

# Clevedon Golf Club

## Castle Views - January 2015

#### Chairman - David Fife

This year's AGM confirmed the decision made at the last two, to have the starting hole next to the clubhouse. Three votes with the same result has firmly consigned this discussion to history and we can now get on with improving the course.

Our Finance Director Alan Wignall retired from the Board after 6 years and has been replaced by Charles Griffiths. Alan has been at the helm when the club has gone from a very shaky financial position to one where we are reasonably strong and in a much better position to deal with the challenges we face. We applaud his efforts over the last 6 years.

Rob Arthur has been re-elected as Course Director at the AGM. Rob has worked closely with Steve Ewing to push forward development of the course and we are delighted that he will continue this work for a further 3 years.

It was not an easy selection process but the Board is delighted with the appointment of Ryan Crowley as our new club professional. We are sure he will immerse himself into Clevedon Golf Club life and be a real asset. See profile below. Rob is leaving at the end of February and we are planning a club golf day to send him off early in March.

As he has decided to retire at the end of March, we will shortly be interviewing for our Manager Jim Cunning's replacement. The advert has not gone to press yet be we already have 4 applications.

We have applied for planning permission for the new reservoir and the council hope to let us have a decision by 9<sup>th</sup> Feb. Should there be any delay we will bring forward laying of the pipe from the reservoir to the 2<sup>nd</sup> green and installation of the new tank there.

A survey of the 14<sup>th</sup> hole has been commissioned before correcting the visibility problems from the medal tee. Members will be consulted before any decisions are made.

These are exciting times at Clevedon. With a favorable financial result we will be able to make significant progress this year.



#### **Professional Appointment**

I have been a PGA professional for 22 years starting my training at Richmond Golf Club in Surrey. My first move to the Bristol area was to Henbury Golf Club where I completed my PGA training and became fully PGA Qualified. During my time at Henbury I played in West Region and PGA MasterCard Tour events. I was also lucky enough to represent England in the "Trophee Des Nations".

In 2010 I moved to the Bristol Golf Centre to widen my experience in both coaching and retail.



With regard to coaching my philosophy is simple, not everyone has to swing the club the same way, so I teach a modern approach to the golf swing with an awareness of the players swing characteristics and abilities. Over the years I have built up an extensive knowledge of the golf swing, teaching beginners right the way through to my fellow professionals.

Having spent more than twenty years involved in golf has given me the grounding and the knowledge of what golf is all about so my time at members golf clubs and a high volume retail operation will benefit me in my new role as your club professional. The skills I have gained will help me to fulfil the role and be a person that is approachable, friendly and professional in every regard. I'll be looking to provide the right advice, the right equipment and the right price at all times. I'm looking forward to meeting you all over the coming months and helping you to enjoy the great game of golf as well as providing some exciting changes

### **Captains Drive In**



Our captains drive in took place on the 1st January when a large crowd of members witnessed very respectable tee shots from all concerned. As you can see we have two normal captains, so the ladies and juniors will be well looked after, but the seniors and the rest of us are in for an interesting year. Good luck to all our captains and we hope that you will give them plenty of support.



#### **Bunker Maintenance**

- First and foremost never forget a bunker is a hazard and as such any member will never be happy to find themselves in one.
- The bunkers are raked daily (Monday to Friday) by the green staff, but there are ways we can all help ourselves that desired level of consistency.
- In this regard, never rake one handed, but use but hands on the rake handle.
- Don't pull the sand with you as you exit the bunker but push the sand back away from you and the edges of the hazard towards the centre of the bunker.
- Don't leave ridges of sand and make sure the surface is smooth.
- Leave the bunker as you would expect and hope to find it.
- By following these simple rules you will ensure that the next golfer to go into that bunker is given a fair lie.

## Box 13

Box 13 is a fund raising scheme for the direct benefit of all members. It was introduced with the express purpose of raising money to purchase items for the Course or Clubhouse that are not budgeted for out of normal Club revenues. In the last 5 years it has provided new Dining Room Tables, Back Bar TV, New Screen Projector, Patio Screen & Dance Floor Extension. It is open to all members over 18 and participation is via subscription of 4 quarterly payments of £13 (£1 per week) payable by standing order.

Box 13 pays out a weekly prize of £50. The winner then has an opportunity of winning a further prize. There are 13 keys and only one opens the Box. One key will be drawn out of the bag on each draw to see if it opens the Box, and if it does then the additional prize is won. If not, then the jackpot roles over adding an additional £50 for each draw so that if the Box is not opened until the 13<sup>th</sup> key is drawn the additional prize will be £650 on top of the weekly prize of £50.

If you would like to have the chance of winning up to £700 and help your club at the same time, standing orders can be obtained from the office.



