

Romiley Golf Club

Newsletter, October, 2010

President's Day, Sunday, 29th August, 2010



**Francine Walburn and Steve Hogg
having received the winner's prize from Mr. President**

I had been looking forward to this day all year and so you can imagine my consternation when I awoke to heavy rain and howling winds. I rushed down to the club early to check that the course was still open and since the putting green was covered in large puddles, I feared the worst. However, thankfully from then on the weather improved to give clear skies but still a very strong wind.

The competition went very smoothly thanks to our starter Mr. Mike Bury. It was a joy to meet all the competitors and I was very grateful for a very good turn-out for the event. Because of conditions and positioning of the pins the scoring was extremely difficult and my congratulations must go to the prizewinners especially Mr. Steve Hogg & Mrs. Francine Walburn who have capped a great season with this prize.

The evening ceremonies went very well thanks to the wonderful singing by Lissa, and a delicious meal and service by Heather Mercer & her staff. Many thanks should go to Mike Bury and Derek Worthington for checking the scores, keeping the result a secret and also doing all the photography.

It was a great relief at the end of the day that all had gone well without too many mishaps. I would like to say a big thank-you to all those that had participated and helped make this day such a memorable one.

Roger Ashworth, President



Pauline Whitehead Ian Smith



Bill and Irene Barrow

Richard Hale



David and Audrey Jones



Harvey and Jacqueline Purcer

Annette Broadhurst, 1949 – 2010



Lady Captain, Romiley Golf Club, 2009

As Lady Captain in 2009 Annette gave a 200% commitment and attention to her role. On a girls' night out in a curry house it was realised that she had three diaries on the go to help her cope with her life. Everyone laughed so much at this and could see how seriously she was taking her role as Lady Captain. This was just as she did everything.

An example of Annette's strong character and sheer determination shone through on her Lady Captain's Day. On the morning of her "big day" she arrived at the club in the early hours to inspect the condition of the course with the green keeper. The weather had been appalling and there was thunder and lightning at 9 a.m. Her decision to postpone was helped by the sight of a heron fishing on the 18th green.

After this difficult decision to postpone the competition until the following week, Annette was determined make the most of the situation and she had *two* fantastic days. The awful weather was forgotten as she had a wonderful champagne tea with the ladies.

Annette also started the new tradition of having Lady Captain's Day on the Thursday following Mr Captain's weekend so that the ladies could enjoy the course at its best!! Annette was also instrumental in starting and organizing the Ladies Christmas parties, which were raucous affairs and full of fun. She was also part of the Working Party responsible for the refurbishment of the clubhouse and worked tirelessly in the grounds doing gardening duties!! Annette was also a winner on the golf course:-

Ladies Doubles K.O 2006 partnered by Jill Peters

2008 partnered by Astrid Ceelen

Captain's Prize 2006

President's Day – 1987 partnered by Andrew Brown

1988 partnered by Jim Quinn

2006 partnered by Simon Hebden

Information from Rebecca Byle / Written by Editor

Rhodesian Trophy, Stableford Competition, 25th September, 2010

Winner Daniel Pearson 38 Points

Daniel was obviously very pleased to win if a little surprised. He had a fairly steady first 9 and then birdied the 10th and had a sand save on the 11th and started to think he could put a good round together. Of course Daniel then 3 putted the 12th. The comments about "putting like a pansy" made by his playing partners, Graeme Nuttall and John Doherty, were hurtful but very helpful! Thanks to a lot of further encouragement, he managed to keep it together for the next few holes which went by without incident and came back with 20 points to finish with 38.



Daniel Pearson

Runner Up Mike Hanson 37 Points



Mike Hanson

**Romiley Golf Club versus St. Anne's Old Links Golf Club
Sunday 28th September 2010.**

The home leg of the 32nd year of this fixture took place on Sunday, 28th September, 2010. Carrying an away leg deficit of 5 – 4 in favour of St. Anne's, Romiley triumphed on our home course by 7 matches to 2 thus recording an aggregate win by the margin of 11 matches to 7, and regaining possession of the prestigious ROMANTIC MAN trophy. The bronze statuette, presented by Mr. Fred Leutton 31 years ago, had been residing at St. Anne's Golf Club for 12 months since its memorable victory in 2009.

On the day of the match St. Anne's team arrived late due to problems extracting the little man from the club's trophy cabinet. The key had to be obtained from its custodian who was still in bed. During all this someone said, "Oh leave it where it is, we'll win it again." How wrong he was, and how right they were to go to the trouble of bringing it to Romiley.

