



Dear Members,

Congratulations to the victorious European Ryder Cup Team who triumphed 16½ - 11½ over the U.S.A. at Gleneagles, Perthshire. Hazeltine Golf Club in America will host the next Ryder Cup in 2016.

## **The Course**

After consultation between Chair of Greens Brian Hyde and Agronomist Chris Roberts all greens have been sprayed to rectify the fungal problem fusarium. This problem is particularly prevalent on holes 9 and 13. Another cause for concern are the two trees on the left of the seventh fairway. At the moment there is a roped off area which must be treated as a **play prohibited** area, remove your ball and place outside the ropes without penalty. Eventually these trees will have to come down.

Autumn has finally arrived and leaves, for the next few months, will be a constant problem. The size of some of the leaves from the sycamore and plain trees especially could hide a sleeve of balls not just a single ball. The ground staff will be regularly collecting the leaves but please remember a wet and windy period can cover the ground in leaves very quickly indeed.

An ex demonstrator roughs machine has been leased to replace the ancient gang mowers which for years now have required constant and expensive maintenance. This machine is two thirds the cost of a new one.

Even though it was questioned as to whether the cost was warranted in the current austere financial climate, the majority of the Committee, who appreciate the need to maintain our course to the standard we are now accustomed to, voted in favour in taking on the lease. The supplier had left us with the machine for several weeks so the ground staff could trial and fully appreciate its better cutting ability compared to the old gang mowers.

## **Robert Burlison**

Robert was one of England's twenty four elite who were recently called to attend intensive training, in all aspects of the game, at the England H. Q. at Woodhall Spa in Lincolnshire. The training sessions were held over three days and consisted of short game, long game and an eighteen hole competition. An order of merit for each aspect of the training was awarded and Robert finished 1<sup>st</sup> overall.

With the playing season drawing to an end we wish Robert all the best in everything that he does in the future as he continues to bring honour to Oxley Park, Staffordshire and England.

## **Social**

Brian Cooper, Oxley's *Entertainment Supremo*, has organised a Quiz Night for Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 7:30 for 8:00. Teams of four are required at £8 per person which includes a Fish and Chips supper and Quiz entry.

On Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November Michael James returns to entertain us with his fine selection of songs. He is an excellent singer and was greatly appreciated at his first appearance at the Club. Cost for this evening is £6.

Tickets for both occasions are available at the bar.

## **Hole in One**

Brian Burlison, one of our P.G.A. professionals, aced the second hole with a five iron. Many congratulations and cheers 'B. B.'

## **Charity Events**

### **Mick Leeming**

September saw the return of the Mick Leeming Charity and the Wolves Legends Charity Days. These events are two of the best and most worthwhile in our area.

Mick Leeming's Charity was staged with a Shotgun start at 2:00 p.m. on Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> September

There were teams of four, with the best two scores counting on each hole, except on holes 5 and 15 where all four scores were to count. There were several excellent scores recorded on the day but the winner was Mick's charity.

The event was superbly organised by Mick's wife Jackie and her family, Mark Binfield, John Flanagan, Roger Titley and other family and friends who helped and of course the staff of Oxley Park, not forgetting the Guinness and Port

Here's to next year. Hic!

### **Wolves' Legends**

The Wolves' Legends Charity Day took place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September. Again this was a Shotgun start at 1:00 p.m.

Teams of four contested the competition but '*Mulligans*' could be purchased with the proceeds, along with the entry fee and auction raised monies going to charity. There were the usual past Wolves players participating and another fantastic day evolved.

Many thanks go to Steve Daley the chief organiser of the day.

After the competition was finished and everyone had eaten there was an auction where golf days at various golf clubs and signed Wolves memorabilia were bid for.

There then followed a comic impressionist followed by Duncan McKenzie, ex Forest, Leeds and Everton, who did an after dinner spot.

It was an exceptional and most successful day and we eagerly look forward to hosting next year's event.

### **Ladies**

The Ladies competitions and social events continue to be well supported. We can always find partners for any of the ladies who wish to play in any of the mixed competitions. It would be fantastic if any member knows a lady who could be encouraged to join Oxley Park.

### **Juniors**

Pete Prescott, having taking over from Alf Crook, is doing a fine job in his first season as Junior Organiser. I am sure you will join with us in wishing him continued success in the post.

Sam Astle attends County training and continues to represent the County at Junior Level. Les Burlison continues to develop our Juniors with training, encouragement and the courtesy expected on and around the golf course.

Follow the link to see why Bob Kilgallon and his three friends have such a lot to smile about.

