

Romiley Golf Club Newsletter, December, 2010

CHRISTMAS SHOT GUN COMPETITION FINAL RESULTS

Front 9 Competition

1ST with 46 PTS

Andrew Rexstraw



Gary Hall



Paul Wagstaff



Nick Gorman



2ND Angela Slate Andy Reed Alison Reed Shaun Slate with 45 PTS

Back 9 Competition

1ST with 50 PTS

Danny Schofield



Lynn Schofield



Glynis Hunt



Margaret Berry



2ND

Peter Royle
Peter Wagstaff

Ken Jackson
Steve Birtles

46 PTS

History is Made



Pauline Whitehead

In late November Pauline Whitehead, Lady Captain, was invited to join the board of Romiley Golf Club and thus became the first female director in the history of RGC.

Pauline joined our club in 1993 and has served on the Ladies' Committee as secretary during this period. The highlight of her golf was partnering Derek Worthington to win President's Day in 2008.

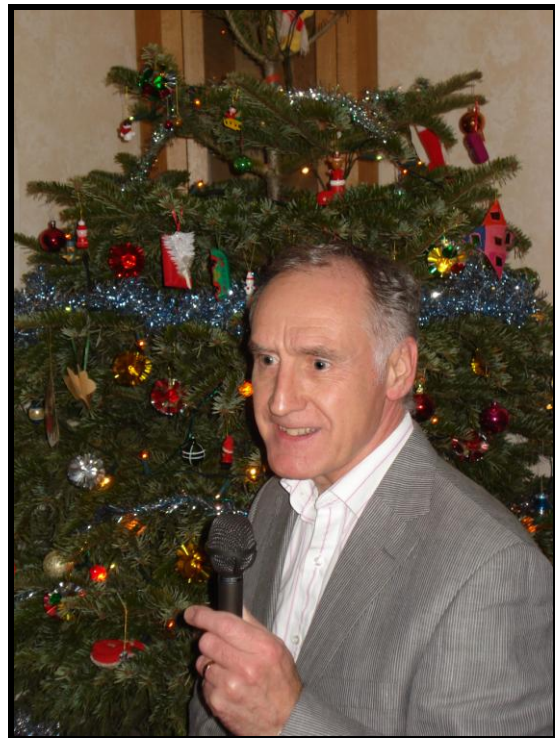
Lady Captain has many interests and at the top is her love of cats. Pauline tries to play saxophone, dabbles in oils, loves to sing and dance and visits the Bridgewater Hall on a regular basis. If you add her skiing and hiking to her golf then to say she is active is understatement. We wish her every success in her position.

Christmas Cheer, Friday 10th December, 2010

The lounge was packed as a boisterous audience sang its heart out to the accompaniment of an ensemble from our very own local community band, Werneth Concert Band. The more the mulled wine and beer flowed the better the singing. Adding sheer class to the occasion was Julie Parker from Werneth Concert Band singing a selection of Christmas favourites. To complete the evening Andrew Cainen produced his usual excellent quiz and provided prizes for everyone. (Let's say it quietly that The Band won first prize yet again.) Andrew Cainen asked the barmstaff what it would take to get a kiss under the mistletoe. "Anaesthetic" was her acerbic reply. The money made from the evening goes to RGC charities. However WCB also raise money for its own charities and this year the Macular Disease Society and Riding for the Disabled were nominated by its members and an incredibly generous £178 was donated from the audience to this. Heart-warming.



Julie Parker, Werneth Concert Band



Andrew Cainen, quiz master

Veterans Section Christmas Lunch and AGM



Malcolm Booker, Chairman, Vets' Section

The Veterans Section held their Annual Christmas Lunch on Friday 17th December at the Clubhouse and 65 members of the 111 strong Section enjoyed the magnificent three-course lunch prepared and presented by Heather and her delectable staff.