The friendly 9 holes took place in a fashion, starting from wherever they could, and was followed by soup and sandwiches.

The serious 18 hole matches began in earnest and on time. One member of the St. Anne's team, Jan Bulay could not play in the morning 9 holes because of taking part in a 10K run for charity. Proving his fitness Jan's pairing secured one of the two St. Anne's points. The day was concluded with a delicious carvery presented by Heather with her usual panache. This was followed by speeches from the respective Captains, Alan Costello of Romiley and Frank Geraghty from St. Anne's.

Finally our organizer, Barry Broadhurst, announced the detailed results, which prompted explanations & excuses by the losers, and immodest boasting by the winning partnerships.

The whole group then retired to the bar where the camaraderie continued until the St. Anne's coach had to leave. Everyone is looking forward to next year.

Colin S. Hall.
Romiley Golf Club
30/9/2010.



Frank Geraghty and Alan Costello

Ladies Par Competition, Sep 30th, 2010

1st Div Liz Wilde 18 h/c 2 down(cpo)
Diane Houghton 15 h/c 2 down

Liz felt it was one of the few “goodish” games she has had this year and gave her the satisfaction of knowing that her game is still in there somewhere. Liz gives thanks to her playing partner, Katharine Pendleton, for helping her find it again. But, on reflection, Liz was delighted with her win.



Liz Wilde

2nd Div Moira Campbell 33 h/c 2 down(cpo)
Marcia Conway 27 h/c 2 down

It was a most uneventful front 9 apart from finding a few bunkers. What was memorable for Moira was feeling that she was playing on a bed of jewels as the sun glistened on the morning dew. It all seemed to come together from 10th and the back 9 felt good. It is the very first time Moira has won at Romiley!



Moira Campbell

Ladies' Stableford Oct 7th, 2010



Liz Wilde

Winner - 1st div Liz Wilde 17 h/c 32pts



Winner - 2nd div Moira Campbell 33 h/c 34pts.

You will notice that both Liz and Moira had won the previous week and they obviously carried on where they left off enjoying the euphoria!

Nick Gorman considers his options



This is Nick Gorman in the Medal played on 9th October, 2010. His ball is wedged in the tree to the left of the 7th fairway. There were of course the required remarks of “You’ll need a tree iron from there” as well as others less suitable for this newsletter. Somewhere, somehow, Nick has obviously offended the golfing gods, as the 7 he finished the hole in, was not his worst!! For Nick’s benefit I have enclosed the Samaritan’s phone number in Stockport – 480 2222



Paul Wagstaff

Article contributed by Paul Wagstaff (with the hand of destiny on his shoulder)

Ordinary Medal, 9th October, 2010



Evie Smith with proud dad, Ian Smith

1st 75-8=67 Ian Smith

Ian started off with 3 bogies, 3 putting at the second and thinking this was going to be another of those rounds. After that, things really improved. There were birdie chances on a number of holes but Ian only managed to convert one on the 7th then promptly dropped a shot on the 8th. A par at the ninth gave a good 38 out.

The back nine provided more birdie chances... but Ian failed to convert any, hitting par on 7 of the nine holes with bogeys on 13 and 17. Ian called this a steady, if unexciting, round and he would settle for this all the time if it resulted in more sub-par scores which have been hard to come by this season.

2nd 90-22=68 Ken Fendall

Final Medal

Steve Hogg and John Allman are winner & runner-up in the Handicap & Competition Committee Cup. This is the best aggregate score of 4 rounds from all the Monthly Medals. The Final Medal is won by the leading player in the Final Medal competition (which was played on the 9th October) from those who have won or been runner-up in any of the Monthly Medals during the year. Trevor Wright won the Final Medal and Steve Brown came second.

Winter League, 2010 / 2011

The new date for the draw is Friday, November 5th, 2010. Competition details are posted on the web site in the members' area - www.romileygolfclub.org

Canadian Foursomes Results – 17th October, 2010

Winners - John Nolan & Steve Lawton 44 pts
Prize: £40 each



Steve Lawton

John and Steve were moderately happy after the front 9 having scored 19 points. It was acceptable but it was not going to lead to any prizes. One point on the tenth was hardly the start they wanted to the back nine. However.... they then proceeded to get 24 points from the next 8 holes. Their smiles are still on their faces!

2nd Prize Matt Reid & Mark Worsley 43 pts
Prize: £30 each

3rd Prize Adrian Nuttall & Colin Granby 42 pts bk 9 22
Prize: £20 each

c.p.o Barry Macklin & Mike Worthington 42 pts bk 9 21
Nick Gorman & Paul Wagstaff 42 pts bk 9 21
(The advice from the Samaritans has had the desired effect on Nick!)

