Alsager Golf and Country Club

Newsletter

Mr Captain News

A busy August has passed with Captains' Day on the 15th with 160 taking part and won on the day by Nigel Armitage with a great 42 points well played Nigel.



This was followed by an evening meal and entertainment and I would like to thank everyone for their help and support on the day.

We had my away day on the 28th at Haydock Park Golf Club and after a monsoon just before we were due to play we managed to get on to the course which was very good considering the amount of rain that had come down

The day was won by vice captain Martin Payne with 39 points and I managed second place with 38 points so a good day for us.

On the team front Alsager Golf Club has had a fantastic year with the A team gaining promotion to the premier division finishing second this year in the 1st division.



The B team gaining promotion to Division 1 after winning division 2.

The Vets A have won the league and the B team have gained promotion winning division 2.



An outstanding achievement and well done to all that played and the team captains.

I must give Dave Prendergast a special mention. Dave has been going to Maesdu Golf Club open week for some 30 odd years now and along with myself he has introduced many members to the annual trip over to Llandudno.

Unfortunately for him he has never managed a win while Alsager lads were picking up wins.



Not this year though I'm highly delighted to say that he has won the Robert's Challenge Cup with 41 points which is richly deserved so many congratulations to him a great way to finish the summer off.

Also a massive thank you to everyone who helped and played in the Am Am to raise money for the Captains charities. It was very much appreciated.









Finally, well done to all of the trophy winners so far. I will look forward to seeing you all at the Annual Trophy Celebration Evening on Saturday 21st November. Invites will be forward to you in the next few weeks .

Get ready for winter!!!!

William Bonnor.

Club Captain

Lady Captain news

Another busy few months of golfing another busy golfing month as the season draws to an end.
Our annual AM AM was well supported with over 4 thousand pounds being raised for the Captains ' charities, a great achievement by all.

Well done to all players reaching the knock-out finals and huge congratulations to our winners. Ladies Singles Katy Lawless, Ladies doubles Karen Mason and Pat Leese and Mixed Doubles Cheryl Plant & Alan Griffiths.







It was lovely to see this event so well attended by supporters who also enjoyed the finals.

Our annual Seniors v Ladies event was well supported by 32 players with our winning team of Karen Mason on her birthday, Margaret Evans, Brian White, Micheal Baron being presented with the Carol Downs trophy by her husband Geoff in her memory.



Our ladies teams continue to be successful achieving fantastic results, long may it continue. An absolute brilliant historic achievement by our Ladies Business Team by winning both the East Cheshire Shield v Wilmslow at Prestbury and the East v West Cheshire Plate v Pryors Hayes in the finals held at Bromborough.
We also have achieved great success with our Plate team also becoming East Cheshire champions beating Wilmslow at Prestbury. Then winning a close battle in the final 4-3. What an absolute stunning finale to our season, with over 35 lady members taking part in our team matches. Our Lady members have done us proud and we will continue to welcome new team members and enjoy our successes.

Finally, congratulations to Pete and Anne Smith on winning the King Trophy, to Danni Turner on winning the All Medals Final and to Chris Pickford, Ruth Saunders and Jenny Cotterill on winning the Cancer Stableford Trophy.





Happy golfing to all as our Winter season approaches. Stay safe, carry on golfing.

Save the date 1st & 2nd December..... Pantomine performances for this years Snow White...tickets available soon behind the bar...

Adele Hilliard Dyer
(Lady Captain 2026)

Bowling Section News

The first of the Tuesday and Thursday morning winter bowls knock-out competitions was one by Doubles partners Steve Morris and his guest Ian Ferrimond.

Irene Lawless



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Polite Reminder about booking on BRS before play

Thank you to those members who are adhering to the booking on BRS rule as outlined in the Membership Handbook. However not everyone is signing in. It clearly states in the members handbook that **all** players and members guests must book onto BRS before they play.

Rule 7.3 Tee booking is below.

7.3. Tee Booking
Before play, for health and safety and insurance purposes, members and guests are required to ensure that they have a reservation booked on the BRS system.

The BRS System is accessible to all members and one of its functions is to monitor peak patronage hours.

To enable Club Council to gather data on the course peak demand information, it is mandatory that all players use this system to book their tee times before commencing play.

The system is available to members to pre-book their preferred tee times up to 15 days in advance of the due date.

Members are required to ensure that all players are logged on the BRS system prior to commencing play.

The membership rules document can be accessed via the **How do I do APP-Club- Documents- Club Policies- CS1.3 Membership Rules**

Club Council

Oh yes, it's Panto time at Alsager!



