



# Wollaton Park Golf Club

Newsletter - Winter 2008



## ROBIN & ROSEMARY BOW - FIRST COUPLE TO BE CAPTAINS TOGETHER

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### CAPTAINS' CHARITIES FOR 2008

Ron Turner, last years Captain, raised a staggering £3,666 for his combined charities of The British Heart Foundation and Rainbows Hospice for Children during his year in office.

Jeanna Parton, last years' Ladies' Captain, raised a very creditable £1,916 for her chosen charity, The Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance.

I'm not saying my golf game went bad, but if I grew tomatoes they'd come up sliced

- Lee Trevino



For the first time in the 81 years of history at the Club a husband and wife have become Club Captain and Ladies' Captain to serve during the same year. They met in 1961 and married two years later. They have three children, Louise, Alistair and Vanessa and also three grand-children. They intend to approach their very separate roles of Club Captain and Ladies' Captain in their own individual ways, to the benefit of Wollaton Park Golf Club.

Although christened Thomas Howard Robin, (the first two were family names) he has always been known as Robin. His parents had toyed with the idea of naming him Guy, after Barbara Hutton's son, who was born on the same day. As most of you will know she was the Woolworth's heiress and they might have hoped that

some of the good fortune would have rubbed off! Educated privately in Nottingham and Oundle, he joined the family building & civil engineering firm as an apprentice, progressing to site foreman before doing his National Service in the Royal Engineers.

He is proud of being the best recruit driver of his intake and after basic training was judged sufficiently capable to drive the Commanding Officer at Bicester. He was later posted to RAF El-Adem in Libya. After leaving the army in 1960 he rejoined the family firm and during his subsequent years at the company held the prestigious post of President of the Building Employers' Confederation - Nottingham Association in 1992 and 1993, following in his grandfather's footsteps of some 70 years earlier. Today his son Alistair runs the company, but when golf and weather permit, Robin still turns up to work there; in his words 'making a nuisance of myself'. The invariable morning salutation is 'Hello old man' which he likes to think is an affectionate tribute to his experience! As a youngster he was introduced to golf by his father, who was match secretary at this club in 1936. He was offered membership at Wollaton Park in 1963, which he had to decline as eyesight problems forced him to give up playing. However with these resolved he joined Notts GC in 1968 and at one time played off 11. He left there to join WPGC in 1980 and despite all efforts his handicap has risen steadily ever since. Robin is confident that his years at the helm of a vigorous industry will have equipped him to meet the equally challenging task of Club Captain here at Wollaton Park.

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## CAPTAIN'S CORNER FROM ROBIN BOW

To be Captain of this prestigious golf club is both an honour and a privilege and during my year in office I will endeavour to build upon the standards set both on and off the course. It is a pleasure to welcome four new members to the General Committee, namely Terry Wass, the Ladies' Vice Captain, Phil Pallant, John Smith and Peter Morley. To have my wife, Rosemary, as the Ladies' Captain is a first in the Club's 81 year history and we have both jointly decided to have "Maggies" as our charity this year. More information regarding "Maggies" will be displayed on the notice boards in due course. There will be two collection boxes, one in the bar and one in the lounge, so please give generously.

Rosemary and I will be holding a "Charity Week" commencing with a Mixed Competition on Sunday 14th June 2009, followed by a Ladies Charity Day on the following Wednesday and a Men's Charity Day the following Saturday. I sincerely hope you will all try to support one or more of these events so put the dates in your diary now. We will also be holding six 9-hole "Roll-up" Single Stableford competitions in the evenings on a monthly basis during the golfing season. Full details of these events and dates will be displayed in the Spring.

Finally I would like to wish all members a happy and healthy 2009.

## JUNIOR JOTTINGS FROM AVRIL JAMIESON

Andy Limb took on the task of organising the team this year. Their presentation on and off the course has been excellent, their results better than we expected, finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Lamplugh Trophy out of 24 County teams, and 4<sup>th</sup> in their division for the season – one more win and they would have been promoted to the 1<sup>st</sup> Division! Under the captaincy of Josh Slade, they have been an absolute credit to the Club. Due to popular demand, we have started a regular Sunday session for our junior members. The first session on Sunday 16 November saw 18 juniors turn up for a 9-hole stableford competition, organised by John Lower, who also walked the course with



them, recording their swings and giving coaching advice. This will run every Sunday - a mix of coaching and 9 hole comps - and we will run a 9 hole eclectic competition over the winter. Just turn up at the Pro Shop at 1 pm on Sundays - open to all junior and cadet members (with or without handicaps). Any adult members or older "juniors" who would like to come and help out would also be very welcome.

**The Junior Team in their new "kit" donated by "Sunday Scrubbers" (left)**

## COURSE IT MATTERS FROM PETER DION

This year, as the County Course, we have entertained the County Officials and Players who have been most appreciative of the welcome extended to them. They also complimented our Club on the excellent condition of the course during the Season, for which our thanks go to Roger Buchanan and the Green Staff for their hard work over the period.

