

Romiley Golf Club

Newsletter, January, 2011

Visiting Societies

This last year, Mike Cope, Incomes Director, has invested a lot of time, energy and expertise in improving our relationship with visiting societies. A “Meet and Greet” service was introduced and over twenty societies were the beneficiaries of the smooth, suave charm of Mike and our President, Roger Ashworth. It has paid off as the feedback forms praise all aspects of the club; from the administration with Tom, Diane and Charles, to the catering with Heather and her staff, to the Professional, Matthew and, most importantly, to Martin Thompson and his magnificent team producing a superb course. The quality leaflet, kindly produced by Craig Kendall, has ensured a lot of repeat visits for the coming year.

Here are just a few of our visitors’ comments:-

“Brilliant. The President made us feel very welcome.”

“Everything a golfer needs without being treated like a visitor. Staff and members all very welcoming.”

“The course was in excellent condition. Very good and helpful staff.”

“The whole approach of the club was superb and friendly and above all professional at all times. Mike made us feel very welcome: the day was a credit to Romiley.”

All members benefit from these efforts.



This magnificent photo by Colin Hall illustrates beautifully why visitors are returning to our club. It can also brightens the winter gloom and reminds of the glorious prospect ahead of the 2011 season

A new facility and benefit for RGC

These pictures are impressions by Peter Milnes of the before and after of the completed work around the exit from the 18th green. The building in the background will house the compressor and in the foreground the area designated will be to clean shoes/trolleys etc. All being well the work should be complete by the start of the playing season. Our grateful thanks go to the Ladies' Section for providing a very generous contribution towards this initiative'



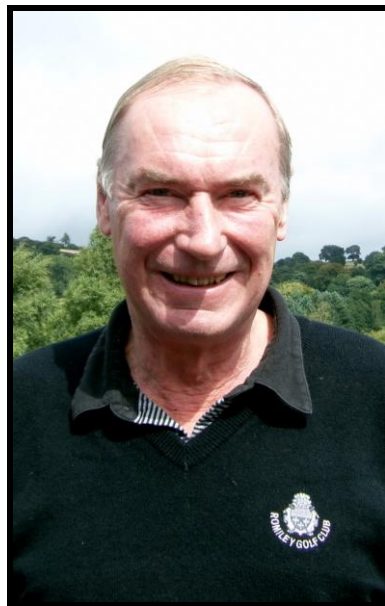
Before



After (just in case you didn't realize)

Charles Haworth

The Board of RGC is pleased to announce that Charles Haworth, Hon. Sec., has agreed to serve on the Incomes Committee.



Charles Haworth

14 Hole Stableford, Jan 6th, 2011



Winner 1st div Anne Ludford 16 h/c 32pts

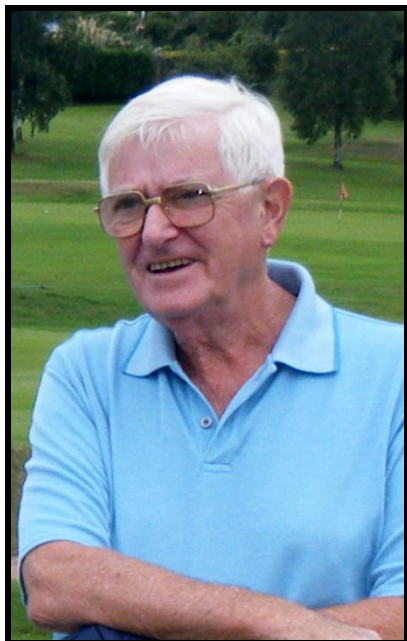
Anne felt she played really well from tee to green and was pleased with a chip and putt on the 14th for her par. Nevertheless, Anne is unhappy with her putting in general and is determined to eradicate the 3 putts syndrome.



Winner 2nd div Janet Godfrey 21 h/c 28pts
cpo from Barbara Leith

Weather must be getting better as 16 played.

Fourball Betterball – 8th January, 2011



Winners **Peter Cooke & Colin Granby** 36 pts

On a pleasant but cold afternoon Peter and Colin put in a good, solid all-round performance. It was a joint effort and they were particularly pleased with the par 3's

2nd Prize Garry Hall & Nick Gorman 34 pts

3rd Prize Craig Higgins & Bill Whittaker 33 pts

Stableford 9 hole - 13th January 2011

Team of 3, best 2 scores to count, all on par 3's.



Winners **Barbara Leith**



Sandra Davison



Angela Slate 49pts

When the three ladies strolled nonchalantly back to the clubhouse they were really pleased with their score, but (unbelievably to mere mortals) thought that they might not have scored well enough. Perhaps the fact they only scored 2 points on the 18th clouded their judgement. This trio averaged 5.4 recurring on each of the 9 holes. Top class stuff and, as can be seen, the winning margin was a massive 13 points.

