



# Southwold Golf Club

Established 1884

## Southwold Rabbit

Spring Edition 2020 Part One

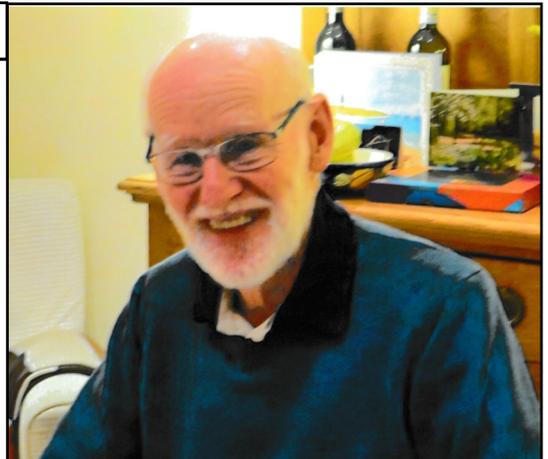
# Wishing You All Good Health

### Congratulations to Mick Heil for a Hole In One

Despite having just celebrated his 82<sup>nd</sup> Birthday, **Mick Heil** shot a Hole in One on the 18<sup>th</sup> Hole on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Playing with **Bill Lavender**, and using his 5 Wood to cope with the very strong windy conditions, Mick was delighted to see his ball find the hole.

In fact, this is Mick's second Hole in One on the 18<sup>th</sup> Hole. The first one was many years ago when he was playing with Club Secretary **Ivan Guy**, on a Sunday Morning. He also achieved a third Hole in One sometime in the past.

Given the fact that **Mick** has suffered from ill health and became an 'OBE' (Over Bloody Eighty) a couple of years ago, he is an example to us all that golf is not just for the youngsters!



### Our Pro Richard Smith Wins PGA Competition



Congratulations are due to **Richard** for winning the Suffolk PGA Competition at Aldburgh last month. Despite cold and windy conditions, **Richard** came in with a score of 72, 3 shots ahead of the rest of the field.

This is the third Suffolk PGA Competition he has played in and won, the others were at Royal Worlington and Thetford.

Richard is very modest about his achievements but has admitted 'The move to Suffolk has been very successful for me'.

### Pro Shop Savings Club

The Pro Shop Savings Club suggested by **John Stammers** is proving popular. It started when John realised he needed some new golf shoes, so is paying £10 a week to **Richard**, our Professional, to keep in his account, ready for the time he is out of compulsory home stay and on the course again.

This will help to keep the Pro Shop going, and since the timescale looks daunting, it may well be that our golf kit will be rather tired and moth-eaten by the time we get it out again. So if you would like to join this scheme, just contact **Richard** by email to set up a standing order for the amount you would like to save, or you can send Richard a one-off sum.

John has also suggested we introduce a Celebration Cup for beating this Virus – and Richard will set this up once we are playing again.

**Part Two of the Rabbit** will follow with suggestions from our Pro on how to keep us in shape for golf once we can start again.

**Answers to Rules are Rules and How Well Do You Know Your Golf Course:** If you have a partner who can check your answers, or you check your own answers (all golfers are trustworthy) send the results to the Editor and we will print the winners in the next edition of the Rabbit—and look out for you in the bar once the Clubhouse is up and running again.

The winning story of 'The Club Captain and the Green Keeper' competition set by the **Adele** will be printed in the next Rabbit.

Thanks to all who have sent me contributions to fill this issue, in such difficult times, and to **Keith May** for proof reading.

Best Wishes to your all—and Stay Well,

**Margaret**—Editor



Dear Fellow Members,

Welcome to the Easter edition of the Rabbit and what an unusual edition it is!

Firstly I hope that you and your families remain safe and well and are adhering to the Government guidelines.

As a club we are also trying to be as compliant as we can and as such we had to close the course based on England Golf's instruction. I have had reports of some people being seen playing on the course. This is unacceptable. If this is visitors there is nothing we can do other than rely on the local enforcement agencies to stop this. However if it is Club Members we will take a very dim view of this and will consider what action to take after the lockdown is lifted.

As you are all aware, it is membership renewal time and I reiterate the Executive Committee's request that all members renew as normal. We recognise that the course is unavailable right now but as long as the lockdown doesn't exceed most expert's estimates we should be playing again in the summer. It's really important that we retain our funding to keep the club running.

