

December 31, 2024 by Richard Booth

NYE Frolic & Pro Shop Christmas Draw Winners

Happy new year to you all – hope it's full of long, straight drives, crisp iron shots and plenty of holed putts!

NYE Frolic

Well done to Helen & Mark Williams and Kate & Antony Morris for winning this back nine step-a-side Texas Scramble event with a whopping 26 points. Runners up with 25 points were Roger Sheen, Nick Maxwell, Paul Bramwell and Keith Thompson. A big thanks to Ian Hunt for setting up and running the event.



Mark, Helen, Kate, Antony and President John Gower-Jones

Pro Shop Christmas Draw

This took place after the presentation for the NYE Frolic and congrats to one of our greenkeepers Ben Jackson for winning the main prize of £250 in Pro Shop credit. All the other winners are listed below and all the prizes have now been credited accordingly.

POSITION	AMOUNT	NUMBER	WINNER
1st	£250	383	Ben Jackson
2nd	£200	242	Jo Egerton

3rd	£150	367	Kerry Bailey
4th	£100	493	Sally Wright
5th	£75	220	Ian Ponter
6th	£60	376	Cliff Wright
7th	£50	269	Phil Long
8th	£40	226	Amanda Greaves
9th	£30	377	Rosie Gerrard
10th	£25	6	Tony Adamson

Thanks to Helen Williams, Kate Morris, Antony Morris, Mark Williams, Roger Shee, Paul Bramwell, Keith Thompson, Jo Egerton and Kerry Gill for for their help in drawing out the numbers. And of course thanks to so many of you for taking part and supporting the draw.

Pro Shop Indoor Winter League



- Powered by Trackman!
- Play the stunning Lofoten Links in Norway (ranked in the world's top 100 courses)
- Pairs Betterball Stableford
- Nine holes (holes 1-9)
- Open to ladies & gents
- Entry fee £4 per pair

- Last opportunity to play – 28/2/25
- The top two scores will qualify for the final, which will be played over 9 holes (matchplay).

The Small Print

1. *Players can play from whichever tees they choose*
2. *Putting is not required and will be set up on the Trackman to “Auto – By Hcp”*
3. *Pairs may play their qualifying round as a twoball*
4. *The simulator hire charge is not included in the entry fee (except for the final, which will have a complimentary hire fee). The sim hire charges for 2+ players are £27 for 60 mins (£13.50 each if 2 players or £6.75 each if 4 players)*
5. *RB will match all entry fees that will go into the prize fund for the winners & runners up*
6. *The final must be played by 31/3/25. The team with the highest qualifying score must liaise with RB and give the second placed team 3 dates to play. If the final is not played by the 31/3/25, then we’ll have joint winners and the prize fund will go to charity.*

Don’t forget...



that booking for the nine hole stableford on Sat 11th January is now open! It’s a 3 clubs and a putter comp played over the back nine.

January 8, 2025 by Richard Booth

Rain, Frost & Snow

The course is closed as I write this on Tuesday afternoon. However the show must go on and so I must tell you that there are still a few spaces left in Saturday’s three clubs and a putter stableford... we just need the weather to allow us to run it!

Pro Shop Indoor Winter League

Don't forget that no matter the weather, you can all play in this event! It's a nine hole pairs betterball stableford open to teams of two ladies, two gents or a mixed team. It'll take no more than 60 minutes to complete.

Photos

Here are a selection of photos of the course from the last few days showing a variety of climatic conditions! The water feature on the 3rd is not permanent btw!







January 14, 2025 by Richard Booth

Pro Shop Winter Sale

Unavoidably the course is closed again today so how about some retail therapy instead? Or maybe enter the Pro Shop indoor winter league? Please read on for more info.....

Ping Drivers, Fairways & Hybrids

The new G440 range of Ping golf clubs are launching any day and I have just received my demo equipment which consists of 3 driver heads, 4 driver shafts, 3 fairway woods, 3 fairway shafts, 3 hybrid heads, 3 hybrid shafts, 4 irons heads and 5 irons shafts which means a huge amount of custom fitting options. Please contact me book a fitting and be amongst the first to try these fantastic new clubs from Ping.

This new product launch means that I now have other clubs to sell (all right handed) at discounted prices.

Golf Bag Sale

All golf bags that are in stock (there are 16 of them!) are 20% off until the end of Jan 2025. Be sure to hurry along to “bag” (groan.....!!) the one that you want!



A selection of some of the golf bags that are available and 20% off.

Pro Shop Indoor Winter League

This 9 hole betterball pairs stableford is really starting to generate some interest. Please pop in to have a go before the end of Feb. You will find the format and rules [by looking at my blog post from last week](#).

Just in – SuperStroke Putting Grips

We have had a delivery of brand new SuperStroke putter grips in a selection of sizes, shapes and colours – all priced at £35 (which includes fitting).

Photos

Thanks to Vicki Wells for these lovely snowy snaps.



January 21, 2025 by Richard Booth

Indoor Winter League in Full Swing

We've had some competitive golf in the last few days with a seniors and a ladies event taking place. The men's 15 hole Bogey 4 is scheduled for Saturday with an alt day on Friday morning.