2nd Diane Houghton Sandra Hewitt Lynn Schofield 36pts

A Night at the Oscars

The Ladies' Christmas Party had to be cancelled because of the weather so this event was held on 13 January instead. It was well supported by ladies eager to participate but not quite sure just what was on the agenda. Glitz and glamour were the order of the day. It was an early start for a champagne reception - girly pink, of course. The candlelit dining room was stunningly decorated in black and bling and there was a strong celebrity presence; Elvis Presley, Jonny Depp and James Dean to name just a few.

The Oscar nominations should have been presented by special guest Jonathan Ross but he was unavoidably delayed so Frances West had to take over at the last minute. Who needs Jonathan? Frances did the most splendid job.

Whilst voting took place there was Christmas "Pass the parcel". A layer was removed each time "open" was mentioned and the "lucky" person (with much hilarity) had to wear whatever was wrapped inside. The photograph says it all.



Generally ladies are not known for being good at telling jokes, but on this night Ken Dodd would have been upstaged. In the stand up bingo each lady had a numbered envelope. When the number was called the joke in the envelope had to be read out. Superb jokes, and even read with an Irish accent when required. Last ones standing and winning the prizes were June Levy and Janet Worthington. There was only supposed to be one winner but counting is not Audrey Jones' strongest subject!

By the clapometer the winners of the entertainment were Bernadette Draper, Debs Kershaw, Frances West, Audrey Jones, Lynn Schofield and Lynn Nuttall who sang "There is Nothing Like a Man," from South Pacific originally before being turned it on its head with words more suitable for a gathering of ladies. Gavin Henson joined in but, unfortunately, declined to dance.

To much laughter and applause, the Oscar winners pranced, wiggled or strutted up the red carpet for presentation of their statue by Lady Captain.

Best Foot Forward - Joyce Bayley for a tale about disintegrating shoes leaving a trail of sole in her wake.

Best Superwoman - Anne Harrison for recovering from her heart tumour last year and playing in the Winter League.

Best Bionic Woman - June Levy for two new hips - and poetic talent.

Best Blooper - Gill Walker for one Christmas wrapping two presents, one for her father and one for her father-in-law but labelling them both "Dad." Gill took the wrong parcel all the way to Wolverhampton

Highest score - Audrey Jones, 12 - to halve a hole!

Best Golfing Tale - Irene Barrow and Anne Harrison - Lost on the Course



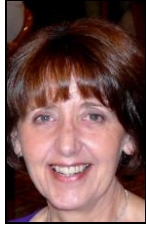
It was a tremendous night of laughter from start to finish, which I'm sure will be remembered and recounted for a long time to come.

Many thanks go to **Dianne Biggs** who very kindly took the photographs. More pictures are available at www.cygnusphotography.co.uk. Dianne will be joining the Ladies Section in the spring, taking advantage of the new Taster Course.

Thanks to **Heather** for providing the celebrities with exceptionally good food.

Thanks also to **Classic Carpets** for generously donating the specially ordered red carpet.

The final words are from June Levy, if confirmation were needed that she was a worthy winner.



Audrey Jones

A fantastic, fabulous feast of fun
With Oscars and prizes all to be won
All of us told to be glamorous girls
Decked out in diamonds, rubies and pearls

Actions and singing and a silly poem too.
Good food, grand games and drinks (quite a few!)
This was our party night crammed full of joy.
Gaiety, too, for all to enjoy

The only sad fact I now have to voice
Twelve months to wait before we rejoice
In another fabulous feast of fun,
Planning for which has already begun.

Dear Audrey and Frances and also Lynn
Ev'ryone's gratitude certainly win
Thanks from one and all, as now we recall,
We all had what's termed a "blooming great ball."

June Levy

Quiz Night, Friday, 14th January, 2011.

A good turn-out of 14 teams assembled for Romiley's first Friday Quiz night of 2011. Quiz-inquisitor extraordinaire, Andrew Cainen, set the juices flowing by displaying his range of no-expense spared special prizes, which included a play station (of the Tri-Ang railway variety) and an X-Box ... sorry, Eggs-box (empty).

The teams were tested over 9 varied and exacting rounds, and play proceeded briskly, any break in the flow allowing Andrew the opportunity to raid his seemingly inexhaustible supply of jokes and tales about his unusual acquaintances.

After a welcome break for refreshments, provided by Heather and her team, the contest continued to its conclusion. 13 of the 14 teams comprised of 4 or more people, but one of only 2 ... and they were the very worthy winners. The team was Jupiter, being made up of Judith and Peter Howcroft. The Doughnuts beat The Overdalers into second place on a tie-break.