You will have noted that the Winter Work programme is already under way with the reshaping of the bunker on the first fairway. It is intended to carry out improvements to the path between the bunkers to the rear of the 9th green and the putting green. This will require a diversion in order to reach the 10th Tee whilst the work is carried out and we apologise for any inconvenience that this will cause. We are delighted that the improvements that have been made have earned the general approval of our members and can confirm that the intention is to continue on similar lines in the future. The improvements could not have been achieved without the assistance of our Treasurer and Committee who have, over the past two years, invested heavily in new equipment and it is anticipated that this process will continue. This equipment is being obtained on a lease purchase basis over a five year period in order to spread the costs.

Your Captain, Robin Bow, who has now chosen his GMH Committee for this year, has indicated that this will be run on similar lines to recent years, and I am pleased to confirm that again, Steve Parton will continue as my very able Vice Chairman. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all members of the GMH Committee, both existing and new, and trust that they will have a fulfilling year. This committee will always be available to discuss any problems or suggestions with regard to the course, handicaps, matches or competitions, so please do not hesitate to come forward and have a chat with any of us.

## **MONEY MATTERS FROM REG CARTER**

Given that our year end is in March, the figures presented at the AGM are quite historical so I thought it might be useful to give a brief update on the first 6 months of the current year. In addition I would also like to advise you of an initiative re personal insurance which has just been agreed by general committee.

Firstly – finance. As at the end of September we have suffered quite a drop in income when compared to the same period last year. We had budgeted for a slight drop however the position was worsened by the unforeseen exodus of the emergency services members (fortunately the agreement at the AGM regarding waiting members should redress this position). Costs are however being well contained in all areas and we are overall breaking even. This is pretty encouraging because we have covered £8,000 of special expenditure in breaking even. So despite the credit crunch etc., I remain cautiously optimistic.

Turning now to insurance. Our Secretary has obtained details of a group insurance scheme which is available from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009. The cost is dependent on the number of members in the scheme but is likely to be in the region of £2 per member for 12 months cover. I know I am not alone in being uninsured but at this price there is no excuse. General committee have agreed that with effect from next year there will be an insurance levy within all subscriptions so that we can ensure that all our members have insurance cover whilst playing golf on this or any other golf course in the UK. Details of the cover available will be posted on the notice boards. I hope this initiative is welcomed – as always, do feel free to provide us with feedback.

## **PRO'S PROSE FROM JOHN LOWER**

2008 has been a wonderful year at Wollaton Park Golf Club. The Captain, Ron Turner, and I have had a really good season winning most of our club matches and have also enjoyed playing several Captain/Pro challenge matches against various members. On the outset of these challenges we decided on a policy to let the opposition win, as it would be good for the morale of the members. When however we found that was not the case, we attempted to reverse the trend. The latest ladies' group coaching was very successful and has now resulted in us gaining three new lady members. Sunday morning junior coaching continues to flourish with the average age of the participants becoming forever younger. Juniors look out for the series of junior competitions/coaching commencing on Sunday 16 November 2008. We are hoping that this is going to be well supported and I am sure that the majority of junior members will find it both enjoyable and rewarding.

2008 has been a mixed year for my own form. My game has been pretty fair, but my scoring in general has not reflected this. In August, however after a disappointed Senior PGA Championship at Sleaford Hall, my old friend, Stuart Belcher (Branston Golf Club) and I paired up for the PGA Super 60's Championship (4BBB medal) at Forest Pines Golf Club and were victors by three shots with rounds of 66 + 67 = 133. Finally, I am looking forward with pride to taking over as Captain of the Notts PGA in March 2009, an office which I will hold for two years.

## **LADIES REPORT FROM ROSEMARY BOW**

57 ladies attended our AGM which took place on Wednesday 27th October. The following Saturday Robin and I celebrated at our Incoming Captains' Evening which saw the return of Colin "Fingers" Henry, who entertained us magnificently with Tim Bowler doing a great job as "Master of Ceremonies". It was a really lovely evening, thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attended. The Wednesday after that I had my "Drive In" which turned out to be a very wet and miserable day but at least I managed to strike a good ball down the middle of the fairway - what a relief! The competition was only played over 9 holes due to the weather but still 50 ladies participated. I'm looking forward to working with my Vice Captain, Terry Wass, as well as the other two new member of the Ladies' Committee, Jacqui Bye and Josie Richards.

I feel I must also tell you about one of our juniors, Harriet Owers-Bradley. For our newer members, who may not know Harriet, she is currently studying at Yale University in the States, but plays at Wollaton when she is home during her summer vacation. Her present handicap is 1. Whilst at home this summer Harriet played both for our Ladies' Interclub and Silver League teams. She also had great success nationally. Not only did Harriet win the Midland Ladies Championship at Rothley in July but came 4<sup>th</sup> in the Pleasington Putter (having the best afternoon round) and a top 10 finish in Porters Park Centenary. The competitions at Pleasington Golf Club (Lancs) and Porters Park (Hertfordshire) are national order of merit competitions. To cap it all, Harriet then finished 61<sup>st</sup> out of 120 in the Ladies British Strokeplay at Malone Golf Club. A really great year, Harriet, and we wish her good luck for her next year at Yale. She is a credit to our club and an inspiration to all our new junior girls, who are just starting out on their golfing career and are already beginning to show great promise, so much so that now the Ladies have a much stronger representation in the Junior Section than for many years.

