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## LADY CAPTAIN'S REPORT

You have given me such wonderful support this year and I would like to thank you all, especially Karin Williams (Ladies Secretary) and all the committee members whose dedication and hard work have made the year run very smoothly.

To those who have played in the Inter-Club and Friendly matches, the Beales Bronze teams who reached the semi finals (played at Parkstone), congratulations. We lost 4 matches to 3 and the deciding match went to the 20th hole. Better luck next year.

Jean Jones, Sue Merritt, Jenny Goodwin and Jill Connett played in the eclectic at Bramshaw where 44 teams competed. Knighton Heath emerged winners with an amazing net 64. **Well done ladies.**

To all ladies who have represented Knighton Heath in events too numerous to mention, thank you. My Captain's day was very much enjoyed by all and 73 ladies came to tea. Forty eight ladies attended my Captain's Dinner and my thanks go to Colin and Isobel for their hard work at all our events.

This year saw the celebration of Lillian Wilson's 90th birthday. Congratulations Lillian and may you enjoy many more years at Knighton Heath with your friends.

We wish better health to Sally Fish, Jean Brason and Ann Frazer who we have missed and hope to see you all soon. Thank you all for your help and contributions to my charity. We have raised £1048 for this cause

Congratulations to Margery Johnston, your new Captain. I wish her a very happy and successful year.

*Rita Wise*

## PROFESSIONAL'S REPORT



Members will have noticed that Tony Hunt has left us and I am pleased to introduce Neil Roff as the new assistant in the shop and I believe he will help form a happy team.

At the time of writing this article the weather has continued to be very kind to golfers, but no doubt we shall be paying for it and the need to keep warm and dry will soon be uppermost in our minds.

To this end the shop has a range of Mens ProQuip and Sundridge waterproofs at £99 per suit. There are also Weatherbeater waterproof tops for both men and women at £44.95 and Pringle jumpers in various colours and prices. Phoenix golf shoes are good value at £29.95 and by the time you read this article my new stock of hats should have arrived.

My tip for this quarter is more of a helpful reminder in that dew and frost are not loose impediments and may not be removed from a player's line of play (Rule 13-2 or, on the putting green, Rule 16-1a) unless of course the removal occurs incidentally to some other action permitted under the rules e.g. repairing pitch marks on the putting surface. Remember, the penalty for not observing these rules is the loss of a hole in match play or two strokes in stroke play.

# KNIGHTON HEATH GOLF CLUB

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NEWS

## LES TANSWELL ELECTED PRESIDENT



At a well attended AGM in October, Les Tanswell was elected club president in succession to Peter Olivo. In his acceptance speech Les said that he felt deeply honoured at his election and looked forward to representing what many people in Dorset consider the most improved and progressive club in the county.

Les will be the first president to have a more defined role in the club which will include acting as Chairman of the Annual General Meetings. A stalwart of the club, Les was Captain in 1979/80 and still has responsibilities with the Dorset CGU.

## AUTUMN REPORT

Autumn is upon us and after another successful season the annual problems have come along, although the course is in nice condition. We have had to survive our first attack of Fusarium and we have sprayed, spiked and top-dressed to try and keep the greens in as good a condition as possible. The overall appearance of the Golf Course has improved considerably over the last eighteen months and let us hope this trend can continue. I would like to add that unless members can participate in these improvements by replacing divots and pitch marks, following signed footpaths and generally respecting the golf course, this improvement work is wasted.

*Derek Cheetham*

Head Greenkeeper

## CLUB OFFICIALS FOR 1996/7

At the AGM in October the following were elected to serve the club in the coming year.

**Captain ~ Reg Underwood**



**Vice Captain ~ Doug Procter**  
**President ~ Les Tanswell**  
**Hon. Treasurer ~ Peter Gay**

## Management Committee

John Farrer, Keith Taylor, Margaret Joyce.