The Chairman, Bob Stirling, welcomed the guests including the Captain, Alan Costello, the President, Roger Ashworth, Matthew Ellis, the Professional and Martin Thompson, the Course Manager and led the festivities. He started by reminding everyone that it was customary to have a minute's silence for those vets who had ceased living during the year. There was a huge cheer when he said it was not necessary as no one had died!! Mr. President, Roger Ashworth, got the biggest laugh of the day when he asked the audience if anyone knew what a nasty 5 footer was called. Bob Blundell's raucous shout of "John Glynn!" was received with acclamation.

Crackers and paper hats were the order of the day and the Chairman used the inter-course breaks to present the major prize winners with their trophies and prizes. The lunch was followed by the Annual General Meeting and the outgoing Chairman, Bob Stirling, kept the meeting in order and outlined the events of his year, thanking the two retiring Committee members, John Glynn and John Boydell and installing the incoming Chairman, Malcolm Booker. Mike Wilson was installed as the new Vice Chairman, Geoff Higgins, Ken Wykes, Derek Clarkin, Denis Hall and Alan Parkey were re-elected as Secretary, Treasurer, Competition Secretary, Match Secretary and Committee member respectively and two new Committee members, Ken Atkinson and Trevor Stopford were appointed. The meeting closed before the snow arrived and made the course into a Winter Wonderland but forecast the doubtful return to normal golf before Christmas.

John Boydell, reporter

The Children's Christmas Party

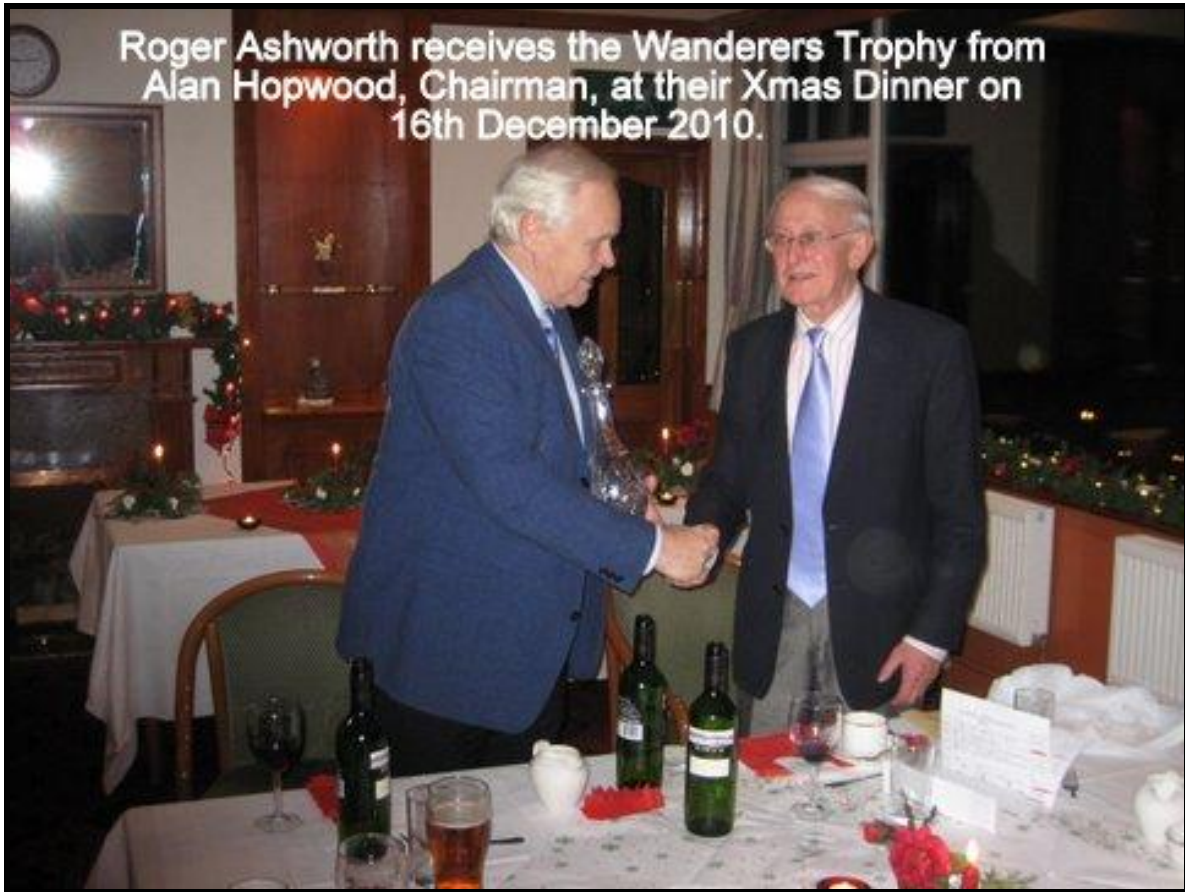
Yet again a really successful Christmas party was held for the children of members. Over 60 children enjoyed a magical afternoon organized by the Ladies Section. Father Christmas was met with usual gasp of awe and astonishment.



