

Romiley Golf Club

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Lesley Williams receives her prize from Lady Captain, Marjorie Healey as the winner of Lady Captain's Day

Lady CAPTAIN'S DAY, 29th JULY, 2010
LADY CAPTAIN – MARJORIE HEALEY

The day dawned fair – not raining but dull and warm. What a relief - no postponement of Lady Captain's Day. It always seems to rain on Thursdays! Mr. President, Roger Ashworth, arrived with flowers and his good wishes for the day in his usual elegant and handsome manner. Afternoon Tea was served in the ladies' lounge for our ladies who no longer play golf but are still Social members. Our two life members, Mrs. Barbara Bolton and Mrs. Kathleen Stafford, were in attendance as usual, as were the ladies who are still full members but who now only play nine holes. Twenty four attended and enjoyed a superb afternoon tea provided by Heather, together with delightful cakes from Lady Vice Captain, Pauline Whitehead.

The Half Way house was manned by my husband Peter and our son Jonathan, assisted by Mr. Captain. Pimms was served, if required, together with less intoxicating beverages and nibbles and Peter was the official photographer.

60 ladies played in the competition and 83 ladies attended the prize presentation at 9 p.m. following a delightful dinner.

During the day donations for the Romiley Golf Club Charity, the Youth Oncology Unit at Christies, were received from the ladies and amounted to £112.

Marjorie Healey

The abiding memory for Lady Captain was of the warmth and camaraderie of the day. The lounge was decorated in remarkable fashion with sunflowers proliferating.

1st Lesley Williams 27 h/cap 97 gross 70 nett.
2nd Sandra Hewitt 19 h/cap 91 gross 72 nett
3rd Astrid Ceelan 12 h/cap 85 gross 73 nett

Best gross Denise Booth 83
Best front 9 Pauline Walker
Best back 9 P. Hough.

Putting Prize Anne Harrison 28 putts

Nearest the pin 2nd hole Lesley Williams
Nearest the pin 11th hole Lilian Smith

9 hole comp (stableford) Dorothy Traynor 36 h/cap 16pts



Astrid Ceelan

Many people commented on what a superb prize the lady captain provided for her competition. However, it turned out that Astrid had actually won 3rd prize.



Pam Cunnington and Jean Murray show that you can enjoy golf despite not winning.



Doreen Leutton, Margaret Thompson, Kathleen Firth, Anne Booth and Joyce Dickinson

Ladies' Competitions
Mr. Captains Prize, Stableford. July 8th

1st Lynn Nuttall 35 h/cap 39pts



Lynn Nuttall

On a glorious day Lynn felt the extra run from the fairways was a huge help to her play. It allowed her to get far closer to the greens and she took advantage of it.

2nd June Levy 36 h/cap 38pts.
Front 9 holes Ann Jackson 23pts
Back 9 holes Barbara Leith 20pts
Nearest the pin on the 2nd Janet Worthington
Nearest the pin on the 11th Val Bonser
The nine hole ladies prize Renata Atkinson 36 h/cap 14pts.

July 15th Pro's Prize Stableford

1st Ann Jackson 30 h/cap 35pts cpo
The weather that day was terrible and unfortunately a lot of the daytime players had to abandon playing or N/R'd. Ann, as an evening player, fared much better with the weather, although there was a downpour on the 16th 17th & 18th holes. This deluge did play havoc with her hair.
Ann played the game on a wing and a prayer, a bar of chocolate and a dab of Chanel No.5!!

2nd Pauline Walker 15 h/cap 35pts
Pauline is always perceived as a quality player so although beaten on a card play-off she proved a winner just a week later.

July 22nd

EWGA MEDAL
1st Div Pauline Walker 15 h/cap 89 gross 74 nett.



