

Brecon



GOLF CLUB

Newsletter

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Dear Members,

Not the best start for golfers to 2016 with rain and wind, not a good combination! We all look forward to the new season and finer weather. Happy golfing for 2016.

----- **UPCOMING EVENTS** -----

Annual General Meeting - Fri 4th March

Ladies AGM - Sat 5th March

Please make every effort to attend. Agendas have been distributed, if you have not received one, please contact the Secretary.

Mon 11th April - Ladies Coffee Morning
Mon 2nd May - Clive Williams 'Muke' Memorial Charity Golf Day
Mon 29th August - Keddle's Charity Day for 'Tommy's Funding Research'

----- **CLUB NEWS** -----

Clubhouse Events:

Since Christmas, the Club has been very quiet on the course but events have still been going on in the clubhouse including *Open Mic Night* on the last Friday of each month.

Over 30 players turned up for a 'Doubles' *Darts Tournament*, with one pair travelling from Newport. Winners eventually going to local boys Gareth

Goode and Tony McDonald from the Boars Head receiving £200. Well-done Jamie and we look forward to the next tournament. The bar certainly did well that day.

The *Wine Tasting* evening was a success with members certainly getting their £6.50s worth. This was an opportunity for members to have a say in what wine they would like the Club to sell.

This is the first year in the Brecon league for the *Golf Club's Darts Team*, the season is coming to an end, and they have won some games, although I did hear a member saying 'room for improvement' which could be said for many of our golf games! Well done boys.

If anyone has any ideas or wishes to hold an event at the Club, please see the Secretary.

Christmas Draw

A well attended evening followed by music from '3 Good Reasons' saw some members dancing the night away. Thank you to the ladies for organising the draw and also to Richard for donating the Christmas tree. £125.00 from the draw money went towards the winter mats

Mail on Sunday Competition

Both the men's and ladies teams are through to the next round. Good luck in your next match.

Presentation Night

As well as all cup winners receiving their well earned trophies, ladies captain Sandra presented a cheque for £702 to 'British Heart Foundation' which was raised from a charity day earlier in the year.



35 Years Service

Dorothy has been an officer of the ladies section for 35 years and to show the clubs appreciated was presented with an engraved glass. Thank you Dorothy for all you have done and continue to do.



Captains

Thank you to all Captains who stepped in for 2015/16 season - Jamie, Richard W, Richard K, Terry, Tom, Martin, Peter, Ian, Peter & Rob. Best wishes to the 'incoming captains' Peris & Heather and Derrick for the seniors.

Also advance welcome to all new Club Officers and Committee Members who will be elected in at the AGM in March.

Ladies Section:

The season ended with the ladies Autumn trip to the Vale. The first day was the championship course, a hard slog for some and a good meal and a few drinks were well earned. There followed a very competitive game of "dough" and a couple of drinks before retiring to some lovely rooms. The next morning there were some close encounters with the French Rugby team and this livened everyone up ready for the Lakes, which proved very wet for some! Lovely courses, good facilities and some wonderful company what more could you want.



A week later a number of ladies played the Brecon & Radnor Championship at Builth Wells. Our ladies had been persuaded by our gentle voiced vice captain to attend. As a result, Brecon was well represented in numbers and

performance so we may even attend again next year!

The third week of October saw Brecon hosting the Mid Wales County Golf Association Team of Three event. There was a large field with the facilities at the club in use all day. The course had been wonderfully prepared. There were many compliments about the condition of the course and the club itself. None of which would have been possible without all the legions of people who cleaned and prepared for the event as well as working so hard on the day itself. Many ladies also baked and gave produce which raised £115 for cancer charity in memory of Wimke and Audrey.

The last Sunday in October was very special as the ladies together with Andrew planted tulip bulbs by the clubhouse in memory of Wimke. Hopefully in the spring there will be a colourful display to welcome us back as we play down the eighteenth!



So the winter season began. The weather has been extremely unkind with play prevented over many months. A chance to get together with the Christmas dinner in The Castle Hotel, a very enjoyable meal and some good fun with a very special group of women all

looking forward to a new season of golf in 2016.

Finance Matters

As the current newsletter emerges, we are still awaiting the final accounts for 2015. We believe these will be reasonably good with both Golf and Bar performing well and delivering a small surplus for the club in the last year.

The bar has performed well under the chairmanship of Jamie Norbury since April 2015. Opening hours have increased, and various events and functions have been introduced. Even with higher costs, the bar has been able to boost club funds. Wage rates rose during the year and will rise again in April putting added pressure on the bar, but if members continue to support Jamie with his efforts, the clubhouse will go from strength to strength.

Ideas are always welcome for events. We have already introduced Darts, Whist Drives, Poker Nights, Music nights as well as regular Bar B Qs, Charity events, etc.

On the golfing front, the club has increased membership and with many of the new members coming on trial membership schemes, the prospects look good. The exceptionally wet weather in December and January has been a blow, but with spring approaching we will all be able to enjoy the course at its best soon.

The Committee has chosen not to increase subscription rates for 2016/17 and letters will be issued in early March confirming the rates and methods of payment.

As ever Steve Morris will be happy to help any member or visitor with any queries
- treasurer@brecongolfclub.org.uk

Club Shirts & Accessories (markers & pitch repairers)

Brecon GC markers and pitch repairers are on sale behind the bar. A list will soon be put up in the changing rooms for those who wish to buy club jumpers and polo shirts.

Greens

Due to the adverse weather the course has been closed over the last couple of months. The decision was made to protect the course after the worst winter of storms in recent memory. Obviously, this is out of our control, but we are keen to get you all out there playing as much as possible and will see the benefits of this in the spring.

Please can you all ensure you stick to paths and roped off sections.



Lottery

The prize pot is growing. The money taken is split evenly between the prize fund and the Club. To be in with a chance to win, you must buy.

Volunteers

A big thank you to all the volunteers who work tirelessly to keep the Club running. All your work is very much appreciated.

----- OTHER NEWS -----

Walking to help fight cancer:

Andrew Wakley's challenge is nearly complete, he has walked all 138 Welsh Hewitts (mountains over 2000ft) other than Pen-y-Fan, which will be his final walk on 20th March. Come on members, join Andrew walking Pen-y-Fan on the 20th. So far £5,470 has been raised for the charities: St David's Hospice Care, Cancer Research UK and Wales and Macmillan Cancer Support

There is a sponsor form behind the bar. If everyone who has kindly sponsored could paid asap.

Website & Facebook:

Don't forget you can now follow club news, results and upcoming events at:

facebook.com/brecongolfclub
or www.brecongolfclub.org.uk

----- 19th HOLE HUMOUR -----

Tom went to his doctor for a physical. His doctor asked him about his daily activity level, so Tom described a typical day:

“Well, yesterday afternoon, I waded along the edge of a lake, drank eight beers, escaped from wild dogs in the heavy bush, marched up and down several rocky hills, stood in a patch of poison ivy, crawled out of quicksand, jumped away from an aggressive rattlesnake and took four 'leaks' behind big trees.”

Inspired by the story, the doctor said “You must be one hell of an outdoors man!”

“No”, Tom replied, “I'm just a very bad golfer.”

REQUESTS:

**Any suggestions/comments for future issues will be very welcomed.
Contact Maureen or Rhodri.**