We have furloughed most of our staff to take advantage of the Government's 80% scheme and as of now only **Gareth** and **Sam** remain in full time employment.

We are minimising any capital expenditures and aggressively cutting costs where possible. We are also hopeful we will receive one of the grants the Government announced which will help our cash flow. So overall I'm optimistic we will see this out without too much financial harm to the club. As I have said before we will review our financial situation after this is all over.

In the meanwhile I'm very pleased to see the daily efforts to maintain the club's spirit of friendliness and camaraderie being undertaken by a number of you. In particular thanks to **Nigel Johnson** whose quips and videos are amusing his contact list of over 100 seniors! I'm also really pleased with the support being given to **Gareth** through people taking advantage of his catering offering. This also benefits the club so keep it up.

Our professional **Richard** is also doing a great job with innovative thinking to keep his business going while we are forced away. In case you are not aware he has launched a savings plan whereby you can send him a regular amount and then after we return you will hopefully have saved enough for some new kit. I understand quite a few people have taken up this idea but the more the merrier.

A final thank you to our editor **Margaret**. She has pushed forward to get this edition of the Rabbit out even at this difficult time and she has tried to ensure it's a fun edition. Well done **Margaret!**

Lets all hope by the time the next Rabbit is due we are back playing some golf!!

Keep in touch and supporting each other. I'm always on the end of the phone if anyone wants a chat.

**David**

Chairman and CEO

## Message from the President



My opening paragraph from 2019 read : We're experiencing another great year at Southwold Golf Club.

Unfortunately not so this year, as we all enter the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of self isolation and social distancing. We now face challenging times of uncertainty due to this awful coronavirus disease.

At times like this we thank our working heroes, Consultants, Doctors and Nurses and all NHS staff and other key workers at the frontline for all the great work and resolve in their determination and dedication in providing a level of professional care and kindness towards others.

We must look to the future and have hope that one day there will be a vaccine to prevent this disease from returning. Meanwhile we must all comply to Government guidance by staying indoors, including good hygiene practice with regular hand washing. At this time of crisis we rely on Medical and Scientific research to eradicate COVID - 19 and provide the solution to a healthy future throughout the world.

Special thanks to **Gareth, Lucy** and the Hospitality 19 Team for their initiative in providing the excellent takeaway meals and delivery service to our Members and Community at large. Well done, we cannot thank you enough guys.

On a personal note I would like to convey my sincere thanks to the Members that are supporting our Pro **Richard's** savings plan, which will help support the business through these difficult times. The savings plan will allow many of

us to purchase new golf equipment and clothing, hopefully in the not too distant future. We'll all look the business when we finally get to play golf again ! **Richard's** skills in providing lessons will be in demand as the majority of us will not have held a club for some time. Also thanks to **Nigel J** who kindly took on the role of social secretary, with jokes / banter via email; for those of you who haven't had the pleasure of reading them please enrol on **Nigel's** distribution list. During these uncertain times it is important not to feel alone and engage in regular communication including humour and exercise as these are priceless factors to our wellbeing to help lift the spirits and boost morale.

As we move towards the Easter weekend, I expect the course is looking great thanks to the skills of the Green Staff that thankfully continue to maintain the greens and fairways in our absence.

We held the Sport Relief golf day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March (which seems a lifetime ago now). This raises funds for the charity and also supports our Club finances at the very time we need it most. May I remind all Members to renew their subscription as cash flow is critical to our business especially during this period of uncertainty.

When we held our AGM in October last year, since the Club's formation in 1884 we made history in electing a Lady Club Captain with **Adele Spindler**; little did we know what lay ahead for 2020. Unfortunately since the introduction of the coronavirus control measures, our Club Captain including all other Club section Captain's golf has been suspended until further notice and the course is closed. My best wishes go to Chairman **David** and The Board, Captain **Adele**, The Golf Group, Ladies Captain **Barbara**, Seniors Captain **Nigel** and Junior Captain **Reuben** including their elected Vice Captains to stay positive and look forward to happy times ahead when we can all meet up at the Club with our Members and enjoy the game we love.

