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# THE CLUB HOUSE AT BRACKEN GHYLL

JANUARY - ISSUE 3

## Fog, Floods, and the Troopers Who Refuse to Stay Home!



January has arrived at Bracken Ghill like it had a personal vendetta against golf. Wet? Relentlessly. Foggy? To the point where you're never quite sure if you're aiming at a green, a sheep, or the vague idea of a flag. Dry? Not since Christmas Eve—and even that's debatable.

The course has spent much of the month resembling a cross between a sponge and a scene from *Last of the Mohicans*. Fairways squelch. Bunkers resemble ornamental ponds. And visibility has often been so poor that shouting "FORE!" feels optimistic at best.

### Upcoming Golf Events

*Food and beverages will be available in with Winter Season from 11am until 5pm*

-  Monday: Seniors for Men
-  Tuesday: Ladies Day
-  Wednesday: Play for Everyone
-  Thursday: Seniors Competition
-  Friday: Play for Everyone
-  Saturday: Competition Day - Mixed
-  Sunday: Mixed Pairs



Quote: sometimes the biggest problem is in your head. you've got to believe..

And yet... they keep coming.

Against all logic, comfort, and common sense, a brave band of members has continued to tee it up. These are not casual golfers. These are troopers. The sort of people who look out of the window, see sideways rain and fog thick enough to butter, and say, "Aye, should clear by the 3rd."



They arrive wrapped in more layers than an onion with trust issues.

Waterproofs that could survive a North Sea crossing. Gloves already damp before the first tee shot. The warm-up consists mainly of stamping feet and questioning life choices.

Out on the course, distances become theoretical. Drives vanish into the mist like ships lost at sea. Someone swears they hit a good one—no one can confirm. Greens are found largely by faith and local knowledge. Putts are played with the hope that gravity is still working properly.

And when they finish? Oh, the pride.

They return to the clubhouse dripping, steaming, and triumphant and we are so very happy to welcome them - THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING US. There's a particular glow that only comes from surviving January golf—a mix of satisfaction, stubbornness, and mild hypothermia. They've earned their tea. Possibly a brandy. Definitely a story.

So here's to you, January golfers. The ones who didn't wait for spring. The ones who played through fog, rain, and conditions that would make a duck complain. You are proof that golf isn't just a game—it's a commitment. A slightly unhinged one, but admirable nonetheless.

February can do its worst. You'll still be out there.

Probably..... and if not, we will see you in The Clubhouse.

Warm regards,

*Spencer*

Bar Manager



## JANUARY NEWS

### A BIG THANK YOU FOR A BRILLIANT GRAND DRAW

The recent Grand Draw at the Clubhouse was a fantastic success and a wonderful example of what makes our club so special. Thanks to the generosity and support of our members, guests, and friends, the event raised valuable funds that will directly benefit the club.

It was lovely to see so many people come together, enjoy the occasion, and support a cause that means a great deal to us all. From buying tickets to spreading the word and simply turning up on the day, every contribution made a difference.

We'd like to offer a heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended, donated prizes, helped organise the draw, or supported it in any way. Your continued enthusiasm and generosity play a huge part in keeping the club thriving.

Events like this remind us that our club is about more than golf—it's about community. Thank you all for your ongoing support.



### THANK YOU TIMOTHY TAYLOR



Our second promotion with Timothy Taylor's Brewery, offering a hat and scarf featuring their fantastic pale ale, Landlord. Our winner was Andrew Dickens and how handsome does he look. Watch this space for another winner!



### ITS CELEBRITY KEN AGAIN!

One of our members, Andrew, came into The Clubhouse and handed Ken a golf ball, with his name on it. He was shocked - turns out, that ten years ago, he bought these balls and lost one. It was found on the second tee!! We love a good story!



## Special Events



**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026 - 6.45pm for 7.30pm**  
**Bradford & District Union of Golf Clubs Annual Dinner**  
**held at The Midland Hotel in Bradford**

**Fee: £40**

Bradford & District Union of Golf Clubs - Annual Dinner

📍 The Midland Hotel, Bradford

Members are invited to join us for this special evening! To secure your place, please sign up on the notice board in the Clubhouse or contact Will (Secretary) or Martyn (Men's Captain).

We hope to see many of you there! 🍷 🎉 ♂ 🎉



**Thursday 26th February 2026 - 7.30pm**

**Quiz Night**  
**held at The Clubhouse**

**Fee: Free**

We're delighted to announce that Quiz Night is back at The Clubhouse, hosted by the one and only fabulous Ian P — so expect plenty of laughs along with the questions!

There'll be free food on the night, and to round things off, you'll also have the chance to buy tickets to play Higher or Lower for a bit of extra excitement at the end.

Teams can be up to 6 players, so grab your friends, get your thinking caps on, and remember... you've got to be in it to win it!

See you there!!!



# Special Events



**Friday 20th March 2026 - 6.00pm for 7.00pm**  
**The Sportsmans Dinner**  
**held at The Clubhouse**  
**Fee: £40**

The Sportsman's Dinner promises to be a fantastic night, featuring a sit-down three-course meal, great company, and top-class entertainment.

We are delighted to welcome our Guest Speaker, Jeff Winter — one of England's most well-known and controversial football referees. Jeff officiated at the very highest level, with his final Premiership match being the FA Cup Final between Manchester United and Millwall. His talk is packed with gripping stories, sharp humour, and fascinating behind-the-scenes insight from the heart of the game.

Providing the evening's entertainment is Austin Knight, one of the most in-demand performers on the circuit. His polished, high-energy performance is guaranteed to have the room entertained from start to finish.

With great food, brilliant stories, and outstanding entertainment, this is an event not to be missed.



**Friday 27th March 2026 - 7.30pm**  
**The Hayley Sisters**  
**held at The Clubhouse**  
**Fee: £17**

We're excited to welcome back the Hayley Sisters to the golf club for a fantastic evening of singing and dancing! Join us for great entertainment and enjoy a delicious hot buffet on the night. Don't miss it!