Pro Am 2025

Just a reminder that this year's Pro Am is taking place on Saturday 12th July. It's been a popular part of the club's golfing calendar since 2011.

Teams comprise of three amateurs and a pro that we fix you up with (unless of course you know someone who you would like to invite). Teams can be all female, all male or mixed. It's a really good day – just ask anyone who's played in it previously.

Please contact me for more details.

Bradley 4

Well done to Andrew Fishwick for winning Monday's rearranged Bardley 4 back nine stableford with 18 points. Bill Dixon was runner up with 17 points beating Tony Adamson on a card play off.

Pro Shop Indoor Winter League

Bob Siddle & Peter Wolfenden are currently in pole position....

Yellowball Stableford

Congrats to Jane Wilkinson, Diana Harris and Helen Williams for winning last Thursday's team comp with 37 points. Mandy Gilbert, Vicki Wells and Jane Nicholson were two points adrift in second place.

January 29, 2025 by Richard Booth

Battling the Elements

The weather scuppered the seniors nine hole stableford which was due to take place last Wednesday. At least, we got some play for the ladies on Thursday and the gents on Saturday.

Bogey 4

Congrats to Dave McGlenon for winning Saturday's 15 hole Bogey 4 with a score of three up. The alt day on Friday couldn't go ahead because of the heavy rains. Peter Hindle was the runner with two up and Howard Gill third on all square.



Ladies Stand-a-Side Texas Scramble

The weather was just foul on Thursday but two very hardy teams completed their nine holes so well done indeed. The team with the best score was Lisa Warnes, Sally Budd, Jane Wilkinson & Joanne Bryant.



From left to right we have Lisa Warnes, Sally Budd, Jane Wilkinson, Joanne Bryant, Diana Harris, Kerry Gill and Caroline Smith thawing out in the dining room after their rounds.

February 4, 2025 by Richard Booth

Peter Doesn't Need a Full Set

We have a few results to report on this week and an update on the Indoor winter league.

Three Clubs & a Putter

Congrats to Peter Wolfenden for winning the 3 clubs and a putter back nine stableford on Saturday with a great score of 20 points. Graham Jones was second with 19 points and Mark Williams was third with 18 points, beating Bob Siddle on countback.

Back Nine Stableford

Well done to Min Fishwick for winning Thursday's comp with 21 points. Ceri Hyde finished second having been beaten on a card play off. Helen Davies was third with 17 points.

Pro Shop Winter League

As things stand, the top two teams are currently Jane Wilkinson & Jonny Yates and Ollie Grieves & John Book. You have until the end of Feb to have a go at beating their scores and qualifying for the final....

February 12, 2025 by Richard Booth

Performance Coach to Major Champions

This week we have three lots of competition results for you, which is always a good sign that the weather has been reasonably clement of late! The Pro Shop indoor winter league continues until the end of Feb. And the breaking news is that we've just secured Karl Morris to come and speak at the club in June. Please read on for more details.

Karl Morris

First off, this is not Noelle's husband (despite him being a very nice chap too!)

I am delighted to announce that the other Karl is presenting to us on Monday 9th June from 1900 – 2030. He actually did a talk for us in my first year here at Hale, back in 2009 so I thought it was high time we got him back!

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Karl's presentation will be fun and informative. As you can see from the poster, he's worked with some of the biggest names in golf but also spends a lot of his time working with grass roots golfers. I'm confident that if you implement some of his suggestions, your golf will improve.

I went on a three day course that he ran in November 2023, which was fantastic. It was held in Manchester but delegates travelled from all over to be there – Ireland, Belgium, Holland, Singapore, & the USA.

You won't have any such logistical issues as it's going to take place in the HGC dining room! Tickets are priced at £20 each.

I know this event is a bit different from the norm so I'd really appreciate you supporting it and making it financially viable by reserving your space.

Mens' Team Betterball Waltz

Well done gentleman captain Ben Fallows, Pete Turkington & Neil Thompson for winning Saturday's comp with 73 points. Paul Simpson, Jonny Gray and Andy Gething were second with 68 points. One shot adrift in third place were Bob Siddle, John Moss and Jim Nicholson.



Paul Simpson and winners Neil, Pete & Ben

Ladies 3 Clubs & a Putter

Congrats to Sally Blackburn for winning's Thursday's stableford with a very impressive 22 points. Louise Gerald was second with 19 points. Both Min Fishwick and Vanessa Veitch scored 17 points.

Bradley 5

Glyn Isaac won Wednesday's Bradley 5 with 18 stableford points beating Bill Wrigley on a card play off. Andrew Fishwick finished third with 17 points.

Portugal

Thanks to Brian Greenbank for sending this photo in from the Algarve as 11 of our members competed last week in a Maxitours event over there.

Unfortunately I can't zoom in on the photo so you'll just have to believe me that Dave Rodwell, Brian Greenbank, Andy Cowan, Jason Wright, Bob Manley, Steve Bates, Bill Dixon, Paul Hunter, Martin Quinn, Dave Madeley, Jonny Yates & Glynn Isaac are all in the photo!

