

# Batchwood Hall Golf Club 2022

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# February



Welcome to February and we are now only 54 days from the clocks going forward and British summer time beginning! January hasn't been too bad with the weather and most mid-week and weekend competitions were played. Congratulations to the various winners.

Your 2022 membership subscriptions should now have been paid and if not you will no longer be able to book a time within our club allocated slots during the week or at weekends until they have been.

Finally Heath (Head Greenkeeper) and his son Liam have left Batchwood, but I am sure that we would like to thank him for his work over a number of years and most of us realise that he would have achieved much more with better support and financial backing from 1-Life. Good luck with your new career Heath.

## CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT



Just a few points from last month. Firstly a big thank you for your kind donations for my drive in, which totalled out to £930, to which Grant Harbour generously round it up to an even £1,000. Thank all very much, this is a great start to my Watford Peace Hospice charity.

Will and I met with the captains of the other Herts friendly league teams and have arranged the home and away fixtures for 2022. Alex Calder (scratch team captain) has arranged his home and away matches as well, so please keep an eye on MasterScoreBoard where these dates will be posted. Anyone who wishes to play in the Herts friendly league matches, please put your name down on the sheet that will be posted prior to matches in the entrance way.

We had a meeting with the council regarding the 9th green, which was my first, but personally I thought all in all it was positive. This is all be dependent on the council budget meeting later this month. Rather than me type out the contents of the meeting please come see me and I will be more than happy to explain, but I will confirm more after the next meeting.

As you may, or not heard, Heath and his son have left the grounds staff team. They will be missed, as I thought last year's greens were the best I have played on since I have been a member. I understand the council will be appointing an interim team.

Gary Pooley  
Club Captain 2022



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## LADIES SECTION REPORT

### Mix & Match 666 (Saturday 22nd & Tuesday 25th January)

Winners: Alison Higginbottom & Jane Sullivan (40 points)

Runners Up: Gill Burnett & Chris Jones (28 points)

### Birdies in singles competitions

No qualifying competitions

### Dates for Diary:

Tuesday 8th February - Session on the rules of golf followed by social and presentation of prizes and trophies

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	-	Ladies Invitation Day
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	-	Men's Club Championships (36 holes)
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> & Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	-	Ladies Club Championships
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> & Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Presidents Cup
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	-	Men's Invitation Day (36 holes)
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> & Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> September	-	J.H. Taylor Weekend
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	-	2022 Annual General Meeting 7.30pm

## FEBRUARY COMPETITIONS

Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	-	Senators Stableford Medal
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> & Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>	-	7-day Winter Stableford Medal
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup>	-	Midweekers 4BBB Stableford 5's & 3's
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> & Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	-	7-day 4BBB Stableford par 4 double score
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>	-	Midweekers Single Stableford (16 holes to count)
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> & Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	-	7-day Single Stableford (16 holes to count)
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup>	-	Midweekers Team Waltz 1-2-3 Stableford
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> & Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	-	7-day Team Waltz 1-2-3 Stableford

## JANUARY WINNERS

7-day Single Stableford (16 holes to count)	-	Winner: Rory O'Connor (38 pts.) R/Up: Justin Saunders (37 pts.)
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	-	
Senators/Midweekers Medal	-	Winner: Bob Reitemeier (32 pts.)
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup>	-	R/Up: Colin Rowe (32 pts.) Senators Medal Winner: Colin Freeman (30 pts.)

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Midweekers 4BBB (par 4 double) -  
Thurs 13<sup>th</sup>

Winners: Mick Clark &  
Chris Wheatley (58 pts.)  
R/Up: Chris Wheatley &  
Brian Gathern (57 pts.)

7-day 4BBB Domino 5's & 3's -  
Sat 15<sup>th</sup> & Sun 16<sup>th</sup>

Winners: Matt Newland & Justin  
Saunders (52 pts.)  
R/Up: Justin Saunders & Giles  
Cooke (50 pts.)

Midweekers Stableford (16 holes) -  
Thurs 20<sup>th</sup>

Winner: Steve Evans (35 pts.)  
R/Up: Geoff Kirby (35 pts.)

7-day 4-4-2- Stableford -  
Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> & Sun 23<sup>rd</sup>

Winners: Daren Hutchin, Geoff Kirby, Jason  
Kirby & Roy Darby (124 pts.)  
R/Up: Mark Burleigh, Nigel Ward, Jim Sinnott  
& Nigel Willis (121 pts.)

Midweekers AM-AM (best 2) -  
Thurs 27<sup>th</sup>

Winners: Graham Harvey, Richard Sullivan,  
Jeff Blakeley, Dave Hollick (86 pts.)  
R/Up: Steve Marshall, Paul Maidment, Jim  
Sinnott, David Valentine (82 pts.)

7-day Bill Ewer Stableford -  
Sat 29<sup>th</sup> & Sun 30<sup>th</sup>

Winner: John Caswell (38 pts.)  
R/Up: Justin Saunders (37 pts.)

7-day Sunday Stableford -  
Sun 30<sup>th</sup>

Winner: Steve Horner (34 pts.)  
R/Up: Nick Sheppard (33 pts.)

## SENATORS/MIDWEEKERS REPORT

The New Year has started with some sunny and pleasant weather conditions, although mud and frost has made playing difficult at times. This was the case with the January medal where Colin Freeman won the Senators competition with 30 points. This was the first one where all members who had reached 70 years of age on the day of the competition became eligible to take part.

The very first Midweekers medal also took place at the same time with all members who had not reached the same age being eligible. Bob Reitemeier was the winner with 32 points.

Alan Williams  
Senator Organiser

## SENIOR CAPTAINS REPORT



As I wrote my first report as Seniors Captain I was unaware as to the extent of the injuries I had sustained as a result of falling down stairs at home (sober I hasten to add...contrary to rumour!). As a consequence it is likely that I will be a "non-playing" Captain.

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I was, however, able to complete my drive-in on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> and managed to not only hit the ball but to hit it straight and a magnificent 70 yards!! Thanks to those who stayed to watch and in some cases film. An initial £187 was raised for my charity, Rare Dementia Support, including money raised on Medal Day and further donations took this to £198. Thank you to everyone who contributed and a special thanks to Rashed Mustafa who won a litre of whisky for predicting my drive would go 70 yards and then gave it back to me. Then last Thursday during my speech I mentioned that if anyone wished to contribute £2 to my charity money for January it would be £200, a not too shabby start for the year.

I was then overwhelmed by the generosity of members who proceeded to contribute another £80 bringing my January total to £278! Guys, I am so grateful for your generosity and hope it continues throughout the year. Thank you.

We are hoping to stage a BHGC Seniors Open in August and we will initially be inviting members from clubs we play in friendlies to enter teams of 3 or 4. More details to follow.

With the weather being a little fairer we saw 40 members play last week on Thursday. We also have times on Tuesdays and as the days warm up and we move into spring I hope more of you will sign up to play. The clubhouse is also open on Tuesdays.

Have a great February...March is not far away and will see us play our first friendlies. Hopefully many of you will sign up to play throughout the year.

Stay safe and well.

David Mclean  
Senior Captain 2022

Best wishes.

*John*

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