Finally, we remain a friendly Club and a Club to be proud of together. My best wishes to all Members, Staff and Families to remain positive, stay well and take care.

Love kindness and friendship to All.

*President Millsy !*

## Captain's Report

Well what can I say, 6 months in to my Captaincy and a massive spanner has been thrown into the works.

Club matches, Friendlies, inter-club matches and County Matches all cancelled – what a great disappointment for all. However, every cloud has a silver lining, I can proudly say as Club Captain that our County Teams will all be unbeaten at the end of 2020.

At the beginning of the year, it was overheard in the clubhouse on a Sunday, “ have you noticed that since a certain person has took over, our Sunday's have been messed up (changed the wording slightly to protect the innocent!). Wednesdays suddenly became a day when the ladies could go out and play golf, unlike many days last year when the comments were, ‘it must be Wednesday, it's raining!’. So we have gone from Wet Wednesday to Soggy Sunday and Torrential Tuesday.

I did think wouldn't it be wonderful to be that powerful and able to control the weather however, I can assure you that it would be all sunshine, warmth and gentle breezes if I could.

Do we have any budding authors as members? One of the ladies who I play golf with said to me and **Michael**, not long after becoming club captain, ‘it could be a book title’, We both looked a bit confused and I said ‘what?’ she replied ‘The Club Captain and the Green Keeper!’ So, if you are bored and in need of something to do, why not write a short story, send to me and the best one will win a cake of your choice, baked by me – obviously you won't get it until lockdown over.

It was a great disappointment that the option to keep the course open was taken out of our hands and we, like others had to close. As we all know, Golf in the main is social distancing.

I would like to thank the following:

Executive Committee and **Gareth** for the emails that have been sent out to the members advising what is happening.

**Sam** as he is still working so that we have a golf course to come back to.

**Richard** for continuing to email us and keep us involved.

I would like to wish you all well, keep safe and let's hope we can get back to playing golf sooner rather than later.

My email for your short stories is: [adelespindler1969@gmail.com](mailto:adelespindler1969@gmail.com)

**Adele**

Club Captain



## General Manager's Report



Our fantastic Club is now in its 136th year. Not since the war have we been in such a position where all golf has come to such a grinding halt. The situation we find ourselves in now is unusual, but rest assured the golf course, Pro Shop and Clubhouse will be ready for use as soon as government restrictions allow.

Our greens have been scarified and verti-drained over the last two weeks meaning all of our "major" work has been completed during this enforced closure. **Sam** continues to work on the course daily maintaining the tees, fairways and greens.

With the Clubhouse also closed for trade we opted to start a "meals on wheels" delivery service. We have been amazed with the support we have received and can assure you that this service will continue, especially to those who are currently self-isolating for 12 weeks. If you wish to have food delivered please see the menu on our web page: [www.southwoldgolfclub.co.uk](http://www.southwoldgolfclub.co.uk) Please place all orders on 07754 096008 and not via the Club phone.

I know that **Richard** has been supported very well by members who have chosen to start a "savings club" in the Pro shop. It really is this type of initiative and consequential support that highlights how all at the Club pull together and support one another during these unusual times.

On another note, we are pleased to say that the gents toilets and shower rooms have all but been finished. These new facilities are stunning! Please see some photos attached... We just await a few finishing touches which will be completed soon!

A gentle reminder that although the course looks very inviting, we are very much closed, in line with England Golf and Government advice.

Lastly, stay safe and well and we look forward to seeing you all back at the Club soon.

Best wishes

*Gareth*



## Ladies' Captain's Report



I would firstly like to wish everyone well in these coming weeks. So far into my year we had a really enjoyable Christmas Rock and Roll night with music and dancing all evening. Something I think should be held again at a later date.

Our Ladies' Christmas Competition and lunch was well attended and the food superb. Although the Valentines' competition didn't get played because of the weather the meal went ahead with prizes raffled. It was a good idea as was enjoyed by everyone who came. Likewise the Adam and Eve Greensomes was cancelled but **Richard** excelled in making a putting course in the clubhouse including water and bunkers.

I don't really want to be the Ladies' Captain where everything was cancelled, so I hope we will have plenty of time to fit in some fun days of golf when everything gets back to normal.

Keep safe.