Get ready for a sprinkling of magic, plenty of laughter and a whole lot of fun, as Alsager Ladies Section brings you this year's pantomime favourite, Snow White!

All your familiar stars will be taking to the stage, with an extra Dwarf thrown in for good measure! And, of course, our Officers will be joining the fun, led by Billy Bonnor, who is sure to add plenty of hilarity to what promises to be a fantastic performance.

Tickets are selling fast, so don't miss out on the fun! Available from the bar and cast members, tickets are just £8 each - fantastic value for an evening of entertainment, laughter and panto magic.

Get yours before they disappear… and remember, oh yes, you really do want to be there!

Club 200 Update

The July draw was completed on the 10th September and Roy Salt was the man responsible for the following number being drawn.

This month's lucky winners were;

No. 40 Tony Jones -£175.00
No. 64 Sarah Deaville - £70.00
No. 58 Wayne Grattage - £17.50

My congratulations to you all.

The more observant among you will have perhaps noticed that Wayne's ball No. 58 has now been drawn out 3rd in 3 consecutive draws.
Copilot tell me that the odds on this are 999.999/1! (I have checked ball no 58 and there is no glue on it and there is nothing to differentiate it from the other 99 balls in the bag, so it is just pure luck of the draw).

Moving on to something a little more complex, Club Council have tasked me with seeking the opinions of those who participate in the 200 club, their opinion on which projects we support.

At the present this is limited to Course Improvement Projects only.

Should this be expanded to include clubhouse renovation projects?

If so, where do you, our participants envisage the money being focused on?

Do you have any thoughts on where this fund currently @£10,000 should be spent?

N.B. Any participants in the 200 Club are free to submit a project for the Club Council consideration. The project must support an improvement to the playability of the course and not covered by routine maintenance budgets.

Participation in the 200 Club has been sliding and I would be grateful for more support. It is not a lot of money, only £10.00 per month and by joining you can help in the drive for continuous improvements being sustained.

The very last word on Wayne's luck:

The 50-50-90 rule: Any time you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% chance probability you'll get it wrong.- Andy Rooney

If you have any suggestions on the above, have any comments or require further information on joining the 200 Club please contact me at **frankwallace@yahoo.com**

Frank Wallace *200 Club Co-Ordinator*

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CAP update

The course has improved since we are no longer in the hot dry spell. The greens continue to be in excellent condition, probably the best they have ever been. The new electric greens mower has now arrived, this will mean we can start cutting the greens earlier to avoid any complaints for the nearby houses. There are still issues regarding



bare and wet areas which hopefully will be addressed when the updated 5 year plan is signed off by Council.

The new bunkers have been problematic due to the long dry hot spell affecting the new sand. They have now started to settle down but there are still issues. Members are not raking the bunkers properly or in some cases not raking them at all.



The 5th hole bunker has now had it's excavation work completed. Mike and his team will complete the refurbishment.



Verti draining the fairways will again take place this year to improve the fairways. This is planned for the 24th November.

Our summer worker, Noah, has now left to start a full time new career in agricultural engineering. We wish him every success as he was highly valued as part of the greens team.

Tree Maintenance

This is becoming more of an issue with around 50 dead, diseased or trees that are coming to the end of their natural life. Pinch points will continue to appear as the trees grow.

The 5 year plan together with the tree maintenance programme has started to address this issue.

Course Etiquette

This is still a problem as witnessed a few days ago when a member was witnessed chipping onto the 18th green from the fringe, with several balls. The practice ground was only a few yards away.



Also there is an issue with golfers not abiding to the winter greens being GUR and using trolleys close to the greens.

Members Questions

Question.

Why do we verti drain the fairways?

Answer.

We verti drain fairways to relieve soil compaction from heavy foot traffic and machinery over a long period of time. This soil compression inhibits root growth and restricts drainage. This is particularly important at Alsager as we have narrow fairways on a clay subsoil, not an ideal combination.

Neil Challinor
On behalf of CAP

New Mower update

The all electric greens mower has arrived and now in use. Reducing diesel costs, emissions and noise on the course.



Ladies Friendly with Onneley.

The last Friendly match of the season took place on Thursday 17th September at Alsager.

16 ladies enjoyed an afternoon of good golf, friendship and making many memories. Audrey Boston presented the prizes to Mary Lawton's team.



Ladies Team Successes

What an end to the golfing season, three Teams in the Cheshire League Finals.

The Business ladies and the Ladies Plate Team became the East Cheshire League Champions. Our B Team just missed out coming league runners up.