## Members continuing to serve are:

David Beets, Don Cowan, Henry Hedges, Eric Hiscock, Margery Johnston, Bill Kennedy, Sue Merritt, Mike Miles and Peter Wise.

Reg Underwood said that he was promoting course care and etiquette as his special interest for the year, but resisted the temptation to quote Rule 38! His Charity for the year would be the MacMillan Cancer Fund.

SOCIAL EVENTS



## REFLECTIONS ON A YEAR AS CAPTAIN

How quickly a year goes by! It is interesting to look back on some of the incidents that can occur in just one year.

The best news came early in the year when the threatened road was put on indefinite hold. The new roof has transformed the appearance of the Clubhouse and will save thousands of pounds a year on repair bills. The new 5th green came into operation in the spring and a herd of cows invaded the golf course.

Five day membership is being phased out. Our seven day subscription of £425 is excellent value for a quality golf course. Just compare this with £428 for five day membership at Dudsbury with no play on bank holidays and no voting rights!

Trees are a very sensitive subject, but when one grows in front of a tee, as at the 11th, it is better gone. We now have full use of the tee. We made a new raised tee for the ladies on the 13th, but they have now claimed the men's tee and given the men their old tee which we didn't want anyway!

A point was raised at the AGM about the desirability of winter rules throughout the summer. I am a great believer in playing the ball as it lies. If you place the ball away from a divot hole you immediately make another divot hole!

Being invited to play in the Came Down and Ashley Wood centenary events, the Mayor of Poole's Am Am and many other events all helped to make it a very enjoyable year for me. One of the more pleasant duties as Captain is to run the monthly Mixed Fours and be allocated a different lady each month as a playing partner. Also, the Captain/Pro challenge was very successful and it is a pleasure to play with Jane.

This year's charity for the Shaftesbury Home for disabled children has raised £595.50 and I would like to thank all who have contributed.

Finally, please support your new President, Captain and Vice-Captain during the coming year, also the hard working Committee members who sometimes have to make decisions which do not please everyone, but are for the overall benefit of the Club.

*Don Cowan*

## IN MEMORIAM

## CLUB MANAGER'S REPORT

The weather maintained a benign face throughout the summer months enabling the completion of the Trophy Competitions and Knock Out Trophies without hindrance.

### Medal Winners

AUG 3	A.Hebditch	67 P.Spray	67 B.Sharps	61
4	A.Greenham	66 C.Strange	66 J.R.Cameron	70
7	G.Taylor	67 R.Kent	67 N.Maton	65
SEPT 31/8	A.Greenham	65 D.Mitchell	64 D.Curle	68
1	P.Dawson	66 W.Carmichael	65 A.Bartlett	67
4	R.Horlock	66 W.Carmichael	65 L.Simonis	68
OCT 2	H.Rickman	66 A.Farnworth	71 R.Hitchens	67
5	C.Langston	68 P.Spray	68 S.Butcher	71
6	C.MacDonald	68 C.Williams	64 D.Sratman	68

### Trophy Competitions

18th August	Members Cup (18 hole Stableford)
	B.J. Maloney 44pts; M. Miles 43pts.
8th September	Club Championship (36 hole Scratch Medal)
	M. Cummins 71+66=137;
	C. MacDonald 68+72=140
8th September	Godfrey Elliott Bowl (36 hole Medal 14 handicap max)
	K. James 65+65=130;
	C. MacDonald 64+68=132

Congratulations to Martin on his score, which was the lowest since the Club (Knighton Heath) was formed 20 years ago and to Charles who challenged on both the scratch and handicap fronts.

22nd September	Anniversary Cup (18 hole Greensome Stableford)
	P. Drury and C. MacDonald 42pts;
	J. Spillar and D. Gritt 41 pts
29th September	Kirk Cup (18 hole Bogey)
	J.M. Baker + 2; K. James +1

### K.O. TROPHIES

These have all been completed apart from the Arthur Trudgett Scratch Cup which has still to be resolved due to Martin Cummins' County commitment at weekends.

