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Weekly Features



An interesting event took place on picturesque Nazeing Common in late September, a number of CBGC members accepted a silly invitation from Graham McDonnell to play cricket against local side Nazeing Common Cricket Club.

On a bright sunny autumn afternoon battle commenced with a 35 over per side match which was keenly contested by our boys from The Brook!

A strong contingent of The Brook side was made up of "The Nazeing Boys" and did they show off, well for a little while anyway.

Over the 35 over allocation, The Brook, expertly marshalled by Mr McDonnell (or Munro as someone was heard to say) managed to restrict the opposition to a mere 265 runs!

A number of brilliant catches were made, much to the surprise to both batsmen and fielders alike but our fielding star must be a certain past captain who, using his considerable knowledge of this fine game, managed to hide himself away in the outfield avoiding ball contact for the best part of an hour. Albeit, he was carrying an injury incurred by an athletic moment of fielding earlier in the innings.

The Brook, commenced their innings 'after tea' and managed a highly respectable 216 from their allotted over's, the stars without a doubt being a very boring innings by Alan Smith and a flashy contribution by Colin Ledwith.

Although we lost the match, an honorable draw was a fair result although the home side were having nothing to do with that, bullies...

Club Captain, Colin Godfrey, donned his whites and scored a very classy 3 to outscore his predecessor by 2! The evening ended up with a barbecue well organised by Grahams family, finishing off a very enjoyable day.

The correspondent of this report wishes to put on record, Mr McDonnell will get a letter from my solicitors in the next few days and if the game is repeated in 2012, and will be away playing with his grand children and ex wife.

The Brook goes On A Turkey Trot!

The every increasing popularity of Turkey as a golf destination is certainly the case with a number of our members. In fact 12 of them have just returned after a third trip organised by Colin Cotterell staying at the 5* resort known as The Sirene Golf Hotel, right on the beach, just outside Belek. Those of the group who have also visited Myrtle Beach in South Carolina rated Belek highly.



The courses are very "American" in design, which means loads of water and enough sand to keep the 8th Army happy. Most of the greens were excellent apart from one course, which was a shame as the design and views were wonderful.

The week was won by 'rookie' Peter Overington who almost played to his handicap or better, throughout the week. He also showed off his talents as an outstanding RAP dancer, followed by certain feminine signs when saying good bye to the swimming pool and his room (it's true!) and was a leading light in the snide watch purchase competition. Sadly his 'holiday' love affair with "Rob" was somewhat fractious but it all turned out well with cuddles at the end of the trip.

So, if you fancy golf everyday, free booze and food, give it a try, but don't buy any beer at the Sultan Golf course, £150 for two rounds of drinks! But there was 12 of us! And, if you fancy a watch, a number of boys have plenty of 'bling' hanging off their wrists and will be happy to show them off to you.

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Men's & Ladies finals

The annual presentation event took place on Sunday 25th October after a number of gentlemen and ladies finals took place.

An excellent attendance from the membership and some very happy prize winners along with a few disappointed losers as well. At least they had the privilege to make it to a final!

Captain Colin Godfrey was in attendance along with the ladies captain, Toni Wright to present the trophies along with Past President Colin Breheny and Captain Brian Munro who presented his own trophy.



Toni Wright (Lady Captain)/Rosemarie Earl/Colin Godfrey (Captain)



Helen Sees/Toni Wright (Lady Captain)/Colin Godfrey (Captain)/Sylvia Kittrell



Toni Wright (Lady Captain)/Joanne Sheppard/Colin Godfrey (Captain)



Toni Wright (Lady Captain) Godfrey (Captain) /Mary Harris/Geoff Harris



Colin Godfrey (Captain)/Tom Breheny/Colin Leybourn



Alan Smith/Colin Godfrey (Captain)/Declan Taaffe



Colin Godfrey (Captain)/Rob Adams/John Purdy



Colin Ledwith/Colin Godfrey (Captain)/Brian Munro

In House Society Section

VETS

22 of the 26, 2011 year friendly matches with other Clubs have been played. It has been an excellent season of games with more than 30 Vet members participating in the matches to date. As usual our visiting teams have been extremely complimentary about the Canons Brook golf course and the catering.