Pauline Walker

2nd Div Deborah Kershaw 31 h/cap 107gross 76 nett

Business Ladies' Team makes quarter Finals

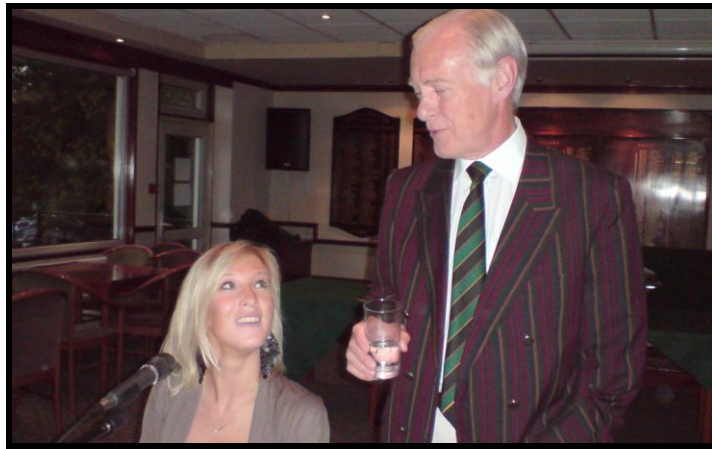
Our club's business ladies' team of Linda Moore, Pauline Walker and Astrid Ceelan got through to the quarter finals playing Didsbury at Tytherington last Sunday. On the day Didsbury won, but our ladies put

up a good fight, and we would like to congratulate them on getting so far. Sadly our plate team just missed out for a place in the quarter finals, losing their last away match at Dunham Forest. But well done ladies who played in all the teams and represented Romiley so well.

Anne Ludford, Match Secretary

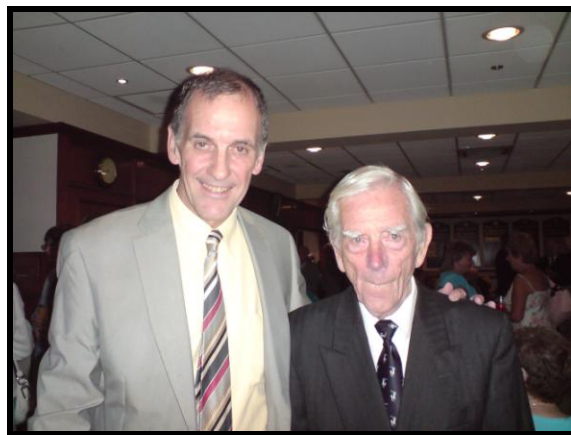
Vets' Summer Buffet, 17th July, 2010

The entertainment for the Summer Buffet was provided by Abby Walker, a beautiful and polished soul singer and pianist. Abby also happens to be the granddaughter of our Chairman, Bob Stirling. He was a rather proud chap!



Abby Walker and Bob Stirling

A regular at the vets' Dinners is George Andrew who passed on the secret of his longevity to Bob Blundell some time ago (whiskey in your porridge!). Not working for Bob, I'm afraid. George has many golfing achievements but to play 18 holes of golf at the age of 88 and have a gross score of 88 is exceptional

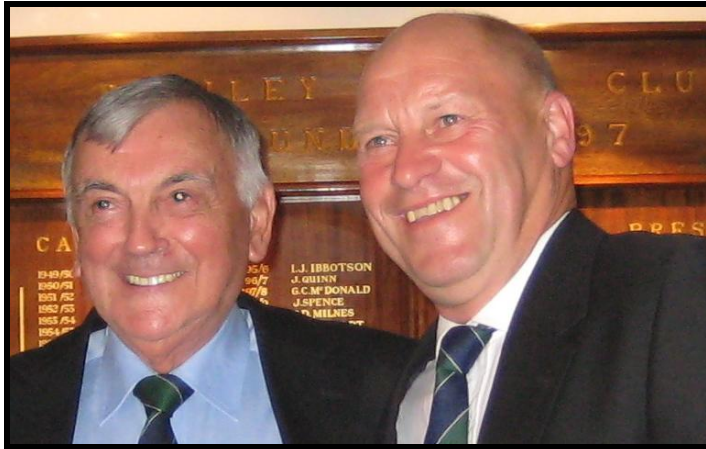


Bob Blundell and George Andrew

As Michael Parkinson said "The genius of golf is that it thumbs its nose at age."

