



# Brampton Golf Club

## December 2009 Newsletter



This is the first tentative step towards a regular newsletter to keep you informed about what's going on in your Club. As the months progress the intention is that it takes on a more professional appearance and more items will be added.

Distribution will be by e-mail but for those without the technology copies will be made available in the Clubhouse.

### Centenary Celebrations

Hindsight is a wonderful thing so starting this Newsletter at the beginning of the year rather than the end might have made more sense but c'est la vie.

All the events seemed to go well and the Centenary Committee was pleased that their aim, to involve as many members as possible, appears to have been fulfilled. Whether it was entering one of the Centenary competitions or just enjoying one of Robin & Mairi's buffets there was something for everyone.

The last major event was the Centenary Dinner held at Shepherds Inn in September, all tickets were sold and everyone enjoyed the entertainment which was different to say the least.

A proportion of the takings from the Auction was set aside for a worthy cause and in November the Centenary Committee was pleased to present a cheque for £500 to Eden Valley Hospice.



**Lady Captain Gwen and Captain Bill present a cheque to Katrina Sander of Eden Valley Hospice. Chairman Jim and Vice-Captain Peter play "guess-which-hand-it's-in".**

## **The Course**

Thankfully we have not suffered as much as our fellow Clubs in the rest of the county indeed on Friday 20 November we were the only course open in Cumbria. We didn't escape for long as the course had to be closed on Sunday 22 November thus cancelling the Fur & Feather Competition for the second time. Competitions Secretary Keith knows when he's beaten therefore the competition will not be held this year, those of you who depended on a prize for their Christmas lunch will have to make do with Cranstons or Tesco or Asda or .....

The winter programme is now well underway with key items of work including:-

- Drainage in front of 3<sup>rd</sup> green and new outfall along the side of the 3<sup>rd</sup> fairway.
- Trimming out trees behind 3<sup>rd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> greens.
- Extend path from the 7<sup>th</sup> tee down to the Ladies 10<sup>th</sup> tee.
- Clear gorse in front of Ladies 8<sup>th</sup> tee.
- Form a path to the right of the tree at the 15<sup>th</sup> green and form a mound to stop balls going out of the road gate.
- Remove large/dead plants at the back of the 18<sup>th</sup> green and replace.
- Remedial works to footpaths.
- Remedial works to bunkers.

## **The Practice Range**

The Club has recently received a donation from the descendants of a founder member to provide a permanent structure in our Centenary Year and this has been identified as a roof over the practice bays. The work requires planning permission which has been applied for and hopefully works will be complete for the start of the 2010 season.

## **The Clubhouse**

The Club has recently put plans in place to refurbish the Billiards Room to make much better use of it, annual takings on the billiards and pool tables are in the few hundreds of pounds with the cost of maintenance often resulting in it making a loss.

The plans include installing some natural light, forming a doorway through to the kitchen, altering the bar to make the two rooms feel more like one followed by decoration and some new furnishings. Provision will be made to separate the two when required as the Club is keen to generate income for the new room through private bookings for conferences, parties and so on.

Please note that as usual the Clubhouse will be closed on 25 December 2009.

## **Ladies Section**

- Somewhat short notice but the Ladies Christmas Dinner is to be held at the Queen Inn, Great Corby this Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2009.
- The Ladies AGM will be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2009 in the Clubhouse.

Jane Timbers leaves the Executive Committee this month having represented the Ladies Section for ten years, Jane writes:-

*"I have represented the Ladies Section on the Executive Committee for the past 10 years and sadly my time has come to an end; I say sadly because it has been a real pleasure to have been involved in this way in Brampton Golf Club and I have been amazed at the commitment and effort put in by all the members of the committee.*

*The committee is made up of volunteers and yet each and every one spends hours every month working for the good of Brampton Golf Club and its members. Meetings are held every month but also each member of the committee will be on a sub-committee, namely Greens, House, Bar, Financial and this year Centenary. I was on the House Committee and therefore involved in a number of decisions made concerning the interior of the Clubhouse under the leadership of Mike Murphy.*

*Though it has been time consuming it has been very interesting to learn how a golf club is run, how money is raised and spent, the cost of all the services involved in running a golf club, the decisions concerning green fees, beer prices, whether machines are replaced or not and so on. It was the Ladies Section who first brought up the question of a loo on the course and during all the preliminary discussions I had to endure a lot of ribbing about "the ladies toilet" and various other remarks but we now have a loo to be proud of, mainly through the hard work of Jeremy Griffiths and his team.*

*When I come to Brampton Golf Club I know that there is a dedicated group behind the scenes who enable us all to enjoy the wonderful asset that we have at Brampton and I would like to thank the Executive for welcoming me 10 years ago and wish my successor, Joyce Gorst, an equally enjoyable time on the Committee".*

It was a pleasure to have you amongst us Jane, you were an oasis of calm and common sense.

## **New Members**

We continue to attract new members although regrettably we also lose some every year for various reasons, given the trends in Cumbria generally and also nationally we are doing quite well.

## Forthcoming Events

### Saturday 5 December 2009

- Presentation of Prizes Evening in the Clubhouse starting at 7.30pm, even if you didn't win a prize this season come along to support those who did and enjoy the free buffet.

### Thursday 31 December 2009

- New Year's Eve Party where fun, food and frolics are on offer at £5 per head which includes bus transport to and from Carlisle. There will also be a drinks promotion operating, to quote Robin "good value or what?". Tickets available from Robin or Mairi.

### Friday 1 January 2010

- Four-person team Texas Scramble with Shotgun start at 10.30am, entry sheet in the Clubhouse. Again there will be a drinks promotion on offer for those with credit on their bar cards.

In addition to these particular events:

- Robin and Mairi will be offering Christmas Dinners during December (menus on the bar).
- Drinks promotions in the New Year for in-credit bar cards.
- The Lounge is available for private use for seasonal parties, this service is free to members but a room charge is made to non-members.

## Gallery

The Club has a few photographs taken over the years and will publish them regularly until the supply runs out, if you have any that might be of interest we'd be pleased to copy them and use them in our 'library'.

### **Captain's Day 19??**

**Can anyone name all the golfers and if possible the year?**

**The caravan has been identified as a Willerby apparently.**



## Website

The Club's website will be used increasingly to inform members and visitors what's going on. The present format has limitations but in the medium term is planned to be upgraded to offer many more features, we'll let you know how we're progressing through these Newsletters.

## Feedback

We hope you have found this Newsletter informative if not at the cutting edge of graphic design, if you have any comments be they good or bad please send them to Jeremy Griffiths [ja\\_griffiths@hotmail.com](mailto:ja_griffiths@hotmail.com).



The Club wishes all  
its members a Merry  
Christmas and  
Happy New Year

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