These matches are played in a good natured competitive spirit concluding in 'honourable draws'. The 'actual result' usually leaks out and a record is kept. It is fair to say 2011 has been a good year for our Vets Section. The end of year result record will be given in a later newsletter.

Also nearing conclusion are the 4 Medal & 4 Stableford competitions that make up the eclectic games leading to a Net score winner of the 'Secretarys Cup' and Scratch score winner of the 'Brian Martin' Trophy. Presently Mike Wilson leads the Net competition and Roy Buckner the scratch competition.



The Vets & Old Boys Competition was held on 15 October. This is a Club competition organised by the Vets Section. An excellent entry of members drawn in 3 ball groups played this, stableford format, competition in excellent weather. Three players finished on 37 points. Count resulted in Vic Petch winning the 'Vets Trophy' and John Holland the 'Old Boys Trophy. Ivor Marshall, our Club Chairman was third place Lockyer in fourth on 36 points. Vets, Vice Captain, Alan Clack presented the trophies and gift vouchers to the four players. The photograph right shows the four players enjoying the moment.

Another prize for the two trophy winners is an invitation to play in the 2012 year County Senior Competition, expenses paid for by Canons Brook Golf Club.

Interested in joining The Veterans Section? : Contact any of the following: Alan Clay, Secretary, Telephone 01992 468667, Vic Petch, Treasurer, Telephone 01279 423297, Frank Harrington, Captain, Telephone 01279 600437

On Thursday the 27th, the annual challenge match between The Piemen and Thorbrook golfing societies took place at "The Brook", Thorbrook, eventually winning the match 8.5 against 1.5.

Thorbrook captain ADAM O'CONNOR gracefully received the Trophy from The Piemens captain, Bill Ockendon and gave a gracious speech befitting Adam's style and wit!

Although this traditional match is between the two societies, going back to the 1980's, it was good to see a strong attendance from the WASH members, most representing the triumphant Thorbrook, and who acknowledged the "relaxed dress code" with smart jacket and ties being worn to the embarrassment of a few Piemen!

Course update 31,10,11

Well after a good summer season, finally Autumn is upon us. It has been a very dry end to the year, we have had below average rainfall and we are going in to the winter a dry course. We do still have growth at the moment so with a bit of rain I'm hoping the fairways will have some more recovery before the average temperatures start to drop.

I have started raising the heights of cut now, the greens are at 4mm, fairways 16mm, tees and surrounds 14mm and the semi rough still at 50mm.

Greens

The greens have now been Verti Drained with 18.75mm tines. Verti Draining is mechanical aeration of the soils root zone. It breaks up soil compaction in the top 150mm of the soils profile. This encourages increased root growth and drainage, which improves the health of the grasses and helps the grass to take up moisture deeper down during dryer periods. They will be top dressed this week, now that the holes have started to close up after the rolling.

On some greens you might notice the surface has been pulled up. This is generally in areas that have been dryer, due to trees blocking moisture, or areas that have been on the extreme reach of the irrigation sprinklers. On the 2nd green I have brushed into the hole in the front half of the green, a material called Biosorb. This is a Calcined diatomaceous / montmorillonite soil amendment. Biosorb is a naturally occurring mineral containing thousands of microscopic diatoms - hard sponge like structures which add porosity and oxygen to the soil. This should help the green have a dryer and firmer surface. Due to the cost, I have tried half of the green to see if there will be a noticeable difference. If I am happy with the results, I plan to apply this to some of our wetter greens in the future.

