

Please Note: Only one Category 1 Player per Team permitted

Available to book online now

http://www.blackburngolfclub.com/brs.aspx?d_date=seldate&type=member

Upcoming Events

Lady Captain's Drive-in



LADY CAPTAIN'S
DRIVE-IN
SUNDAY 7TH APRIL 2013

TEAMS OF 3 TO BE DRAWN
AT 11.30AM ON THE DAY

AFTERNOON TEA WILL BE SERVED
AFTER THE GOLF AT A COST OF
£2.75 PER PERSON

LADY CAPTAIN HAS ARRANGED
FOR A PHOTOCALL AT 11.45

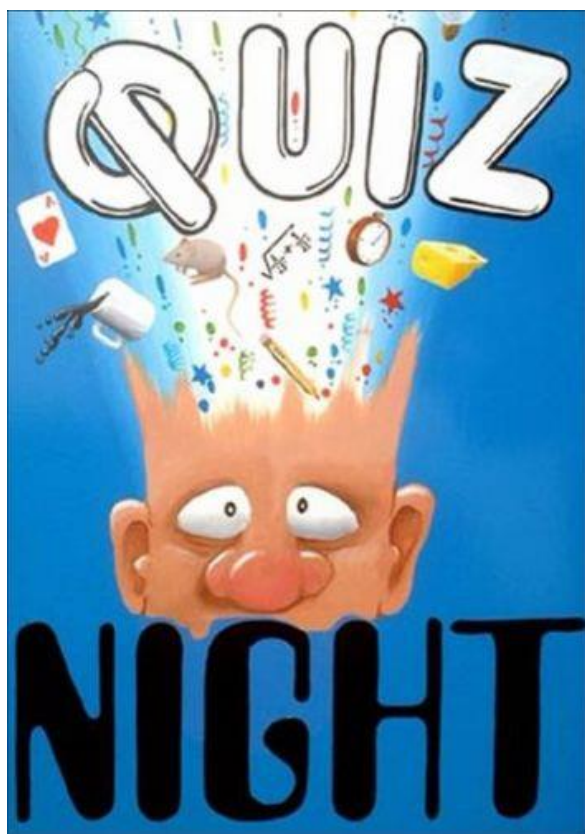


MURDER MYSTERY



Please note that the planned Murder Mystery on 5th April has now been postposed until October, further details will be given nearer the time.

Upcoming Events



Thursday 4th April
7.30 for 8.00pm
Teams of 4 - £10
Couples - £5
Great prizes...
Great fun...
Great night...!

VEGAS NIGHT SATURDAY 20TH APRIL

Singing....
Comedy...Dancing
Tickets
£10 per person



Competitions

Competitions this month:

Tuesday 2nd April - 18 Hole Stableford

Sunday 7th April - Lady Captains Drive-In (12 - 2pm)

Tuesday 9th April - Spring Meeting 18 Hole Qualifier

Tuesday 16th April - 1st Hamer Qualifier

Sunday 21st April - PING 4 Ball Betterball Qualifier

Tuesday 23rd April - Scott Leggatt Qualifier

Tuesday 30th April - 2nd Hamer Qualifier



March Competition Results:

Tuesday 19th March - 18 Hole Single Stableford - Julie Trinder 39 pts

Friday 22nd March - Winter League Day - No golf played

Tuesday 26th March - 10 Hole Single Stableford - Julie Trinder 19 pts

**WINTER LEAGUE
DAY**



Unfortunately there was no golf on Winter League day due to the course being covered in snow!! However the presentation and meal still went ahead. Prizes were presented to the winners of the weekly winter league competitions which were run once again by Ida Gornall & Julie Trinder. There were a good mix of winners. Thanks to Ida & Julie for all their efforts. Huge thanks also to Pam for the catering on the day which was fantastic, the Curry and Lasagne warmed everyone up and the lovely cakes went down a treat...eh Sonia! The golf competition has been re-arranged for Friday 26th April...tee off from 12.30pm.



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Archie Preston Trophy 2013

On Sunday 23rd March the Archie Preston team played High Legh Park in Knutsford, Cheshire in the Preliminary round of the competition. The weather can only be described as artic!! However the team managed a fantastic 6 : 1 victory which made it all worthwhile!

Thanks to Glenys & Ian McGowan and Nicci & Steven McGlynn who braved the elements to come along and offer their support on the day, it was appreciated.