Men's Winner of the Veterans Competition

- 1st Derek Clarkin 36 Points (Stableford)
- 2nd Geoff Higgins (also 36 points but beaten on a C.P.O)



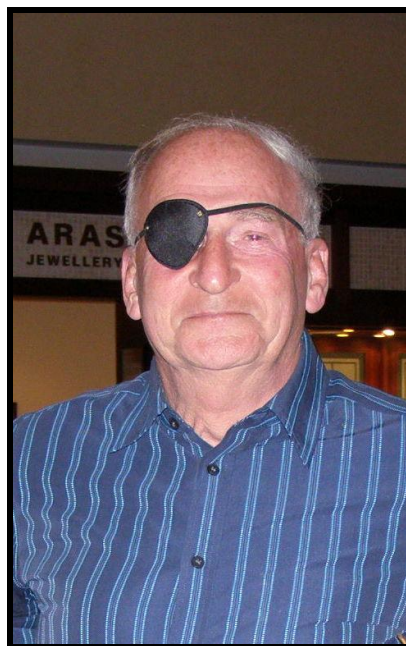
Derek Clarkin with Mr. Captain



Geoff Higgins

Jubilee Salver, Vets' Competition

Over 14 holes Barry Logan triumphed with a medal score of 56 with Alan Whitehead beating Brian Lindley on a c.p.o., both with 57.



Barry Logan in his usual outfit

Men's Competitions

Professional's Prize, Stableford

1st 40pts Gary Hall



Gary Hall, a picture of concentration before teeing off Nick Madden, delighted with his round.

2nd 39pts Nick Madden

Despite on and off storms Gary Hall managed an incredible 40 points narrowly beating Nick Madden on 39 points. With a birdie at the first and just one bogey on the back 9 Gary won the Professional's Prize and will receive it at the forthcoming presentation evening. As to what Gary's prize will be is not known but Matthew Ellis has suggested that some pink castle tees will be the perfect accessory.

Winner of Captain's Juniors' Prize



Ashley Firth with Mr. Captain

Ashley Firth (81 – 15 = 69) Ashley is our Junior Vice Captain and a very talented goalkeeper. Mr. Captain is standing on the stage!

“Golf, like measles, should be caught young.” – P.G. Wodehouse

Burchall Goblet, 11th July. 2010



Geoff Ellam

Winner of the Burchall Goblet with a great +5 Geoff felt he could not have played better.
Geoff's playing partners also had great rounds; Dave Blood (2 up) and Ian Smith (1 up).



Matt Reid came in second place after a card play-off from Barry Broadhurst both on 4 up

Saturday – 31st July

Singles Stableford Competition (Calendar filler following Captain's Event)

- Winner Colin Granby
- Runner-Up Mr President (Roger Ashworth)

Kinsey Salver and Romiley Open, 8th August, 2010



Mark Kitchen

A wonderful gross 72 less 6 for a nett 66 meant that Mark Kitchen was a worthy winner of the Kinsey Salver. He was 3 shots ahead of Roger Whalley in second place. Mark's enjoyment was spoiled somewhat when he learnt that his little son had broken his elbow. His dash to the hospital was matched by his dash back to the prize presentation when all was well.



Mr. Captain and Steve Baldwin

and Steve Kidd

Steve Baldwin won the RGC Open with a nett 68 just pipping Steve Kidd on 69.



Phil Roberts

Phil Roberts ,waiting to tee off at the first, did not win anything but your editor felt it was wise to make sure that the web site creator appeared both in the newsletter and the web site!