### Captain — Michael Parker

Welcome and a Happy New Year to you all. Firstly I would like to thank all of you who helped make New Years Eve and the Drive In a great success, and also to all of you behind the scenes, thank you.

It gives me great pride to be your Captain for 2015 and with my passion for this wonderful golf club, between us all we can have a successful and prosperous year. Hopefully we will not see any further departures from the club or I may start to get a complex.



A schedule of all the events organised so far for this year is detailed later in the newsletter although some changes may occur. I hope to see many of you at some of the functions, if not all of them.

This year the charity I am supporting is the Special Care Baby Unit at Southmead Hospital, N.I.C.U (neo-natal intensive care unit). Where the Captains Fund will go is still to be finalised, but the bottle will again be on the bar for your donations. The Captains charity trap has changed this year from a bunker to Barry's Burn on the sixteenth. I rely on your honesty and the badgering of your playing partners to ensure your coins enter the bottle.

Starting in March, Elaine and myself will be starting our Captain/Lady Captain mixed American Greensomes challenge. The list of dates has gone on the board in the foyer for to enter your names and the couple with the best win over us, if there are any, will receive a prize. A donation to charity will be appreciated for the challenge.

Have a very successful golfing year.

New Year Draw Prize Winners				
1st	Free Years Membership	Bob Day		
2nd	Four ball at Chippenham GC	Robert Doy		
3rd	Litre bottle of brandy	Andrew Martin		
4th	Bottle of Cava	Dianne Rennell		
5th	Winner & bottle holder	Roy Quipp		



### **Seniors Captain - Peter Horlock**

The Seniors rounded off 2014 with our traditional Christmas Party. Jethro once again made a guest appearance and £300 was raised for Paul Smith's charity, the Jessie May Trust. And so we bade farewell to Glyn Ager's year of captaincy – a year of good golf and good craic. Thanks Glyn for all your efforts on our behalf.

My year has begun with controversy – was the music at the drive-in a rumba or a samba? Anyway I was pleased with the judges' marks and the subsequent drive. On behalf of the Seniors may I wish Mike Parker, Elaine Morgan and Alex Reynolds every success in their year of office.

By the time you read this we will have enjoyed a lunch with our very own Paul Middleton as guest speaker. Dennis Milsom and I hope also to have completed our planning for a rather different Seniors Ladies Night to be held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March. By that time we will be closing in on another busy season of interclub matches and 'in-house' competitions. Roll on the summer!

### Ladies Captain - Elaine Morgan



The Ladies section will be competing in various Knock-out competitions throughout the year, the Rogers Cup, Centenary Plate, Scratch & Handicap Foursomes, Coronation and Daily Mail Foursomes and Mail on Sunday. We will also be competing in Alliance League fixtures for the A team in Division 2 and the B team in Division 5, plus a full programme of Friendly Matches.

Other events such as Fun Competitions/Away Days and Ladies Dinners are being organised and notification will be given in the usual way.

A Coffee Morning will be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March. This has now become an annual event and enables us to promote our club and all it has to offer. Last year we had 60 visitors playing the course and others supporting the various stalls. All are welcome to join us – you do not need to be a golfer. One of the stalls will be a tombola bottle stall and the money raised from this stall will be donated to my charity MAC-MILLAN CANCER SUPPORT.

On Sunday 19 April the ladies will be playing a match against the Junior County Girls, which will serve as a pre-season practice for their County matches. It will hopefully include some of our own junior girls. Come along and see some of the young talent.

I would like to wish everyone an enjoyable golfing year.



#### Profile on new Finance Director—Charles Griffiths

Charles has lived in and around Bristol all his life except for a 3 year period when he attended Newcastle University where he gained a BA Honours degree. This was followed by 3 years articles at Price Waterhouse Bristol where he qualified as a chartered accountant in 1973. He started his own clothing business in 1978 and since then has used his accountancy training to run a variety of businesses including soft drinks and care of the elderly, in addition to his clothing company.

Charles is married to Vanessa and has 3 children, Robin, Nigel and Charlotte. Nigel is known to some of you and on hearing his father was being nominated for captain he remarked that this was the only way Dad was going to get his name on the honours boards!!!

His association with Clevedon Golf Club goes back a long way. He joined as a junior age 16 but before that he used to caddie for his father who let him hit golf balls on the practice area and play in the castle ruins.

Charles became a full playing member in 1982 and was club captain in 2010. As you may be aware, he has helped the club with the finances and audit for the last 5 years so the board were happy to nominate him for the post of financial director, which was endorsed by the membership at the AGM.

### Juniors Captain—Alex Reynolds



I would like to thank all the members who attended the New Year's Day drive in.

I was very nervous but managed to get a good drive away, which was important because both Robert and Ian were watching and they have both helped me with my swing during 2014.