## TROPHY WINNERS 2008

### Juniors

ROSS TROPHY - Elliott Limb  
 LITTLEFAIR SCRATCH CUP - Seb Thompson  
 CARLISLE HANDICAP CUP - Elliott Limb  
 JUNIOR MASTERS HOFFMAN TROPHY - Seb Thompson  
 SECRETARY'S SALVER - Laura Morris  
 MJS RUSH CUP - Jack McCarthy  
 PLAYER OF THE YEAR - Simon Cowan

### Men's

WINTER LEAGUE - Terry Kirkwood & Keith Martin

### THURSDAY MEDAL FINALS

Scratch - Gary Shepherd  
 1<sup>ST</sup> Division - Simon Newell  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Division - Paul Upton  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Division - Elliott Limb

### SATURDAY MEDAL FINALS

Scratch - Allan Hunter  
 1st Division - Michael Findern  
 2nd Division - Bryan Morris  
 3rd Division - James Hollis

### SALVER WINNERS

1<sup>st</sup> Division (Captain's)- Allan Hunter  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Division (Vice Captain's) - Ian Culley  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Division (Past Captain's) - Rhys Evans

INTER-DIVISIONAL CUP - Francis Stephens  
 JOHN FARR CUP - Glen Pearce  
 ALBERT MARTIN CUP - David Reilly  
 BARNSDALE BOWL - Alan Webster  
 JUBILEE TROPHIES - Shaun Fox & Matt Cullen  
 FIRST CUP - Paul Upton  
 PAIRS KNOCKOUT - Perry Evans & Simon Newell  
 SINGLES KNOCKOUT - Dougie Duncanson  
 EGU GOLD MEDAL - Matt Baker  
 CHARITY CUP - Pete Morley  
 CLUB CUP - Sam Kirk & Simon Newell  
 VETERAN'S CUP - Barry McAuliffe  
 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP CUP - Simon Kisiel

### Mixed

MIXED FOURSOMES STABLEFORD  
 Albert & Josie Sedgwick

MIXED CHARITY CUP  
 Steve & Jeanna Parton

MIXED GREENSOME MEDAL  
 David & Maureen Ball

MARRIED COUPLES SALVER  
 Tim & Bernadette Bowler

MIXED KNOCK OUT  
 Trevor & Carol Michell

### Ladies

BARNSDALE BOWL - Jeanna Parton  
 HARRISON CUP - Sheila Bancroft  
 BOOT CUP - Harriet Owers-Bradley  
 JOYCE HYDE CUP - Jackie Bye  
 K MAY TROPHY - Pam Walker  
 HARPER CUP - Lizzie Lazell  
 BOYDELL CUP - Jeanna Parton  
 LGU BROOCH - Jane Lazell  
 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP - Karen Raynor

### MEDAL FINALS

Scratch - Harriet Owers-Bradley  
 1<sup>ST</sup> Division - Harriet Owers-Bradley  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Division - Vinod Pallan  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Division - Cheryl Slade

### PAR FINALS

1<sup>ST</sup> Division - Josie Sedgwick  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Division - Chris Wallbanks  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Division - Heather Cohen

MOST IMPROVED GOLFER - Lizzie Lazell  
 SECRETARY'S SALVER - Laura Morris

NCLGA CENTENARY COMPETITION  
 Silver Division - Karen Raynor  
 Bronze Division - Lizzie Lazell

[MANY CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WINNERS](#)



Rosemary Bow, the new Ladies' Captain, seen here with her Vice Captain, Terry Wass, was privately educated in Nottingham, she excelled at all sports but especially tennis, badminton and hockey. She played for the County Under-18s at hockey and continued to play competitively until the age of 30. After leaving school she took a secretarial course and then worked for an insurance company before marrying Robin in 1963. Rosemary has been involved with Girl Guiding for more than 50 years – 20 of which were as Brown Owl. Nowadays her duties within the Girl Guide movement include the monitoring of prospective leaders. She joined our Club in 1975 and has previously served as Ladies' Captain in 1989 and Lady President in 2000.

## UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS - BE THERE!

Saturday 6th December - Quiz Night with Martin & Susan Ambler  
 Wednesday 10th December - Ladies' Christmas Lunch  
 Saturday 13th December - Men's Christmas Dinner  
 Tuesday 16th December - Carol Singing & Christmas Prize Draw  
 Wednesday 31st December - New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance with "Two Easy"  
BOOK YOUR PLACES NOW!



Columbus went round the world in 1492. That isn't a lot of strokes when you consider the course.

- Lee Trevino