Winter tee mats

You may have noticed I have been doing something to the 5th winter tee. Well I am trying out an idea I have had for quite a while. I have actually seeded this original infill type of winter tee mat. My idea is that the grass growing in the rubber crumb and nylon fibre, will eventually take root in the rubber crumb in the fibres. This will then reduce the need for replacing the rubber crumb, that is continuously being knocked out of the mats by using irons.

I am only trying this on the 5th at the moment, if it is successful I will do the same on the 7th ,8th ,9th, 10th, 12th, 15th and 18th plastic pavers on the 5th create a warm micro climate, which helps the seed to germinate quicker. These will be removed once has germinated.

The 1st bridge

As you may have noticed the hand rail on the first bridge has collapsed. This is due to the brook eroding away the bank, which the concrete to fall into the brook, with hand rail attached. I have had a meeting with the Environment agency. I need to submit work to carry out repair to protect the bank from further erosion. I am planning to use willow staves driven into the bed. then weave branches in between them. The staves will shoot and grow into the bank, this will provide a natural defense against erosion. Once have been agreed I will commence work.

16th tee

This week I will be closing the main 16th tee. This tee will be re-levelled, however, initially I will grow and feed the grass to repair divots in it, then I will lift the turf, re-level and then replace.

Thank you, Mark Paxton - Course Manager

Clubhouse

BAR OPENING HOURS

Effective from 24th October 2011

IN ORDER TO BETTER MANAGE THE BAR OPENING HOURS TO REFLECT THE NEEDS OF THE BUSINESS, THE BAR WILL CLOSE -

1 HOUR AFTER SUNSET

THIS CHANGE WILL TAKE EFFECT FROM THE ABOVE DATE AND RUN THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

The bar will be open later if there is a booked function or a society dining.

Peter Lamb - Clubhouse Manager

Catering Opening Hours

Monday: 11.00am - 4.00pm

Tuesday: 11.00am - 4.00pm

Wednesday: 11.00am - 5.00pm

Thursday: 11.00am - 5.00pm*

Friday: 11.00am - 5.00pm*

Saturday: 6.30am - 5.00pm*

**Sunday: 6.30am - 10.00am (breakfast)
11.30am - 4.00pm**

*The catering service will be available later if there is a booked function or a society dining.

Freshly made sandwiches will be available from the bar when the catering service is closed.

Pro Shop

- 20% Off SALE on Ping, Cleveland & Wilson Golf Bags
- 2 Dozen PROV1's £70
- 18 Hole Battery Was £79.99 Now only £64
- Cleveland Wedges Now £85 + Free Cleveland Cap RRP £15
- Titleist Vokey Wedges Now £80 + Free Sleeve (3) PROV1's
- Ashworth Shorts Were £29.99 Now Only £15
- All Ladies Shoes in Stock 20% Off

Competition Results

Comp.	DATE	TYPE	WINNER	SECOND	THIRD
HALES CARTER	25/09/11	FINAL	ALAN SMITH	DECLAN TAAFFE	N/A

PINSPLITTER	25/09/11	FINAL	ROB ADAMS & JOHN PURDY	MICK HEWLETT & TOM BREHENY	N/A
BRIAN MUNRO SCRATCH TROPHY	25/09/11	FINAL	COLIN LEDWITH	ANDREW THOMSON	N/A
TONY McCABE TROPHY	25/09/11	FINAL	TOM BREHENY	COLIN LEYBOURN	N/A
MEDAL	28/09/11	EOD	JOHN WITHINGTON (net 65)	IAN DAS (net 69)	COLIN LEYBOURN
FLAG COMPETITION	02/10/11	Pre-Enter	DAVID BATERIP (net 62)	GLENN SPREADBURY (net 66)	PAT McQUILLIAN
STABLEFORD	12/10/11	EOD	JUSTIN TEECE (43pts)	TYLER WINK (42pts)	PETER ZIELINSKI
WEEKEND STABLEFORD	30/10/11	EOD	ROYDON WEEKES (45 pts)	ROBERT JONES (39pts)	ANDREW DUCK ()

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