

# PREFERRED LIES MAY 2021



## FOCUS ON THE JUNIORS

Well done to 3 of the Hawkstone Park Juniors, Danny, Freddie and Haydon, who were inspired by the Captain Tom 100 Appeal to raise money for Cure Leukaemia.

The challenge was to hit 500 golf balls and every ball hit had to be over 100 yards in length.

The 3 boys in just 2 hours raised £270 - a great achievement!

The link for the Just Giving Page is:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/catherine-bennett23>

Pictured with Director of Golf Lewis Baker and President Dave Greaves, Captain Terry Nutt and Lady Captain Wendy Simpson.





Hawkstone Park Golf Club members played the annual match between the President's team and the Captains' team. Always a highly competitive match for the Millenium Trophy which was presented by Dale Benbow. This year the Captains' team won by the narrow margin of  $8\frac{1}{2} - 7\frac{1}{2}$ .

Some pictures from the day of the dignitaries and the stunningly beautiful Hawkstone Course. Why would you not want to play here?!







## PRESIDENTS DAY – SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

I was born in North Birmingham in the late 50s into a sport loving family. I was encouraged to spend time outside, and that has been with me all of my life. My grandfather took me fishing, I played Rugby and spent hours on my bike. My first love was Aston Villa. As a 10 year old myself and best friend would travel on a bus 5 mile to home games.

We used to caravan around the country for holidays and as a result of one wet week in Scotland Mum and Dad decided to move down country and we ended up on a caravan site between Wem and Ellesmere.

For me this was at defining moment as I could fish the adjoining canal but most of all the caravan was left there and used for weekends. It was on one trip over that dad took a wrong turning and we found Hawkstone Park. So my Hawkstone story started. I used to play the 9 hole course (that became the Weston now the Championship) with my brother Robert and then moved onto the Hawkstone. (The Ravine was a challenge at 9 with dads old clubs). We joined as a family in 1970 and moved to Wem in 1972. Bill Woolley took me under his wing at school and paired me up with Sandy.

I met Cheryl at school but got to know her because our families were both involved with local trade organisations and we both danced. Cheryl took up golf so we were both Junior members.

I was totally involved with the family heating business when we married and later had Emma and James. At this time I joined the Special Constabulary and had 18 happy years policing North Shropshire (but with some sad times too). This made me the person I am today! We also played squash and to help out with James football team I took my Referees exam and refereed in the local league.

But Golf and particularly Hawkstone Park is my main passion. I am so proud to have been Captain in 2003 and now President. To see Freddie the 4<sup>th</sup> generation of the family playing and a member truly brings a tear to my eye.

I look forward to seeing you on my Presidents Day 27<sup>th</sup> June when we can play golf and (hopefully!) at long last sit down and have a meal together.

DAVE GREAVES  
PRESIDENT 2021/22





## Matches Update

### Ladies Handicap League

This year the ladies have put 2 teams into the handicap league. In the first match we were fortunate that Llanymynech could not get a team, so received a walkover (good luck to the ladies in the home match in June.)

In the second match, the ladies played Mile End away. Result was loss 3, win 2. Well done to all the ladies and thank you for playing, and congratulations to Val Jones-Roberts & Nicky Jones who were successful in their matches; again good luck to all the ladies in the home match and also against Lilleshall in June.

### Mens Handicap League

The men have drawn Market Drayton, The Shropshire & Shrewsbury Golf Club this year. Match against Market Drayton away saw some very tough matches with the overall result being 4 ½ to Market Drayton and 1 ½ to Hawkstone. Well done to Stewart and Robin Mackness who won their match and also Mark Hitchin and Nick Roberts who got a half on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all who played and good luck in the home match at the end of May.

### Mens Friendly Match

The first friendly match was played against Church Stretton away on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May; thank you to all who played and especially John Bee and Ken Benbow who were drafted in at the last minute. A huge thanks also to Jane Benbow who filled in last minute and had to play with her husband, Ken. Captain Terry and Vice Captain Ian Vickerstaff took a hard half a point, winning 2 of the last three holes, with Captain holding his nerves on the last holing a knee-knocking 6 footer. Nigel Ross and Phil Latter also secured a half.

John Bee and Chris Atkin captured Hawkstone's only win of the day in the final match, with John winning the last hole with an excellent birdie.

So the final result was Church Stretton 4 points against Hawkstone 2 points, so it's all to play for in the return match in September.

### Daily Mail Foursomes

Stewart & Robin Mackness 'fly the flag' for Hawkstone and had a closely fought match against Hill Valley; the result they won on the 18<sup>th</sup> – well done boys. Next round is at Newcastle-under-Lyme in June – good luck!



### A.G. Eccleston Trophy

This Winter knockout started back in September 2020, with the final only being played last week because of Covid. Well done to the finalists Steve Saunders and Jack Shantry (pictured below) and to Jack winning 4 & 3.

Captain Terry was referee and commented how the match was played in a wonderful sporting manner; he was honoured to be in the company of 2 wonderful ambassadors for our club.

### Other members results:

At the recent (fully subscribed) Prestbury Open Ken MacGillivray managed to persuade Nick Rothwell to join Ken and they managed to win the event (with 46 pts) – well done both!

### Golf's New Rules: Major Changes

New Rule: Under Rule 18.2, the time for a ball search (before the ball becomes lost) has been reduced from 5 minutes to 3 minutes.

#### Reasons for Change:

Limiting the search period to 3 minutes is more consistent with the underlying principle that golf is to be played in a prompt and continuous way, without long pauses in play. In most cases, if the ball is going to be found, it will be found within the first 3 minutes.

Although this change may increase the number of lost balls, on average the overall impact should be to speed up play.

Knowing that the search time is limited to 3 minutes should encourage players to play a provisional ball when they believe there is a chance their ball may not be found.

## **England Golf: Course Planner: Strategic direction 2021 - 2025**

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