<http://youtu.be/mkmSsPLK9wY>



### **Acme Co. Comic Cuts**

The I.P.C. was quietly parking his trolley at the rear of the 5<sup>th</sup> green when a rogue runaway trolley careered over the hill and into his trolley exploding one wheel into a myriad of almost unrecognisable pieces. The aforementioned trolley was the property of Roger Cox's playing partner and co-author of this newsletter, me! It is quite a distance from the 5<sup>th</sup> green to the Professional's shop with one wheel off your trolley. So Roger had to support his trolley through holes 6,7,8 and finally to the shop where Brian Burlison loaned Roger a slightly oversized wheel. The pit stop was faster than Lewis Hamilton's 20 man wheel changing team. However it did the trick and Roger completed the round. "Never mind Roger," I said. "You now have forearms and biceps like Popeye!" "Yes Jim, and now I have a hernia like a jaffa orange!"

There's just no pleasing some people.

### **Ladies Competition Results**

#### **Final Stableford 9<sup>th</sup> Sept.**

**1<sup>st</sup> P. M. Cook Div. 1**

**1<sup>st</sup> D. Banks Div. 2**

#### **Final Medal 16<sup>th</sup> Sept.**

**1<sup>st</sup> S. Redrup Div. 1**

**1<sup>st</sup> D. Banks Div. 2**

#### **Chris Raison Centenary Trophy**

**1<sup>st</sup> D. Banks 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

**2<sup>nd</sup> A. Partridge**

### **Junior Competition Results**

#### **Chris Dean Trophy 20<sup>th</sup> August**

**1<sup>st</sup> B. Craggs**

**2<sup>nd</sup> S. Astle**

**3<sup>rd</sup> E. Mitchell**

#### **Scratch Medal Cup 27<sup>th</sup> August**

**1<sup>st</sup> S. Astle**

**2<sup>nd</sup> R. Church**

**3<sup>rd</sup> J. Black**

## Gentlemen's Competition Results

### R.A.Walley 23<sup>rd</sup> August

1<sup>st</sup> J. Leo

2<sup>nd</sup> T. Butler

3<sup>rd</sup> B. D. Hyde

### C.H.Edwards 30<sup>th</sup> August

1<sup>st</sup> G. Coulson

2<sup>nd</sup> P. Chambers

3<sup>rd</sup> P. Carmell

### Norman Raison Centenary Trophy

1<sup>st</sup> R. A. Burlison

2<sup>nd</sup> S. Cope 13<sup>th</sup> September

3<sup>rd</sup> S. Elwell

### Seniors Club Championship 11-12 Sept.

1<sup>st</sup> R. Barrett

2<sup>nd</sup> D. Mann

3<sup>rd</sup> B. V. Wright

### Byrne Quinn Cup 28<sup>th</sup> Sept.

1<sup>st</sup> T. Ruby

2<sup>nd</sup> D. Kidd

3<sup>rd</sup> T. Beardsmore

### Final Medal 4<sup>th</sup> Oct.

1<sup>st</sup> R. A. Burlison

2<sup>nd</sup> M. D. O'Sullivan

3<sup>rd</sup> R. E. Noble

## Oxley Park Scratch Team are Division 8 Champions

### Matches played.

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| 1, V Churchill & Blakedown (A) – Lost 5-3 | 5, V Litchfield (A) – Won 5.5-2.5        |
| 2, V Wishaw (A) – Won 6-2                 | 6, V Wishaw (H) – Lost 4.5-3.5           |
| 3, V Litchfield (H) – Won 5.5-2.5         | 7, V Churchill & Blakedown (H) – Won 7-1 |
| 4, V Dartmouth (H) – Won 7-1              | 8, V Dartmouth (A) – Won 6-2             |

### Players:

<b>Captain:</b> Paul Morris	Rob Burlison	Ian Smith
Ryan Bank	Sam Morris	Tom Beardmore
Jon Hounslow	Sam Astle	Ian Moroz
Alan Dolphin	Mark Hale	Chris Green
Zack Campbell Jackson	Ryan Church	Dan Goodall

### Captain's Report

Had a good season - naturally. Good support from the guys above whose credit it is all down to. Appreciated support also from the Club, Neville, Les and the caterers who have provided refreshments after the home matches. Particularly pleasing for me is the players have become 'better' players as the season has progressed – handicap wise, for being a member of the team. Looking forward to next season when, whatever league we play in, this season will inspire other members to put their name forward and participate. From a Captains point of view the more choice you have the healthier the team.

Finally with the majority of the competitions over we must take this opportunity to thank all of you for renewing your subscriptions and we look forward to seeing both old and new members out on the course.

**Roger Cox**  
**Jim Will**  
**9<sup>th</sup> October 2014**