I hope we can increase numbers in the junior section this year and I would urge any members who have children or grandchildren to contact the Office or Pro-shop to get further details. I will have more information when Ryan the

new professional takes over from Robert in March and I will do my best to welcome any potential junior members.



#### The Poems of Marshal John Connors



We do a log of events each time a marshal is out on the course. One of our marshals regards himself as the Bard of Clevedon GC and has penned the undernoted poems in the log book.

If you would like to join this fine band of volunteers then please contact the office as we need to have more coverage of marshals on the course.

Nice and sunny day. With lots of people out to play.

Pace of play was pretty quick. And the greens were pretty slick.

Going home now I've done my time. I've been here since half past nine.

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Today I am a Marshall walking round the course.

Watching out for slow play and pitch marks of course.

I try to keep the pace of play at a speed you can enjoy.

And keep a smile on the face of every girl and boy.

For tomorrow I'll be golfing and you don't want to hear me say.

FORE. HURRY UP. GET OUT THE BLOODY WAY.

### **New Tee Sponsors**

We are please to confirm that we have four new tee sponsors lined up for the new playing season. Clifton College will sponsor Hole 17, Cavendish Maine are taking the 11th, Capita Specialist Insurance Solutions Hole 12 and finally Natural Stone Consulting the 2nd.

Although at the moment this gives us a full compliment of tee sponsors we can always find other projects to sponsor such as the practice area, putting green, Castle Views and so on. If you know of anyone that would be interested then please contact the office.



### Pace of Play

# The undernoted information has been taken directly from the official R & A website.

#### Keep up with the group in front

- Do not worry about the group behind keep up with the group in front:
- If you feel that your group is falling behind take responsibility and bring this to the attention of the other players in your group.
- React positively to the situation.
- If your group is behind there is no need to run but try to catch up quickly.
- If you lose a clear hole and are delaying the group behind invite the group behind to play through.

If there is no group in front of you and you are delaying the group behind invite the group behind to play through.

#### Be ready to play

When it is **not** your turn to play use your time wisely to prepare so that when it is your turn you are **ready to play**:

- Put your glove on, check your yardage, assess the wind strength and direction.
- Decide on the type of shot that you are going to play.
- Select your club.

When it is your turn to play, play promptly:

- Decide on the shot and execute it.
- You only need one practice swing.
- You do not need to waggle the club back and forth and round about again and again.

#### At the putting green:

- Assess your line, repair pitch-marks on the green and remove loose impediments while others are playing.
- It is not necessary to look at your line from every angle.
- You do not need to have an alignment mark on your golf ball and ensure that it is perfectly aligned to the hole before every putt.
- Move off the green as soon as all players in your group have holed out and mark score cards at or on the way to the next tee.
- Speed up your exit by positioning your bags on the way to the next tee.

If each player took a few seconds off their pre-shot routine then the cumulative effect would be very significant.



#### **Handicaps & Competitions - Bernard Maltby**

The winter season is continuing apace, with some highs and a few lows. Following the most unfortunate need to cancel the annual "Turkey Trot" competition last December, it has been decided, as an exception this year, to run an Easter "Chicken Run" competition, in the same "Texas Scramble" format, during March.

We have now started work on the annual review of handicaps. It is hoped that it will progress in time to allow the Ladies Section to meet their target of completion by the end of February.

Issues regarding the equity of procedures for booking into competitions during the winter, with its reduced field numbers, mainly due to available daylight, together with a need to enable and encourage newer members to meet and integrate with other members of the Club will be addressed in discussions between Directors (Competition) and (Membership) facilitated by the Chairman. Any other interested party is invited to make a contribution.

In the meantime, take good care of your weather-proof clothing and enjoy 'Good Golfing'

### **Early Evening Dining**



Every Thursday night to 7.30 pm.

2 Courses £9.95

3 Courses £12.95

A la carte option also available.

Menu and bookings available at the bar.

Support the club by bringing along family and friends.



#### Membership & Marketing - David Shields

- We finished 2014 with 625 playing members, which compares to 644 and 641 as at the end of the 2013 and 2012 respectively. We have started the year with 5 new members so far.
- Our Taster package has been increased to £67.95 per month and this is being highlighted on the website.
- We will seek to get advertising through articles in the local newspaper and this year was kicked off with the Captains Drive In on New Years Day. If you have any newsworthy items then please pass these through the office. We plan to do an article in the paper on the retirement of Rob and the start of a new era at CGC with Ryan Crowley.
- We are doing a slight revamped of the website at the moment and hope to launch this at the end of February.
- We are always looking for articles for the newsletter so if you have anything that you would like to include then please let me know. In this edition I have put a **selection** of photos of the 2014 competition winners.
- Four new tee sponsors are in place for the new playing season and as we stand at the moment we have 100% take up of tee sponsorship.