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Bell Cup 2013

The draw has been made for the 2013 Bell Cup Tournament and Blackburn have been given a bye in the preliminary round, hopefully this will mean that the weather will be much better than last year when the 1st round is played.

Blackburn have been drawn at home in the 1st round to **New North Manchester**. Details of when the match will be played will be published in the next Newsletter. Any support the ladies can offer to the team will be greatly appreciated.

On the following page is a bit of history surrounding the Bell Cup, which you may find interesting.



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MANCHESTER & DISTRICT LADIES ASSOCIATION HISTORY

The association was the brainchild of Mrs Glascott of Didsbury Golf Club who wanted to inaugurate a championship for lady golfers in the Manchester area similar in concept to the Balfour & Houldsworth competitions played by the men. One journalist, on hearing about this, expressed doubts about it, feeling that it smacked of 'pot-hunting', so the idea of a championship was dropped and the title 'Challenge Trophy' was adopted instead.

Mrs Glascott wrote to 35 clubs within a radius of 20 miles of Manchester Town Hall and from this initial contact received 20 positive replies, 4 negative and 11 clubs failed to respond. Mrs Glascott together with a Mr. Ross-Couborough, arranged a meeting of representatives from the 20 clubs which was held at Parkers Restaurant, St. Anne's Square on the 19th March 1902. Mr. Ross-Couborough, who was then the secretary of Manchester Golf Club and a keen supporter of ladies golf, chaired the meeting.

The 20 Clubs were:-

ANSON, ASHTON-ON-MERSEY, BURBAGE, BURY, BRAMHALL, BOWDEN, CHEADLE, DIDSBURY, ENTWISTLE, FAILSWORTH, FAIRFIELD, KNUTSFORD, MANCHESTER, OLD MANCHESTER, NORTH MANCHESTER, OLDHAM, TIMPERLEY, WITHINGTON, WILMSLOW, WORSLEY

Each of these clubs sent 2 representatives. Some of them still exist, but others have just changed their names. Entwistle is now Davyhulme, and Burbage is now Cavendish.

The Challenge Cup idea was quickly accepted and the first committee was formed with Mrs Glascott becoming the Secretary/Treasurer, and Mrs Prestwich from Old Manchester becoming the first President together with 12 committee members elected from those attending the meeting. Mr. Ross-Couborough offered a draft set of rules for the association which was discussed and accepted, very similar to the rules of today.

The first competition was held at Manchester Golf Club on the 5th June 1902 and the draw for partners and time sheet was published in the Manchester newspapers. At this time the L.G.U. was in it's infancy and regarded as an Organisation of the South-East. It was largely ignored by Northern Clubs and so the ladies' handicaps were assessed and allocated by a committee of gentlemen. The first handicap limit was set at 9 and 90 ladies took part.

This system was maintained until around 1914 although by this time the handicap limit for the cup had increased from 9 to 15. In this year, a suggestion was made that the limit should increase because so many handicaps had gone up under the new L.G.U. rules.....it seems that nothing changes..... but the proposition was not carried. One interesting thing to note was that clubs were offering the use of their courses for the competition and a ballot had to be taken to decide which one to choose. In 1907 Mrs Glascott was elevated to the Presidency and Mr. Ross-Couborough became the paid Secretary/Treasurer for a fee of 5 guineas and in 1908 Mrs Glascott proposed that the area of the association be increased from 20 to 25 miles radius.

The following year the secretary suggested that the association should extend itself a little and proposed that a match tournament might be held. Mrs Bell who was president at the time offered a cup which could be played for annually and in March 1911 the tournament became known as the 'Bell Cup'.

The final of the first Bell Cup Tournament was between Anson and Burbage (now Cavendish) and was played at Trafford Park. Teams in the Final consisted of 7 players but in the preceding rounds there were only 5 and a new draw was made for every round. 26 clubs entered in that year and since those days numbers have steadily increased until in 2000 there were 84 clubs entered. The Bell Cup produces match-play of a very high standard and as an inter-club Knock-out competition is unrivalled in the land.

When the Great War came, activities were suspended, a donation of £5 was made to the Manchester & District Distress Fund and no further AGMs were held until 1919. By 1920 the entry fee for the Challenge Cup had to be increased to 2/6 from 1/0..... but one could still get a caddie for 1/6!

Other News

Below is the final information for Lady Captains 'Walk Across Morecambe Bay'. If you have any further questions please contact Lady Captain.



Enjoy a family walk across the sands of Morecambe Bay, guided by Cedric Robinson, the Queen's Guide to the Sands.

