

Editorial

I have added a page of photographs to this months newsletter showing how much the course differed between April and October 2009. It might have been a very cloudy and dull summer but as the pictures show there hasn't really been any rain.

Can any of you who help organize any of the sections (Vets, Ladies, Juniors etc) let me have the results from your competitions/matches, either by a note in the envelope behind the bar or e-mail to chris.holehouse@dogwhistle.co.uk, so they can be included on the results page. A short article (two or three sentences) showing who played, conditions, any notable play etc. would also be good to share with the other members.

The membership offer shown on last month's Newsletter has paid dividends for Bob Luke who has introduced two new full members and has therefore received £200 bar credit. That offer expired on 31st October but watch this space for the next one.

Chris Holehouse

Quote of the Month

"I'd like to see the fairways more narrow. Then everyone would have to play from the rough, not just me"

Seve Ballesteros

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Don't forget to visit the club website on WWW.hillingdongolfclub.co.uk

Monthly Medal

The winner of each Division will now receive a Pro Shop Voucher.

If you would prefer a medal or bar credit then please advise Phil accordingly



Santa says

'An ideal Christmas present'

Christmas Special

3 months membership

1st January -31st March 2010

Seven Day Member £140

Lady Member £100

Terms and conditions apply

Fosters Cup - Protagonists View

Ally MacLeod

36 holes in the day was a little daunting, especially in view of the rain clouds gathering at 8.00am. Right on cue, on leaving the putting green, the heavens opened and we took a good soaking for 20 minutes before it died down to a steady drizzle for the next hour. After Pete taking an early lead the match ebbed and flowed with a crucial putt on the 18th of the first round giving me a 3 hole lead at half-way.

On the second 18, the lead was increased to a stage where I was 5 up with 6 to play, but a spirited fight back from Pete put any thoughts of an early finish to bed. Nerves (mine) were jangling on the 36th tee, but I held on to sneak the win.

A cracking match played in good spirit throughout, and many thanks to the Saturday Ryder Cup players who all respectfully allowed us to play through their matches, I could get used to that!

Peter McLoughlin

My memories of the day were; walking around to the clubhouse at 7.30 a.m. in semi darkness in a T shirt as the weather was so mild, thinking perhaps the forecasters had got it wrong. As Ally and I got to the first tee as if on cue the heavens opened and stayed open for most of the first round! I won the first two holes (courtesy of the shots Ally was giving me) and thought I might be in for a good day, but Ally promptly won holes 3 & 4 to come back all square. The first 18 finished with Ally 3 up I believe. On the 30th hole (the 3rd) I missed a 3 foot putt for a half to go 5 down with 6 to play and had all but resigned myself to shaking hands on one of the next two greens, but won the next two holes and halved the 33rd hole and Ally was dormy 3. I then won the 34th, and on the 35th Ally was sitting with a 4 or 5 foot putt for a 4 and the match when I drained a 20 footer for a 4 net 3 to take the match to the 36th hole. I thought to myself as a famous Scotsman once said "it's squeaky bum time for Ally" and hit a decent tee shot but to the left behind the conifers. I needed to get over them and on to the green for the par I almost certainly needed to take the match to a play off but I failed and conceded Ally's putt for a 5 and the championship on the 36th green.

In conclusion Ally played extremely well and very consistently as the card showed when we looked at it in the bar afterwards. Ally went round in the morning in 10 over gross and 11 over in the afternoon which off a 12 handicap was excellent golf, and undoubtedly the better player won on the day. For my own part I was glad to have made the score more respectable and thoroughly enjoyed the champion's company.

p.s. Everyone who was playing in the Ryder Cup was very courteous in allowing us to play through and offering encouragement.

p.p.s. Tracey said she has never seen two people walk round a golf course so fast!

What a Difference 6 Months Make



1st Hole Tee to Green - April 2009



1st Hole Tee to Green - October 2009



7th Hole Tee to Green - April 2009



7th Hole Tee to Green - October 2009



1st Fairway - April 2009



1st Fairway - October 2009

November 2009

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
						1 Carlo Challenge Cup (Shotgun Start 0900)
2	3 Stableford Roll-Up	4	5 Ladies Medal	6	7 November Medal	8 November Medal
9	10 Stableford Roll-Up Committee Meeting	11	12 Ladies Captain v Vice Captain Ladies AGM	13	14 Winter Tankard Round 1	15 Winter Tankard Round 1 Winter League
16	17 Stableford Roll-Up	18	19 Ladies Stableford White Elephant	20	21 Winter Tankard Round 2	22 Winter Tankard Round 2 Winter League
23	24 Stableford Roll-Up	25	26 Ladies Mini Stableford	27	28 Winter Tankard Round 3 Club Dinner & Dance	29 Winter Tankard Round 3
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KEY: Golf = Green — Non Golf = Black

Captains Report

The month has gone by very quickly since my last newsletter in September. We played a home match against Strawberry Hill that we won and we played away to Datchet, who beat us by a whisker.

We had the Captain and Pro Challenge play-off on Sunday 25th October. There was a good turn out on a very pleasant autumn day. Mark Flynn and Tony Pool were the clear winners with a magnificent score of 44 points. In second place were my Vice-Captain Malcolm Trudgeon and John Morley with 41 points. Prizes were presented to the winning pair. Our Pro Phil very kindly asked for a donation to be made to the Captain's charity in place of his gift (for putting up with me during the summer!). I would like to say thank you to Phil for his generosity.

May I remind you that that the race night will be on Saturday 31st October. There will be no charge and no food. Please come and place a few bets, have a few drinks and have a good time.

Most of all I would like to invite you to the club's annual dinner and dance which will be held on Saturday 28th November at Brunel University with dancing to music by "Diamond". Tickets are £36 each and are available behind the bar. Please come and support your club on what promises to be a very enjoyable evening.

Your Captain, Carlo Campisi



Carlo Campisi
Captain 2009

Course News

As we progress into autumn collection of leaves becomes a priority.

The new tee on the fifth hole is complete and we have finished recontouring the bunker to the left of the ninth green.

Weather and leaf collection permitting we will hope to have the second tee finished early in November.

We have had a large part of the willow to the left of the sixth hole cut back to reduce the amount of debris on the green



Phil Smith
Professional and
General Manager

Competition Results

October Medal 3 and 4 October 2009

Division 1

1st Lee Howe
2nd Jeff David
3rd Fred Gregory

Division 2

1st Brian Robins
2nd Alan Jones
3rd Michael Keable

Division 3

1st Mark Winning
2nd Derek Seagrove
3rd Roger Kissane

Butler Cup 19 and 20 September 2009

1st Phillip Old
2nd John Toull
3rd Warren Kendall
4th Kevin Voisey

Competition Plate 10 and 11 October 2009

1st Warren Kendall
2nd Derek Wilson

Veteran's Trophy 19 October 2009

1st Ken Deamer
2nd Brian Kneuss

Autumn Canter 18 October 2009

1st Mark Flynn & Steve House
2nd Warren Kendall & Pete McLouchlin
3rd John Marskell & Dave Gunner
4th Steve Lewington & John Morley

Fosters Cup 24 October 2009

1st Ally Macleod
2nd Peter McLoughlin

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