#### **Rules Section**

A & B are playing C & D in match play and all balls are on the putting green.

#### **Question 1**

It is A's turn to putt and he is lying 4. May his partner B, who is nearer the hole and putting for a 5, putt first without getting permission from their opponents?

#### **Question 2**

If A putts and his ball hits partner B's ball what is the penalty?

- a) There is no penalty.
- b) A incurs a penalty of one stroke.
- c) A is disqualified from the hole.
- d) A & B lose the hole.

#### **Answer 1**

Yes - balls belonging to the same side may be played in the order the side considers best. Rule 30-3b.

#### Answer 2

a) There is no penalty. Rule 19-5a.

**Note:** Most golfers do not realise that in *match play* there is no penalty when a player's ball strikes another ball on the putting green, even if the stroke was made on the putting green. Not so in stroke play (medals, stablefords) however.



### **Competition Winners 2014**



Charlotte Millington Girls' Champion Cup



Louis Doe - Hawkins Trophy & John Morgan Plate



Andy Millington

K K Cup



Debbie Quinn-Hall Ladies Club Champion



Sandra Jones Master Medaller



Merriel Horler Langford Ladle



Chris Tucker & Adrian Price
Winter Foursomes



Tim Aldom & Gary Villis Watkins Cup



### **Competition Winners 2014**



Mike & Calum Walker

Bamford Cup



Alex Reynolds
Junior Club Champion &
Most Improved Junior



Craig Manson
Captains Plate



Andy Ferris
Alun Rees Scratch Trophy



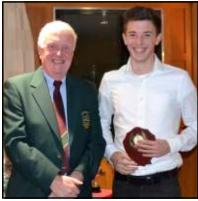
Simon Gill Captains Trophy



Ali Balcombe Club Champion



Ruth & David Steele Ross Goobey Trophy



Jamie Tompkins Fred Hyde Shield



Alfie Hocking Rookie Trophy



# Clevedon Golf Club Captains Programme 2015

#### Quizzes.

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Jan Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb Friday 13th March

Friday 9th Oct Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Nov Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec

#### Social Events.

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January Burns Supper, with Sandy Kemlo

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February St David's Night

Saturday 21st March St Patrick's Night, with POTEEN Irish Band

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April St Georges Night

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May Cabaret Night with FRED BLOGGS Band

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June Jazz Bar-B-Q Pig Roast

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July Talk by Don Cameron with meal

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August Moroccan Evening

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September Thai Night/alternative food if required

Saturday 31st October Halloween fancy dress evening

Saturday 28th November Jamaican/Caribbean evening

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December Children's Christmas Party

Friday18<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Carols Evening

All events subject to alteration if circumstances change.

#### Golf Events

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June Captain AM/AM

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July Captain's Day

Sunday/Monday 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> September Mixed Overnighter

**Bowood Park North Cornwall** 

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October Captains away day Peterstone Lakes



#### **Sponsors Directory**

We have established a directory of all our sponsors and these are all listed below. We would encourage our members to consider using the services of our sponsors where possible as we would like them to continue supporting the club in the future.

If you would like to include your business in the directory then please contact Tony in the office. Prices start from £100 plus VAT for 12 months although we have various sponsorship packages available.

Services Provided	Company	Website	Tel No
Accountants	Newsham Hanson	www.newshamhamson.co.uk	01275 873269
Car Service/Sales	Clayton Cars	www.claytoncars.co.uk	0117 963 1699
Consultants	Jelf Group plc	www.jelfgroup.com	0117 240 2000
Dental Care	Genesis Dental Lab	www.genesisdental.co.uk	01275 268368
Education	Clifton College	www.cliftoncollege.com	0117 315 7000
Fencing	PA Fencing		01275 874176
Financial Services	Sanlam Pte Investments	www.spi.sanlam.co.uk	01225 460010
Fire Protection	WF Firestop System	www.wffs.co.uk	01275 878994
Flooring	Natural Stone Consulting	www.info@naturalstoneconsulting.co.uk	0845 5218 700
Insurance	AJP Partnership	www.ajp-partnership.co.uk	01275876678
	<b>HLI Insurance Brokers</b>	www.hlib.co.uk	0844 579 0064
	Capita Specialist		
	Insurance Solutions	www.cpaita-sis.co.uk	0800 389 2028
Manufacturing	Lakeside Films Ltd	www.lakesidefilms.co.uk	0845 293 8062
Recruitment	JJ Fox	www.jjfox.com	0845 0655360
	Cavendish Maine	www.cavendishmaine.com	01275 813000
Solicitors	Lindleys Solicitors	www.lindleys.net	01275 340997
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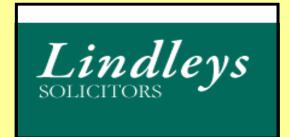








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