



## PREFERRED LIES FEBRUARY 2024



### 2024 CAPTAINS:

Club Captain – Mr Stuart Smith

Lady Captain – Mrs Catherine Wilson

Seniors' Captain – Mr Paul Greatbatch

Junior Captain – Miss Phoebe Ruscoe

President – Mr Tony Harrop

Seniors Captain currently 'down under' so absent from photo!

### Captains Drive In – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February

Our annual Captains' drive-in was held on Sunday, February 4th in front of a great turnout of members and family who were there to give our Captains terrific support for the start of their new year.

The weather held into the afternoon and they all 'drove into office' with thunderous applause!



Thank you to all who supported and a total of over £200 was raised for their chosen charity The Lingen Davies Fund. Congratulations to the winners of the 'Guess the length of the Captains Drive' – Kath Gleave, Terry Nutt & Ann Breakwell



An impressive 76 players joined the Captains in the Drive-In AM AM Competition. Results were:

**1<sup>st</sup> Sarah Wynn, Nigel Ross, Andy Hughes, Richard Sutherland 49.4 nett**  
(a nomination for the lowest score in the Guinness World Record Books!!)

2<sup>nd</sup> Caroline Hollins, Mark Baldwin, Trevor Young, Matthew Hiles 51.6 nett

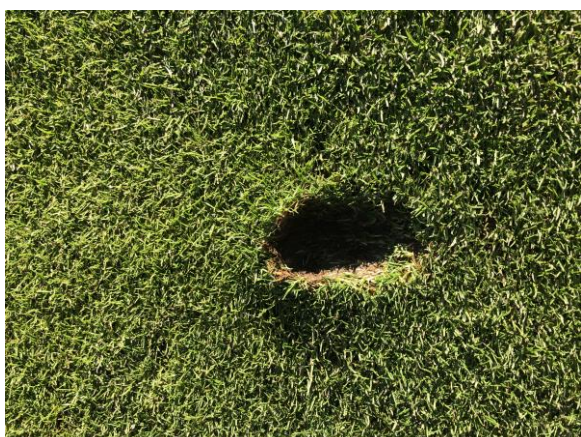
3<sup>rd</sup> Christine Apperley, Robert Gwilt, Mark Harrington, David Edwards 52.4 nett

4<sup>th</sup> Louisa Goff, Pete Brisbourne, Ian Vickerstaff, Robin Mackness 52.6 nett

### Daily Mail Foursomes Competition – Round One

Good luck to the ladies and mens qualifiers of this competition in their first round. The Ladies (Carole Charmley & Angeline Ooi-Walters) have drawn Hill Valley at home and the Men (Mark & Jordan Evans) have drawn Market Drayton at home.

Do you recognise one of these?



It could just be yours!! Have a pitchmark repairer to hand when you walk on to the green - they simply don't repair themselves ..... and with us



being off the greens over the winter period, especially important to keep them in pristine condition once we are back playing on them.

## BINGO AND PIZZA NIGHT – 16<sup>th</sup> February

Thank you to Issi Brisbane and her House & Social team for such a fun night, and to the HP Ltd., staff for looking after us all so well – great laughs all round and some lucky winners!

Issi commented, 'what a fabulous evening we had, thank you to 80 members and friends who joined in the fun. Cooking over 50 pizzas was run like a military operation, I must say they were delicious thanks to the chef and helpers. A big thank you to Terry Nutt & Pete Brisbane for running the Bingo so professionally, the raffle raised £157 for the Captains Charity. Looking forward to the next Bingo evening!!



## Dates for your diary – March

### Seniors Friendly Matches

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March – match v Lilleshall (home)

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – match v Lilleshall (away)

### Mens Friendly Matches (April)

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April – match v Carden Park (away)

### Open Events

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March Team Open – Hawkstone Course 10.00am shotgun

PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE SPACES FOR TEAMS IN THIS OPEN – COMBINATION OF MEN, LADIES OR MIXED TEAMS ..... Contact Dave Ralphs (opens@hpgcgolf.com)

### Ladies Opening competition

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March – 18 & 9 holes, meal and presentation

## Midland U16 Boys & Girls Open Amateur Championship

Following the success of last year's competition, the Midland Under 16 Boys and Girls Open Amateur Strokeplay Championship will be held at Hawkstone Park Golf Club from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April inclusive. A few members have kindly already given their time to

make sure this event runs smoothly. Please email the Secretary should you wish to help for a few hours on any of these days, either as a starter or on the administration desk.