Handicap Cup 5th Round, 5th August

Peter Woolley won the 5th round with a gross 84 less 17 for a nett 67.

The Handicap Cup is won by the player with the best two rounds of the possible 5 in which one can play. Keith “Always the bridesmaid, never the bride” Selby has finally become a bride with his best two scores of 66 and 67. Well done, mucker!



A jubilant Keith Selby

Monthly Medal & Seniors Trophy (14/08/2010 CSS:72)

Monthly Medal

Division 1



Steve Hogg (again)

1st 75-6=69 Steve Hogg
2nd 78-8=70 Christian Mullin

Division 2



Brian Van Holsbeke

1st 82-12=70 Brian Van - Holsbeke
2nd 85-13=72 Ian Kershaw
Division 3

1st 95-21=74 Ray Hayes
2nd 96-21=75 John Nolan

Seniors' Trophy



Mike Hanson (in his favourite sweater; his only sweater)

Mike Hanson, the winner of the Seniors' Trophy played with the runner-up the redoubtable, Graham Whitehead, last year's winner. They were neck and neck until the 15th when Mike edged into a lead then proceeded to 3 putt the 16th and miss a tiddler on the 18th. Mike was consoled by the fact of winning a pound off Graham but thought he had blown his chance of the title.

1st Mike Hanson 72

2nd Graham Whitehead 73

Scratch Trophy



Mark Jones

Scratch Trophy winner, Mark Jones, with scores of 74 plus 75 for a 149. Some say it is the "Club Championship"; nevertheless, it is the blue riband event of the year. John Allman was in second place with a 76 plus 79 for 155 total.

ROMILEY'S FAVOURITE GOLF HOLE

A poll of over 100 of Romiley Golf Club members revealed the 17th hole as their favourite hole on the course with the 14th as a close runner-up.

The winners, who received a small photographic reproduction of the 17th, described the hole – ‘the visual impact of colour throughout the season is spectacular’ [DC], ‘Picturesque vista towards green, nestling within a grove of rhododendrons’ [SB] and ‘Awesome views, cracking fairway, best green by far’ [DS].
A large reproduction of the 17th hole is displayed in the Main Entrance Hall of the club and the 14th hole will be on the Main Staircase by the end of August.

Our thanks to Neil Cousins for all the photographic reproductions in the clubhouse and to the prizewinners, judged by Mr. Captain and Lady Captain as the best description of the 17th – Duncan Challen, Stuart Booker and Dave Skillington. Thanks also to Mike Moore, Deputy Head Greenkeeper and Colin Hall for the original photographs.

The pick of the description for other holes:

7th – ‘A good drive and three counties are spread before you.’ [Murray Padkin]

9th – ‘It is simply the best hole in Cheshire’ [Charles Haworth]

10th – You have to concentrate harder because there’s always an audience. [Pam Santopaolo]

11th – Superb test, stunning views, truly Romiley’s jewel in the crown. [Harry Hall]

14th – Earth has nothing to show more fair,
Than Romiley’s 14th

I swear [John Glynn]

15th – It’s the only hole I can reach with my driver!
[Terry Corfield]

16th – Elevated tee, great views. A par feels great!
[Pauline Walker]

18th – The last hole and thoughts of a gin and tonic.
[Janet Godfrey]

19th – A nice drink, good view and no putts missed.
[Tom Ormerod]

Thanks to all the members for entering the competition and hope you enjoy the pictures in the clubhouse.

Michael Cope



The 17th!

Web Site

The initial reaction to our new web site has been very positive. Now it is up to you, the members, to use it. Go on to the web site and explore it. There is a direct link to “Howdidido” so you can go straight to your score. There is a chance to blog. Or perhaps you want to set a forum going on “Slow Play”, “Signing up” or “Bunkers I love”. It is in its early days of the new format and many of your committee are working hard to make it successful.

John Glynn, editor