Consolation came for The Overdalers, when they, in turn, won a play-off for the innovative inaugural *Connections* competition. This occurred when Keith Selby, to his great embarrassment, guessed more accurately than anyone else how many episodes of Coronation Street there have been, narrowly edging-out Mark Kitchen.



Keith Selby



Peter and June Howcroft –Victory for Jupiter!



Sally and Lee (new member) Prendergast with reprobates Mark Kitchen and Steve Cleary ruefully displaying the wooden spoons for their team, Santa's Little Helpers.

Fourball Betterball – 15th Jan 2011

Winners Matt & Jim Reid 33 pts - £40 each
 Matt and Jim definitely had the better of the weather conditions compared to the early starters. The picture below confirms this. Your editor met them at the Half Way House and whilst they were happy about the first 5 holes they were cautious. A great back 9 took them to victory. Jim had a shot on 4 of the par 4's and made par at each. However looking at the fact there were 5 couples finishing on 32 points then the defining moment was the 18th when Jim holed a 7 foot putt for a nett par and 2 points. Matt was pleased for his dad as he said he doesn't win much!!
 "And I love you too, son," said Jim.



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| 2 nd Prize | John Parke & Roly Hewitt | 32 pts | |
| 3 rd Prize | Luke Williamson & Brian Van Holsbeke | 32 pts | - |
| c.p.o | Lynden Kirby Kirby & Gary Williams | 32 pts | bk 9 - 21 pts |
| | Simon Hebden & Kevin Jones | 32 pts | bk 9 - 19 pts |
| | Neil Heathcote & Mike Murray | 32 pts | bk 9 - 19 pts |

A Hole in One, 19th January, 2011

Hole-in-ones give a very special feeling (so I am told) and on Wednesday, 19th January Brian Livesey experienced a very special glow when he had that rare bird, an albatross, on the 6th hole. This is Brian's 5th hole-in-one.



Brian Livesey

Team of 3 stableford.(1st nine), Jan 20th, 2011

3 clubs & a putter and all to score on all holes.



Winners Val Bonser



Angela Slate (again)



Irene Barrow 54pts !!!

Conditions were misty and moisty and, as the ladies stood on the second tee, they could not see the flag. As they arrived at the green one ball was very close indeed and a delighted Irene sank the smidgin of a putt for a two. This was a second win on the trot for Angela. Overall it was a very solid performance and 11 points amassed on the 6th hole was definitely helpful.

2nd Barbara Leith Sandra Davison June Levy 49p

Wine Tasting, Cheese Nibbling and Art Exhibition, Friday 21st January, 2011

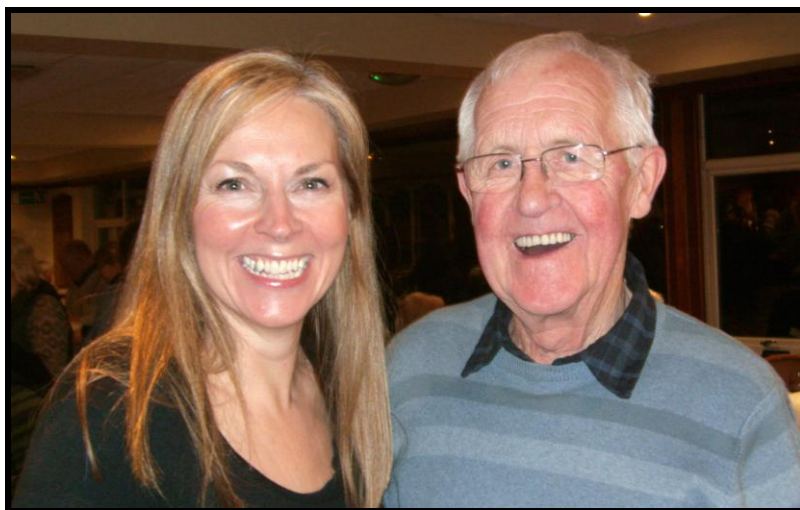
The Social Committee decided to restart this style of evening which was so successfully accomplished by the late Don Smith. About eighty of the great and mighty of RGC gathered to enjoy an excellent exhibition put on by the Marple Arts Society. Particular thanks must go to Lynn Daley, Dot Richardson and Steve Abbott (he of the Dick Turpin attire) from the Society for their efforts.

Our main guests for the evening were Don's widow, Anne, his elder daughter Ali Zakers and Ken Clapp, former member of our club and a superb cartoonist and painter.

As usual the cheese board was attacked as though a plague of locusts had arrived and Nick and Jane Reed, from the Morgenrot Group, had trouble persuading people it was a wine-tasting not a wine-gulping occasion! And so a most pleasant evening of conviviality raised £120 for The Christie.