### **Excellent Exercise – Golf Workout:**

#### 1. Core strengthening

Lie on your back with knees bent, tuck lower abs in and lift hips up by tightening buttock muscles. Hold for 10-20 seconds, repeat 3 times



#### 2. Trunk flexibility

Sitting on a chair, hold golf club behind head and shoulders and rotate left and right. Hold for 15-20 seconds, repeat 5 times



#### 3. Glute stretch

Lie on your back with legs outstretched, tuck one knee up onto your chest. Hold for 10-30 seconds, on each leg



### **House & Social Committee**

After a successful initial year with Issi Brisbane; she has now been voted in as Chair of House & Social Committee. Issi and her team have begun organising a full and varied mixed social calendar for this year, already hosting a curry evening for the ladies and a bingo and pizza night for all members. At present the team consists of a fantastic group of lady members, it would be wonderful if more men would be willing to put their name forward and join the H & S team. Please email Issi: [issi.millway@btinternet.com](mailto:issi.millway@btinternet.com).

### **Junior Organiser**

We thank Gary Carr for his assistance in being Junior Organiser for the last year, this year Gary Carr has again offered to be in charge of the Junior Section. He hopes to work alongside Lewis Baker, parents and grandparents of the juniors to keep the section growing. Should you wish to give up some hours of your time to help, either on a Saturday morning in the junior lessons, or helping to mark a card or even walking round a few holes to start some of the youngsters playing the main courses; please email Gary: [gazgums@hotmail.com](mailto:gazgums@hotmail.com).

Other sections of the golf club to get involved in are Matches & Competitions, Handicap Revision, Opens, Course Liaison, Friendly/Handicap League Matches, please email Secretary should you wish to 'join up.'



### Let's Be Fair

When you have elected a Committee from those willing to stand,  
Don't criticise everything they do, but give them a helping hand.  
They have tried to do their best for each and everyone,  
Don't whinge with all the rest go up and say 'well done!'  
As we walk through the Clubhouse and up and down the green,  
You wouldn't believe the things we hear and the things that we have seen.  
We come for recreation and the game of golf to play,  
So let's be kind and helpful and have a happy day!

How this winter's heavy rainfall has impacted golf courses everywhere ...

<https://www.bigga.org.uk/news-listing/golf-course-closed-rainfall.html>

## UPDATE FROM ENGLAND GOLF

What have we done in 2023? Well, quite a lot actually ....

From outstanding statistics to impactful initiatives, check out our 2023 Annual Review to find out about all the wonderful things that have helped grow the game over the past 12 months – and hear England Golf Chief Executive Jeremy Tomlinson below ....

[2023-annual-review.pdf \(englandgolf.org\)](https://www.englandgolf.org/2023-annual-review.pdf)

Centenary News ...

Discover the rich history of golf in England, dating back to 1924, when national governing bodies began overseeing the sport. Over the years, the country, society, traditions, and the game itself, have undergone significant transformations.

Learn more about our history and key moments below ...

[https://www.englandgolf.org/our-history?utm\\_campaign=2699814\\_21.02.24%20%20County%20comms%20%20February%20newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=The%20England%20Golf%20Union%20Limited&dm\\_i=4ON0,1LV6U,3BX9UQ,7JFYE,1](https://www.englandgolf.org/our-history?utm_campaign=2699814_21.02.24%20%20County%20comms%20%20February%20newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_source=The%20England%20Golf%20Union%20Limited&dm_i=4ON0,1LV6U,3BX9UQ,7JFYE,1)

Help your members understand the upcoming changes ....

We know that there are a lot of queries coming in from members wanting to understand the impact the changes on 1<sup>st</sup> April will have on them. To help alleviate some of these queries, we have produced the document below for you which provides a summary of the changes that impact their game ..

[Word Template June 2019 \(englandgolf.org\)](https://www.englandgolf.org/word-template-june-2019)