*Barbara*

## Seniors' Captain's Report



We would normally be looking forward to Spring golf at this time of year, putting away our winter gear, dusting off the shorts and embarking on a programme of friendly matches. Circumstances are sadly very different this year.

The last few months have seen some dreadful weather, particularly on Tuesdays, with very high winds forcing a number of Course closures. In December the normal Seniors' Christmas golf festivities were hit. The 14 hole guest competition was reduced to 9 holes because of wind and rain but at least we managed to get some golf in, and we had a very pleasant Christmas lunch afterwards with a number of guests present. **Peter McNally** won the competition with 20 points. The following week the Christmas hats competition had to be cancelled altogether. We did however convene for lunch and **Jim Gilbert** devised an unfathomable method for distributing the prizes.

January and February were no better. The Valentines' competition with the Ladies was cancelled due to high winds. Again we had a very pleasant lunch instead with the prize winner's names pulled out a wine bucket. Club Captain **Adele** kindly baked a Valentines cake which I was delighted to win in the raffle. The mixed Adam and Eve competition at the end of February was also cancelled but a Clubhouse putting

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competition was organised instead by **Richard** which was followed by lunch.

Despite the weather we managed to complete the 4 rounds of the Eclectic competition in January and February for the Brandwood trophy. It was windy for every round and the third round also had ice and frozen greens. Congratulations to **Alan Bagley** who mastered the elements to win with 48 points. **Nigel Brown** was runner up with 46 and **Steve Potter, Nick Humphry, Peter Hurr, Nigel Johnson** and **Derek Self** finished with 44.

We also managed to complete the Winter Match Play before the Lockdown ; congratulations to **Andy Robinson** who beat **Nigel Brown** in the final.

The Winter League organised by Bungay finished in February. We ended up 7<sup>th</sup> with 15 points but had definitely improved by the last match when we beat Caister. We had a draw against Caldecott Hall and a number of other close matches. Bungay will be organising the 2 year league again at the end of the year with the same 7 teams and I think we can participate with a lot more confidence.

On a sad note **Bob Perrett** passed away at the beginning of the year, his funeral in Middleton was well attended by Club members.

We are now in Lockdown, the course is closed and the priority for all of us is to keep Safe and Healthy. All friendly matches are cancelled until the middle of June when the situation will be reviewed. In the meantime **Nigel Johnson** is keeping the Seniors amused with his regular e-mails. Please don't forget to order a takeaway from **Gareth** and to top up your account in the Pro Shop. Let's hope that the next edition of the Rabbit will be able to report a return to the course and the camaraderie of a round of golf with friends.

Stay Safe

***Nigel Brown*** Senior's Captain



**Barbara, Ladies' Captain, Adele, Club Captain and Nigel Brown, Senior's Captain cutting the Valentines' cake**

## Message from the Junior Captain

It has been hard to practice during this time, but I have done my best to keep my game up to standards. I didn't ever think my practice regime would consist of putting on the landing using the lines on the carpet to keep my stroke in good form and spending hours in my golf net, but when it's time to get back out on the course there shouldn't be any excuses!

I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy and looking forward to being back on the course.

Kind regards,

***Reuben Harvey*** Junior Captain



## The Professional Shop News

Well this is a very different Professional Shop News but staying at home will save lives and we will get out the other end, so we need to do as we are told and we will be on our great course again.

I just want to say a very big thank you to everyone who has joined my savings club. I am looking forward to when you all can come and spend your money. Also thank you to everyone who took part in the first Pro Shop lottery. It was going to be a one off but I will start another one in the near future.

All my group lessons which got postponed will be rearranged as soon as possible after the lock-down. I will email out all the new dates and get people to re-book. I will also put some new refresher classes on.

The Professional Shop will be closed for the seeable future but if you need anything, I can help, if there are items for home practice you want or if you want to put stuff on order for when we come back I am more than happy to help.