Ron Way Cup (Under 23 Trophy)	B. Churchill beat M. McClelland
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### County Competitions

Congratulations to Paul Dawson and Richard Clift who, after winning the handicap trophy last year, won the Dorset County Golf Union Inter-Club Scratch Foursomes Trophy after it was played over the course on 14 September. Almost there also were Peter Keeping and Bill Kennedy who were runners-up in the handicap event.

### Mixed Foursomes Open

This was held on Sunday 11 August and run most successfully by our lady members. My thanks to them for lightening the competition load.

### Order of Merit

The October Medals saw the end of points for this trophy and congratulations are in order for Graham Taylor. Consistency throughout the summer and steady form in the Championship helped him fight off any challenge.

Next month is November and we will already be into the opening rounds of the Winter Fourball with the Turkey Trot to look forward to and the prospect of Winter Golf. For the months of December, January and February the monthly medals will be run as stableford competitions. It is hoped this will speed up play whilst still providing a competitive round with handicap adjustments both up and down. The playing of the February medal as a Stableford will mean the moving of the President's Salver Qualifier to the March Medals.

Another big change for 1997 will be the Club Championship, Godfrey Elliott Bowl and 1st Captains Cup. These are 36 hole competitions and will be played as one event over two Sundays. The Championship will remain a scratch event and the Elliott Bowl will be limited to 14 handicap whilst the winner of the 1st Captains Cup will come from the 15-24 handicap range. Competitors will be able to choose their own start time for the two days and a special slot will be reserved to low handicaps at the start of the afternoon session.

## GREENS NEWS

A policy has been adopted by the greens committee to carry out essential improvements and maintenance to the tees and surrounding areas, during the winter. Some tees will be enlarged to allow continuous play throughout the year and others will be generally maintained.

Work will continue on and around the 11th tea to include planting more cypress trees and the upgrading of the right hand tee for the ladies' use.

The 13th ladies' tee has now been permanently moved to the top area and the yellow marker is now on the lower tee. Members playing off the yellow markers may use the white tee on this hole if they so wish.

The work on laying the new stepped path to the 6th tee

instated and other bunkers are planned.

Some sturdy seats are to be sited at various points around the course.

The vandalised drinking fountain has now been repaired after a long wait for replacement parts. Apologies for the delay.

Finally, thank you to everyone on the greens committee, who have given up a lot of their free time to help ensure that we have a course to be proud of. Once again, Derek Cheetham and his staff must be congratulated for maintaining a course that is the envy of many other golf clubs, near and far.

*Mike Gard*

## NOTICE OF INTENT FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF KNIGHTON HEATH GOLF CLUB

For the past two years the Management Committee has been considering the merits of adopting a two committee management structure in line with over half the golf clubs in Great Britain. The reasons are twofold. Firstly, under the present organisation the Captain bears the heavy responsibilities during his single year in office which detract from his ability to concentrate upon the golf and social activities which are central to his appointment.

Secondly, the management of a modern golf club has become a complex and demanding business calling for a more professional approach. Greater continuity in the handling of policy, financial matters, administration and the management of the course itself is required to ensure the prosperity of the club.

After careful consideration and review it has been decided to propose the adoption of a two committee structure comprising a Captain's Committee and Management Committee. The Captain's Committee would be responsible for all the golfing and social activities of the Club and be the guardian of its standards, tone and atmosphere. The Management Committee, in support of the Captain's Committee, would be responsible for all policy and financial matters, together with the attendant administration of the clubhouse, the course and the employees of the Club.

No requirement to change the Articles of Association of the Club is anticipated. The rules of the Club would require some amendment although much of this would be of the editorial nature. Rules 5,6,9,14,15,20 and 38 are all likely to be affected, and the opportunity to revise any ambiguous Rules should also be taken since the last revision was published in November 1994.