The winning Teams went on to play West Cheshire in the Champions finals at Heswall Golf Club and Bromborough Golf Clubs.
The Business Ladies triumphed again with Adele sealing the win on the 20th hole v Pryors Hayes at Bromborough.



The Ladies Plate Team played West Cheshire Champions Eaton and were victorious. All the matches were close. Two of the matches went to the 19th and one match was ready to go down the 19th when a smiling Linda Goddard came back up the 19th and a thumbs up. The final score 4/3 to Alsager.

I would like to thank all the ladies that have played, supported and generally shown interest in playing Team golf this year.







Team Captains

Our Lady Captain Adele, Captained the Business Ladies and led them to victory at Prestbury and Bromborough for the second year in a row.

Mary Hobson Captained the B Team, but unfortunately they came up against a really strong team from Macclesfield and just missed out in the final. Macclesfield went on to win the East West Cheshire Shield

The Plate Team Captained by Bev Hancock (me), I am so very proud of you all. We all battled nerves at times but we did it.

The Friendly Team, aimed at the higher handicap ladies have enjoyed games with Sandbach, home and away and Onneley again home and away. Thank you Audrey Boston for helping me organise these matches.

Here's to next season Ladies

Bev Hancock
(Ladies Competitions Secretary)

Security Barrier

Would members please make sure they close the security barrier immediately after they have driven their vehicle through. Leaving it open until a round of golf has been played leaves us open to unwelcome visitors.

Many thanks for your cooperation

Club Council

Dates for your diary

Saturday 21st November
Annual Trophy Dinner



Saturday 12th December
Christmas Party No 2



Monday 30th November
AGM

Saturday 5th December
Christmas Party No 1



Thursday 31st December
New Years Eve Party



The Junior Section News

Junior Golf – Another Outstanding Season at Alsager

It has been another outstanding season for the Junior Team at Alsager, with success in team and individual competitions, county representation, participation in high-level junior events and continued progression into the club's adult teams.

The achievements throughout the year demonstrate both the strength of the current junior section and the continued development of the junior pathway established at Alsager over the past five years.

Back-to-Back MCJL Champions

A major highlight was another superb Mid Cheshire Junior League (MCJL) campaign. The team performed consistently throughout the season to secure the Turnberry League title and progress to the MCJL Final at Warrington GC.

In the final, James Woby, Fergus Clare, Ted Myatt, Jimmy Brennan and Jack Potter produced an excellent team performance to secure the overall title, making Alsager back-to-back MCJL Champions – a tremendous achievement.

While five players represented the club in the final, the success was very much a collective effort. Max Colclough, Louis Beddow, Corey Fahy, Taylor Swift, Adam Fenn, Harry Lindley-Seath, Harry Harvey, Aiden Percy and Josh Rowe all contributed during the Turnberry League campaign and played their part in securing the league title and qualification for the final.

The number of players representing the team this season is particularly encouraging and demonstrates the growing strength and depth within the junior section.

The season is not finished yet. As Mid Cheshire Junior League Champions, Alsager will now represent Mid Cheshire in the North West League Final at West Lancashire Golf Club on 18 October. It is a fantastic opportunity to compete against the leading junior league teams from across the North West, and we wish the team every success.



Individual Success

There have also been some excellent individual performances throughout the season.

Aiden Percy won the individual competition at the Cheshire Golf Team event, while Ted Myatt produced another excellent result by finishing runner-up in the Cheshire Schools Championship.

Harry Lindley-Seath enjoyed a superb victory on the Robert Rock Junior Tour at Burton Golf Club, winning with an amazing net score of six under par (-6). Harry followed this with another impressive performance, finishing runner-up in the South Staffordshire Golf Club Junior Open – not bad at all when playing off the back tees in an U18 event!

There have also been very strong performances in Junior Opens from Liam Gallimore, Jimmy Brennan, Max Colclough and Corey Fahy, adding to an impressive series of results from Alsager juniors throughout the season. The number of players now competing strongly away from the club is another encouraging sign of the increasing depth and quality within the section.

The level of competition in which our juniors are involved also continues to grow, with county representation and participation in prestigious Junior World Ranking events among the highlights. Competing at this level provides valuable experience and is another encouraging indication of the progress being made within the junior section.

Progressing into Adult Golf

Perhaps one of the most positive signs of the junior section's continued development has been the progression of several players into the club's Gents' teams.

A number of our juniors have represented the adult teams this season and have been amongst some of the stronger performers, demonstrating their ability to make the transition into adult competitive golf.