Father Christmas admires the lasered 10th tee on his way to visit the children.



The Wanderers Return



Quietly Helping



Denis Hall

Fred Wibberley



Harry Hall

All members of the golf club are aware that there are committees galore to make sure of the smooth running of the club. Most of you will not realize that there are several people who quietly help/mend/or fix without fanfare or accolade. Your editor found Denis Hall and Fred Wibberley working their way around the lounge fixing the “rocking” chairs. It is known that Harry Hall is a constant helper around the course; that Roly and Sylvia Hewitt, Diane Houghton and Maureen Marsden do their bit with “gardening”. Long may it continue. Perhaps others will join them.

"Practice random kindness and senseless acts of beauty"

Hawk the Herald Angels Sing



On a Siberian Saturday, 17th December, 2010 Heather Mercer had the inspiration to email everyone that the Half Way House would be open from 11 a.m. Why not stroll around the course enjoying the sunshine and call in for refreshments. For many frustrated golfers it was the perfect excuse not to visit hell holes like the Trafford Centre, Crown Point or Handforth Dean. And what a gem of an afternoon it was for so many people because of it. What made the day was a guy flying his hawk using the open spaces of the course. The crows were upset and mobbed it forcing it to the ground. The hawk looked disdainfully around and then effortlessly soared away before swooping on to the wrist of the owner.

For our twitchers - it was a Ferruginous Hawk (*ferruginous* = from Latin *ferrum* – iron.) It is not a true hawk like sparrowhawks or goshawks, but rather belongs to the broad-tailed buteo hawks known as buzzards in Europe.



Yes, Donna Greaves, it really is a ferruginous hawk on your wrist.



K.S

Keith Selby gazes admiringly into the eyes of the hawk little realizing that the hawk is eyeing up his next tidbit.



Hawk Eye

Pictures provided by Keith Selby and your editor

Caption Competition



Your editor offers a “reasonable” bottle of wine for the best caption for the above picture of an entranced Vice Captain, Ian Smith. All entries to be submitted to the editor at jjglynn@hotmail.com by Monday, 24^h January, 2011. Editor’s decision is final! The Winner’s caption will appear in the February Newsletter.

Ladies Stableford, Thursday, 30th December, 2010

1st 9 Stableford Winners



1st div Anne Ludford 16 h/c 17pts



2nd div June Levy 35 h/c 19pts

It was a very small field of just 8 but Anne and June will still be pleased with the result. It looks as though June’s lessons with the pro are paying dividends.

New Year’s Eve Dinner, 2010

The New Year’s Eve dinner was a huge success and a fantastic time was had by all. Heather Mercer put on a wonderful buffet and the vodka-laced soup went down very well both literally and metaphorically. As usual the Bar staff were an integral part of the celebrations, serving us all with their usual aplomb! After seeing in the New Year people gathered on the balcony to watch the Chinese lanterns and fireworks (thanks to the unintentional courtesy of Neil McRoberts.) It was a breath-taking sight with Werneth Low as a back drop. It just leaves me to say Happy New Year to each and every one of the members of Romiley Golf Club.