**Dot Richardson, Lynn Daley and Steve Abbott
Marple Arts Society**



Alison Zakers and Ken Clapp



Peter Wagstaff Ken Jackson Nicky Trbojevic Mike Trbojevic Marilyn Cannon
Hazel Royle Ann Jackson

American Foursomes – 22nd Jan 2011



Winners Paul Wagstaff & Nick Gorman 36pts

There were a lot of three pointers in this round. If Paul managed to get his drive away in his own lengthy inimitable style then Nick hadn't actually got far to chip leaving Paul to putt for a birdie. When he didn't hole it then it left Nick NACK putting for the par. With his handicap this translated to a birdie and 3 points. Easy game isn't it.

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| 2 nd Prize | Gareth Woolnough & Ian Kershaw | 34 pts |
| 3 rd Prize | Bernard Wilkinson & Peter Finch | 32 pts |
| c.p.o | Mark Kitchen & Craig Oakes | 32 pts |

MAIL ON SUNDAY

Congratulations to our Romiley Ladies who played Round 1 in the Mail on Sunday competition at Werneth Low Golf Club on Saturday 22nd January, 2011. The result of the competition was 5 – 0 to Romiley. The team, in order of play were:

Diane Houghton / Anne Ludford / Sandra Hewitt / Linda Moore / Pauline Walker

It was an extremely cold day and for the first 5 / 6 holes fog covered the course and visibility was very poor to non-existent! It obviously did not have an adverse effect on the team, who all played extremely well under difficult conditions. We now look forward to hearing whom we will play in Round 2

Irene Barrow
Match Organiser

FREE TASTER SESSION TAKING PLACE ON SUNDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2011 VENUE – ROMILEY GOLF CLUB

Open to all beginners aged 7 and upwards, male and female. All Equipment is provided. Taster lesson lasts for one hour. PGA Qualified Professional Matthew Ellis provides expert tuition to the group. Ask a friend to come with you!

**IT'S FREE!!!
CONTACT PGA PROFESSIONAL, MATTHEW ELLIS
0161 430 7122**



Matthew Ellis

Texas Scramble - Team of 3, January 27th, 2011

All to have 3 drives 1/20th combined h/c



Winners Irene Barrow



**Liz Goddard,
nett score of 35.5**



Val Bonser

Runners up Lynn Schofield, Angela Wheeler, Angela Slate with a nett score of 36

Ladies' Winter Dinner - 27 January 2011

In contrast to an extremely cold Texas Scramble in the morning there was a very warm welcome to Christine Marshall, the guest speaker at the Ladies' Winter Dinner. Christine gave a potted history of her life and how she became a comedy script writer for radio and, her best love, the theatre. Featuring in a BBC Radio play was far from the minds of the Romiley Golf Club ladies but Christine brought along one of her scripts and asked two "volunteers" to perform. Chris Holland and Val McKinnon jumped at the chance and did a brilliant job. Both were straight into character as Nora and Sissy, two northern elderly neighbours, who in the middle of a disagreement, were pulled together by the appearance of a hole in the floor of the lounge. Chris Holland even gave emphasis to the story by at one stage improvising on the script, to everyone's great amusement. By just a few words of description of Nora's rollers and dressing gown and Sissy's old army coat to keep her warm, the vision of the two ladies was brought to life superbly. Christine, the speaker, was equally impressed with the actresses thrown in at the deep end and left not only with a lovely bunch of flowers but some tales from RGC ladies which could very well be retold some day on the BBC.

Audrey Jones

Net Incomes from Competitions Committee

Jean Murray is delighted to be asked to serve on the Net Incomes from Competitions Committee. Her wealth of experience over several years will be most welcome.



Jean Murray

Fourball Betterball – 29th January, 2011



Winners – Simon Hebden and Colin Davies 35 points

2nd Phil Morley and Gary Williams 33 points

3rd Phil Barwick and Bob Simpson 32 points CPO

Wayne Andrew's Golf is All at Sea

On a recent cruise in the Far East, new member Wayne Andrew (handicap 26) took part in an ongoing sea day's golf simulator competition. He knew he was doing quite well. On the penultimate sea day he was informed, after a nervous wait by the telephone, he had made it through to the final. He was also a member of the winning team! This is a very happy Wayne with his prizes after winning the competition with a drive of 286yards.

Karen Hooley



Wayne Andrew

The Newsletter

Most people read the newsletter on the web site. For those without this access I have been providing six copies spread around the clubhouse. The Board sees the newsletter as a benefit to the golf club so it is now professionally printed rather than using the Glynn Printing House. The good news is that they have been much appreciated. The bad news is that they all disappeared. Once the newsletters become out of date then members are welcome to take them. Could we ask that they remain in the clubhouse until such time. Don't forget – a golf ball is not lost until it stops rolling.

Caption Competition



The caption competition was a run-away success with a massive two entries. The next time I see Tony Hunt and Mike Andrew they can have a pint on me.



John Glynn, Editor