Sunday May 19th 2013 – walk commences 12 noon at Arnside

People have walked across Morecambe Bay for hundreds of years. Before the arrival of the railway, it was the quickest route to and from Furness, but the treacherous sands and dangerous tides claimed many lives. In 1536, the King created the post of Guide to the Sands and since then there have been 25 official guides. Cedric Robinson, the current guide, grew up on the edges of the Bay and has guided walkers across this special and unique environment since 1963.

What is the walk like?

The walk is about 8 miles and takes 3-4 hours. You are led along the foreshore and through woodland for about a mile before striking out across the sands. The walk is level but can be muddy. Towards the midpoint you will wade across the River Kent which – according to varying conditions – can be ankle, knee or thigh deep! This is a highlight of the walk, enjoyed particularly by children (of all ages!).

On completion of the Bay crossing, certificates can be purchased from Cedric at Kents Bank.

Note: the walk is not suitable for prams or buggies and whilst children will enjoy the crossing it may be too far for those under 5. Dogs are welcome but must be under control at all times.

Where does it begin and end?

It begins at Arnside and finishes at Kents Bank. The assembly point is at the shelter at Arnside on the Lower Promenade, a few minutes walk from the railway station.

Where can I park?

Please note that parking in Arnside or at Kents Bank is very limited and there are time restrictions. The Tourist Information office in Grange (which co-ordinates all the cross bay walks) strongly recommends parking at Berners Close Car Park. This is situated between Kents Bank and Grange over Sands railway stations (see attached map).

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We suggest that you park in Berners Close then take the short train ride to Arnside to begin the walk. On completing the Bay crossing at Kents Bank, you can then walk back to your car.

To check train times call 08457 48 49 50.

There are public toilets in Arnside.

What do I wear?

Choice of clothing is weather dependant and can be anything from shorts, hats and suncream to fleeces and waterproofs. Layers that can be added or taken off easily are useful as it can be cold and windy out in the middle of the Bay. Jeans are not recommended.

As you *will* get wet feet on this walk, it is best if you wear old trainers or sandals or take off your footwear and cross the River Kent barefoot. The depth of the river varies so you may have to wade ankle, knee or thigh deep – depending on how tall you are! Be prepared to roll up your trousers or wear shorts. Dress for the weather and remember to bring drinks or a snack. Cedric usually halts the walk mid-way to allow a break.

You will probably get muddy, so consider bringing water to clean your feet, a towel and clean socks!

What if I get tired in the middle of the Bay?

A tractor and trailer called The Sandpiper are brought out into the Bay and if anyone becomes tired they can complete the crossing on board if necessary.

Are the sands dangerous?

Only if you stray away from the group. There are areas of quicksand and dangerous tide channels but Cedric has spent all his life working on the Bay and knows the area intimately. If you follow his instructions and stay with the group you will be quite safe. You should NEVER venture out into the Bay alone or without a guide.

Will the walk definitely go ahead whatever the weather?

The walk will only be cancelled on the advice of Cedric. If the crossing is deemed to be too hazardous due to unusual tides etc., Cedric may alter the start and end points of the walk. If this occurs we will contact you as soon as possible - usually the day before - to let you know. We will use the contact number given on the registration form for the lead walker in each group/family.

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Morecambe Bay Walk Registration Form

**SUNDAY May 19TH 2013, walk commences at 12noon at
Arnside**

Lead Walker contact details:

Title: Forename:..... Surname:

Address:

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Telephone:

Mobile:

Email:

Please note the contact numbers are essential as this is how we will contact you to inform you of any change of plan prior to the walk.

Are you walking as part of a group? Yes / No

Number of adults in group @ £5 minimum

donation

Number of children in group (5 -18)... @£2 each

Please note we will inform the lead walker of any change of arrangements for the walk and it is then their responsibility to inform members of their group about such amendments.

Please make cheques payable to **Alzheimer's Research UK** and send with completed form to:-

Mrs M C Singleton, Westmeath, Jacksons Banks Road, Balderstone, BB2 7LH

The golf club, its employees, agents and volunteers cannot be held liable for any claims for injury during participation in this event. We have taken all reasonable steps to eliminate the chances of injury but there is a certain minimal risk in every activity and you should withdraw from the event if you have any doubts.

Tasty Recipe

Berry Crumble Tray Bake



Serves: 10 - 12

Less than 30 mins
preparation time

30 mins to 1 hour
cooking time

Preparation

Preheat the oven to 180C/350F/Gas 4. Grease and line a rectangular baking tin (approximately 26cm x 20cm/10½in x 8in).