Angela Slate, reporter



Mr. President, Roger Ashworth and Lynn Derek and Janet Worthington



Shaun Slate, Babs King, Richard Hale, Phil Ankers, Ros Hale



Joan Badrock Val McKinnon



Dave and Elsie Heyward



Lady Captain, Pauline Whitehead and Alan



Sylvia and Bob Lawton



Steve and Anne Harrison and Irene and Bill Barrow

Singles Stableford, Saturday, 1st January, 2011 or 1/1/11

A small number of 28 turned out for the first competitive golf for quite some time but this did not distract from a good win for Peter Healey with 34 points from just 14 holes which included three 2's. In second place was Matt Reid with 32 points.



Peter Healey

Social Calendar

Quiz, Friday, 14th January, 2011 – 7.30 p.m. for 8 p.m.

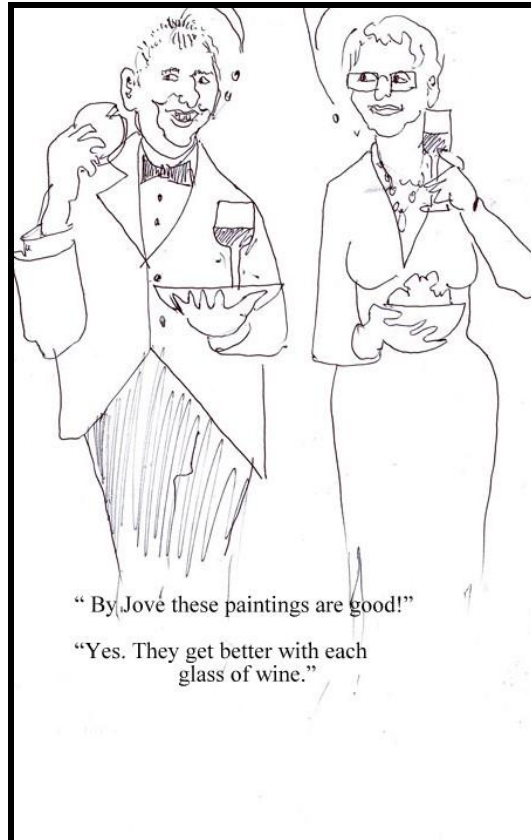
On Friday 14th January, 2011 all the eggheads and masterminds in the club need to come and test their knowledge with another thoughtful quiz by Andrew Cainen. Entry fee is just £5 for a team of 4. Try to create teams of 4 but what is more important is coming along and taking part. (Try telling that to Glenn Casely!) Come along as a couple or as an individual; room for everybody! Snacks are available at half time at about 9 p.m. Any profit will go the Club's charity.

Art Exhibition and Wine Tasting., Friday, 21st January, 2011 - 7.30 p.m

For just £5 test out the wines on offer for our club as you stroll admiringly around an art exhibition. You may even be nibbling some cheese. What a bargain. The art exhibition is being set up by our friends from the Marple Arts Society. Every painting bought will generate at least 10% to our Club's charity. Steve Abbott, a silhouette artist, is offering to create your silhouette for just £6 and he will donate £5 of that to our charity.

Tickets are available from the bar and can be bought on the night.

This is a return of a popular event organized so wonderfully by the late Don Smith. If it proves successful then next year there will be an opportunity for club members to exhibit.



Cartoon courtesy of Don Glynn (Editor's brother)
The Newsletter

Do you have ideas for articles for the newsletter? Don't keep them to yourself. Would you write a report on the competition of the day? I am actively seeking help with it. Please contact to discuss how you can be involved. Are you involved with advertising on the internet? Than contact me so our club can benefit from your expertise.



John Glynn, Editor