A Team of 4 ladies for a 10 Hole Stableford Comp, 21st October

Best 2 scores to count + all on the par 3s.

1st June Levy (35) Maggie Briggs (33) Barbara Leith (25) Moira Campbell (33) 54pts.

2nd Denise Booth (9) Rebecca Byle (12) Angela Wheeler (19) Linda Moore (16) 52pts

Autumn Meeting – Ladies Section



Lady Captain, Toni Kennedy from The Christie, Mr. Captain

Lady Captain, Marjorie Healey, welcomed Mr. Captain, and Debbie Costello to the Ladies' Section Autumn Meeting. They had, of course, been very involved in raising money for Romiley Golf Club's Charity and it was only right that they should be present when the cheque was presented.

Lady Captain was pleased to see so many ladies there at the ladies last social event before her reign ended. Grace was said and then a poignant minute's silence was held in memory of Annette Broadhurst.

After a lovely meal Mr. Captain presented Toni Kennedy, representing The Christie, with a cheque for £4700 from the members of Romiley Golf Club for the Youth Oncology Unit. The cheque includes the sum of £235 raised by Brenda Sykes for the sale of the greeting cards she makes, £240 from Edith Clarke from her Wednesday afternoon Bridge class, £334 raised by a Bridge Drive and £530 from the raffle with a prize of one week in Murray Padkin's cottage at Crail which he kindly gave to Lady Captain as she and Peter had spent several holidays there. Many other donations from The Ladies Section have been received, too numerous to mention.

In addition to the £4700, £1500 was raised by Sandra and Ray Hayes at their 70's night and a donation of £500 was received from Sandra McRoberts. These amounts have already been taken to The Christie by Annette Broadhurst and Debbie Costello. This makes a grand total of monies donated to The Christie from the members of Romiley Golf Club of £6700.

Lady Captain, Marjorie Healey

Fourball Betterball 23rd October

Winners - Matt Reid & Ray Hayes 49 pts
Prize: £40 each

Both Matt and Ray played exceptionally well and came in on 9 holes each. They birdied the 3rd, 7th and 12th and eagled the 10th. They had pars on every other hole except the 9th where they had to make do with 1 point only. Yes. Our hearts bleed for them.



Matt Reid

Ray Hayes

2nd Prize John Mitten & Roy Duncan 45 pts
Prize: £30 each

3rd Prize Lee Brinsley & Craig Higgins 44 pts
Prize: £20 each

Ladies 14 Hole Stableford Oct 28th

1st div Angela Wheeler 19 h/c 28pts cpo



Angela Wheeler

Diane Houghton 15 h/c 28pts
Irene Barrow 17 h/c 28pts



Diane Houghton

2nd div Barbara Leith 25 h/c 29 pts cpo



Barbara Leith

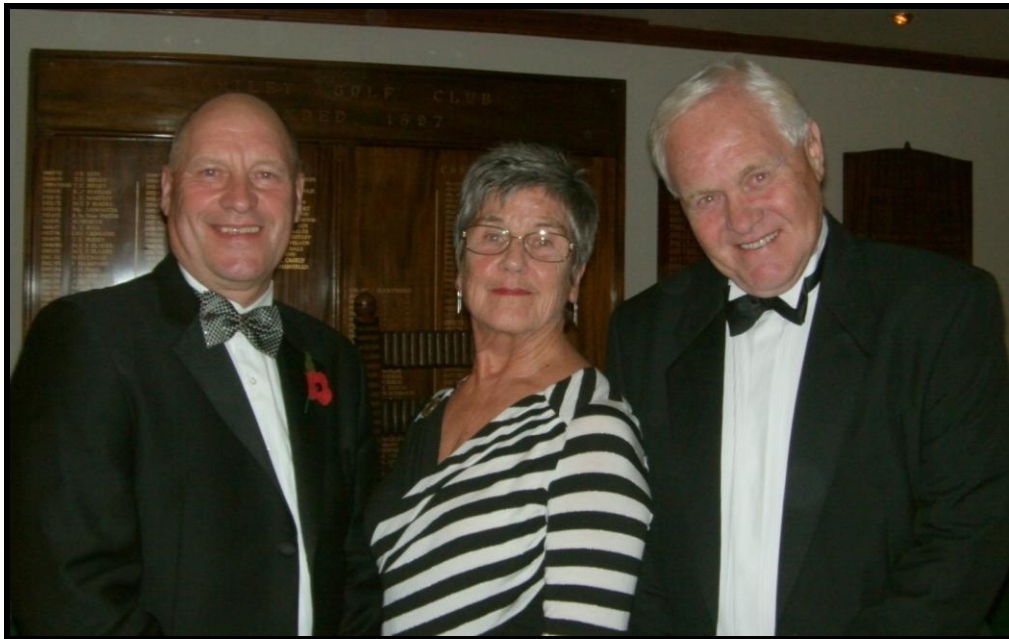
Barbara enjoyed a very relaxed and sociable round with her playing partner, Angela Slate, who provided encouragement all the way. It also helped that Barbara's putting was good and she finished things off on the green.