In a saucepan combine the fruit with 50ml / 2 fl oz water. Bring the fruit just to the boil, reduce the heat and simmer for 2-3 minutes.

In a mixing bowl combine the caster sugar with the cornflour. Stir into the fruit and continue to cook for 2-3 minutes, stirring frequently, until the mixture is thick and jammy. Set aside to cool.

For the crumble topping, add the flour to a mixing bowl and rub in the butter until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs and no large lumps of butter are left. Stir in the sugar and set aside.

For the cake, in a large mixing bowl, sift together the flour, baking powder and cinnamon. Stir in the ground almonds until thoroughly combined.

In another bowl beat together the sugar with the melted butter, eggs, yoghurt and milk mixture until thoroughly mixed. Stir into the flour mixture just to combine. Don't overmix it, but watch out for big lumps of unmixed flour.

Spoon two-thirds of the mixture into the lined tin, gently spreading out evenly to the corners. Spoon the cooled fruit mixture evenly over the top.

Using a teaspoon, dot the remaining cake batter evenly on top of the fruit. This will not cover the entire cake, but make little hillocks with gaps in between.

Sprinkle the crumble mixture over the top, filling in all the gaps to cover the fruit.

Bake in the oven for 45-50 minutes, until the crumble topping is golden-brown. Allow to cool for ten minutes in the tin, then transfer the cake in its paper to a cooling rack. This cake is beautiful eaten while still warm, with a dollop of crème fraîche or yoghurt - but is equally nice the next day with a cup of coffee.

Ingredients

For the berry filling

200g/7oz frozen berries
(raspberries, blackberries, cherries,
blueberries, blackcurrants all work well,
or a mix)
50g/2oz caster sugar
2 tbsp cornflour

For the crumble topping

110g/4oz plain flour
70g/2½oz cold unsalted butter, cut into smallish
cubes
30g/1oz caster sugar

For the cake

220g/8oz plain flour
¾ tsp baking powder
½ tsp cinnamon
50g/2oz ground almonds
200g/7oz caster sugar
80g/3oz butter, melted
2 free-range eggs
40g/1½oz yoghurt thinned with 2 tbsp milk

Wordsearch

April Fools Word Search

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Q Q P L O A N L B G M O N O V F L A
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Just for Fun

The Heavenly Golf Joke

It was a beautiful day on earth, but up in Heaven, where it's always a beautiful day, it seemed a bit tedious. Moses noticed that Jesus seemed particularly bored that day, so he suggested that they put on human form and go down for a game of golf.

Jesus agreed and as they strode out on to the links, he seemed to perk up considerably.

"This is exactly what I needed," he said. "I feel like I'm going to play great today. I feel like... Arnold Palmer!"

And as a result, he played a little recklessly, but he managed to keep even with Moses' more cautious play.

They came to a long hole with a dog-leg around a large water trap. Moses drove down the fairway, intending to take an extra stroke around the dogleg and avoid the water, but Jesus looked across that water trap to the little flag in the hole beyond it.

"I'm going for the green," he said. "I feel like Arnold Palmer today. I'm going for a hole in one!"

He wound up and swung... and the ball sailed high and then fell straight down into the water. Jesus let out a sigh and turned to Moses.

"Uh, would you mind?"

Moses raised his arms and parted the water and Jesus went down and got his ball and brought it back. He teed it up again, and to Moses' surprise, he angled like he was going to go for the green again.

"Are you sure?" said Moses. "I told you, I feel like Arnold Palmer today. I'll make it this time."

Of course, he didn't. The ball sailed high and went into the water again. Jesus looked at Moses, and Moses sighed.

"All right, but if you drive into that water again, I won't help you."

He raised his arms and parted the water, and Jesus retrieved his ball. He came back, and teed up again, and looked down the fairway, and then again at the green and then at Moses.

"I really feel like Arnold Palmer," he said. "I'm going for it."

Moses crossed his arms and scowled and watched as Jesus, once again, drove the ball high and long and straight into the water.

Jesus didn't even ask this time, he just went down to the pond, and walked out across the top of the water to look for his ball.

A couple of other golfers who had come up behind them, watched in amazement as he walked around on the surface.

"Who the heck does he think he is? Jesus Christ?" said one of them.

"No," said Moses with a sigh. "He thinks he's Arnold Palmer!"