This is an important measure of the success of the junior pathway introduced five years ago. The aim has always been to provide young players with opportunities to develop, compete and ultimately progress into adult golf. We are now seeing the benefits, with players progressing through the junior section and making meaningful contributions to the club's adult squads.

Congratulations James!

A fantastic example of that progression is James Woby, who at just 15 years old has won the Gents Scratch Knock-out competition.

This is an exceptional achievement, particularly given the quality and experience of the players James faced throughout the competition.
To win one of the club's major adult scratch competitions at only 15 is a remarkable accomplishment.

Huge congratulations to James – an achievement to be extremely proud of

and a great example for the younger juniors coming through behind him.

Golf Sixes News

Golf Sixes has now completed its third year in the Golf Foundation Junior Golf Sixes league under the leadership of our Professional Iain Seath and his team. This is a successful initiative designed to help young beginners progress from practice facilities to the golf course. Matches are played over 6 holes, from shortened tee, using a Texas scramble format.

In 2026 Alsager fielded 3 teams and have played 7 fixtures at 4 different venues with 18 juniors representing Alsager at each fixture including 11 girls- one of the highest participation rates for junior girls in Golf Sixes nationally.





Although Alsager did not top the leader-board this year, the competition remained close until the final fixture. The teams nevertheless delivered several outstanding performances.

A Season to Be Proud Of

Overall, it has been another extremely positive season for junior golf at Alsager. Back-to-back MCJL titles, strong individual performances, county representation, participation in high-level junior events and the increasing involvement of our juniors in the Gents' teams all demonstrate the progress being made.

Congratulations to every junior who has represented Alsager this season, and thank you to the parents, volunteers, organisers, club staff and club members who continue to support the junior section.

There is plenty to be proud of – and plenty to look forward to.

Steve Woby and **Iain Seath**

Pro Team News

Keep Your Game in Full Swing This Autumn and Winter

As the days grow shorter and the temperature drops, there is still plenty to enjoy at the club and there is also no better time to invest in your game. As Gary Player famously said, ***"The harder I practise, the luckier I get."*** Autumn and winter provide the perfect opportunity to sharpen your technique, review your equipment and arrive next spring ready to play your best golf.

Whether you are looking for lessons, a custom fitting, new clubs, winter clothing, footwear or the ideal Christmas gift, please call into the Shop and speak to the team. Here are some offers to get things started and help you make the most of your golf throughout the colder months.

Autumn Offers

We have some new offers for the autumn;



- Titleist True Feel Balls – 'Double dozens' available for only £40 – saving 15% on full price.
- Re-gripping offer, re-grip 8 clubs and get the 9th free (Offer available on Lamkin Crossline and Tour Velvet/Tour Velvet 360 grips) – saving 10%.



- Sale on all Men's short sleeved FJ polos – save up to 30%.



Please pop in and take a look and for anything that we may not have, we are usually able to order.



So, with our price match guarantee (Pro team IMAGE 4) and commitment to providing excellent customer service, you don't need to shop anywhere else.

Winter Apparel

Look out for Winter Apparel that will be in the shop soon - a range of Waterproofs, Mid layers, Gilets, Knitwear and Woolly hats will be available to keep you dry and cosy in the winter months. We have accounts with all major suppliers so if there is anything you don't see, please just ask.

Make Winter Count!

Have you ever considered a winter coaching plan to get you ready for the playing season? As a member only offer, I will be offering a 6-month winter coaching programme (Oct-March), with a 30-minute lesson each month to work on aspects of the game that have held you back. It's a steal at £120 for the 6 months, working out at just £20 a lesson and saving you over 30% on individual lesson prices.

To book in just contact one of the team on **01270 875700** (opt 1) or **alsagergolfacademy@gmail.com**

Ladies Coaching Sessions

Just as a reminder, we have some member group coaching sessions for ladies in the diary:

Wednesday 11th November
Swing Analysis @ 12pm - 1pm

Wednesday 9th December
Contact and Strike @ 12pm - 1pm

It's just £6 per person to join but places are limited. To book in, just give us a call on **01270 875700** (opt 1) or drop us an e-mail **alsagergolfacademy@gmail.com.**

Credit & 2's

Please remember if you think you have any pro shop credit (from competition winnings, trade ins, vouchers etc.) or from 2's, please just ask. We hold a database which is updated regularly, and we do try to remember to let people know but it's not always possible, so please just let us know when purchasing goods or just ask us to check. You may be able to get a few little purchases in time for Christmas or something to treat yourself with.