Lyn Schofield 29 h/c 29 pts



Lynn Schofield

Annual Dinner, Saturday, 30th October, 2010



Mr. Captain

Lady Captain

Mr. President

About 100 people attended the Annual Dinner and enjoyed the remarks of Lady Captain, Marjorie Healey, Mr. Captain, Alan Costello and Mr. President, Roger Ashworth. Roger reminded Alan of the time at Bramhall when he viciously pulled a drive at the 17th which glanced off Alan's head on the next fairway. Happy days!

Mr. Captain took the opportunity to announce that next year's President will be Ken Cooper and the incoming Vice Captain will be Derek Worthington.

Below is a picture of some guests at the dinner. Eric Biggs is a newish member and Mike Seddon is a prospective member



Cliff and Pauline Pedley Peter and Sheila Renshaw Mike Seddon Eric Biggs

New Finance Director



Martin Clark

The Board are pleased to announce the appointment of Martin Clark as Finance Director. Martin has had over thirty years' experience in the finance industry.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME, CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR 2010/ 2011
from Peter Royle

Our programme of events for the next few months is listed below.
New Year's Eve tickets are to be purchased in advance of the event. All other Socials are pay on the night. More detailed posters will be placed on the Social Notice Board starting with the Children's Party information in the first week of November. Heather Mercer will be organising dinner nights over the Christmas Season. Please book with her as early as you can.

Friday November 12th

First **Quiz Night** of the season with Quizmaster, Andrew Cainen.

Friday November 19th

Veterans Dinner – Black tie

Saturday December 4th

The ever popular **Children's Christmas Party** with, as always, the memorable visit from Father Christmas, games, entertainment, gifts, etc.

Friday December 10th

Christmas Cheer Night – Carols followed by an optional quiz, mince pies, mulled wine. Music by The Werneth Concert Band Ensemble.

Sunday December 12th

Christmas Draw, 9 holes of golf followed by brunch and the draw for some great prizes.

Sunday December 26th

9 hole Shotgun fun competition.

Friday December 31st

New Year's Eve Dinner and entertainment by the ever popular 'ELYSE'
Advance ticket sales only, on sale behind the bar from mid November.

Friday January 14th

Quiz Night

Friday January 21st

Art Exhibition, Cheese and Wine Tasting Evening.

Friday February 18th

Quiz Night

Friday February 25th

Gentlemen's Dinner. Black Tie, Entertainment to be advised.

The Endurance Test



Luke Williamson and Nick Madden

Barry Broadhurst and his family had decided that there should be no flowers at Annette's funeral so Heather Mercer and her staff decided to start a collection for The Christie and the Willow Wood Hospice.

However two of them, Luke Williamson and Nick Madden, wanted to do something a bit different and so, on Thursday morning, 28th October, as daylight broke they teed off from the 10th and continued playing until the light disappeared. Luke and Nick had asked for sponsorship for every hole they completed and every birdie they achieved. They managed 81 holes averaging two and a quarter hours per round! Luke and Nick had 6 birdies each and Nick also provided an eagle.

They were helped by some caddies and Heather Mercer and Donna Greaves were the first two for the first nine holes. Caddy of the day, however, was Steve Cleary who managed 45 holes. He also, unintentionally, provided two moments of light relief for Nick and Luke as first Steve disappeared on the 4th tee to the 5th as he chased an errant trolley; the second moment of mirth was when he failed to notice the raised concrete, newly laid at the 11th, and fell gracefully to the floor. (Or was it disgracefully?)

At present they have raised over £2 000 and rising!!



Nick putting on the 8th or 26th or 44th or 62nd or 80th?

Nick asked Steve's advice on this putt and Steve said, "Keep it low!"



Caddy extraordinaire, Steve Cleary

John Glynn, editor