If you need anything please email: [rbasmith@live.co.uk](mailto:rbasmith@live.co.uk) or text: 07858082260

And remember Stay at Home- Protect the NHS- Save Lives

***Richard Smith***

Professional



## Men's Results

<p><b>December 2019</b></p> <p>Gents Greensomes <b>A Burrage &amp; D Hammett</b> 43pts</p> <p>Pairs Betterball <b>A Wright &amp; M Lowe</b> 44 pts</p> <p><b>January 2020</b></p> <p>Team Stableford <b>I Ruddock, T Clifford, L Flunder &amp; B Griffin</b> 119pts</p> <p>Pairs Betterball <b>L Flunder &amp; S Flunder</b> 41pts</p>	<p>Edward Cripps Rd 5 <b>R Hambling</b> 37pts</p> <p>Guilford Foursomes <b>G Cuthbert &amp; J Ladd</b> 45pts</p> <p><b>March</b></p> <p>Horwood Medal Round 1 Div 1 <b>M Langley</b> 71 net Div 2 <b>G Goffin</b> 74 nett</p> <p>Charlie Elmes Trophy <b>J Fountain</b> 41pts</p> <p>Desborough / Hambling Pairs Betterball <b>N Brown &amp; N Haward</b> 43pts</p>
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## Ladies' Results

<p>Winter Knockout winner <b>Barbara Hurr</b></p> <p>EUGA Medal <b>Fiona White</b></p> <p><b>November 2019</b></p> <p>9 hole Stableford <b>J Brandwood</b> 18 pts</p> <p><b>December 2019</b></p> <p>18 hole Stableford Div 1 <b>R Owen</b> 33 pts Div 2 <b>J Brandwood</b> 29 pts</p> <p>14 hole Stableford Div 1 <b>R Owen</b> 27 pts Div 2 <b>J Brandwood</b> 24 pts</p> <p><b>January 2020</b></p> <p>3 clubs and a putter <b>D Spring, A Frost, E Adlington</b> 41 pts</p> <p>9 hole yellow ball Stableford <b>G Goddard, J Twist, D Wilson</b> 44 pts</p>	<p>9 hole Stableford Div 1 <b>J Halil</b> 16 pts Div 2 <b>E Adlington</b> 13 pts</p> <p>14 hole Greensomes Stableford <b>A Spindler, J Twist</b> 27 pts</p> <p><b>February</b></p> <p>14 hole Stableford Div 1 <b>A Holder</b> 27pts Div 2 <b>R Self</b> 22 pts</p> <p>14 hole Stableford Div 1 <b>A Spindler</b> 23 pts Div 2 <b>P Cleveley</b> 26 pts</p> <p>14 hole Alliance Stableford <b>J Halil, A Holder, J Pywell</b> 57 pts</p> <p>14 hole Stableford Div 1 <b>A Holder</b> 28 pts Div 2 <b>J Coulson</b> 20 pts</p> <p><b>March</b></p> <p>18 hole Stableford Div 1 <b>A Edwards</b> 32 pts Div 2 <b>P Cleveley</b> 30 pts</p> <p>Medal Div 1 <b>J Twist</b> Nett 78 Div 2 <b>P Trayler</b> Nett 74</p>
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## Senior's Results

<p>Eclectic <b>Alan Bagley</b> 48 points</p> <p><b>January 2020</b></p> <p>Stableford Qualifier Div. 1 <b>Roger Wilshaw</b> 39 pts Div. 2 <b>John Morris</b> 37 pts</p> <p><b>February</b></p> <p>Qualifying Stableford Div. 1 <b>Peter Hurr</b> 36 pts Div. 2. <b>Peter Orfeur</b> 33 pts</p>	<p>Spring Greensomes <b>John Morris &amp; Brian Davies</b> 36 pts OCB</p> <p><b>Winter Singles Knock Out</b></p> <p><b>Andy Robinson</b> beat <b>Nigel Brown</b> in the final</p> <p><b>March</b></p> <p>Qualifying Stableford Div. 1 <b>Peter Hurr</b> 35 pts OCB Div. 2 <b>John Coulson</b> 33 pts</p>
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## Seniors' News

The Seniors' Competitions and the Seniors' Section are to be properly recognised in the Clubhouse. New Honours Boards are to be placed on the rear wall of the new section of the Clubhouse celebrating the following competitions:

John Kennedy Shield,  
Spring Challenge Shield,  
Summer Challenge Shield  
The Over 65's Trophy (a brand new competition with the trophy kindly donated by **Jim & Gill Gilbert**)  
Seniors' Eclectic (Brandwood Cup)

In addition a new board (sponsored by **Michael and Mary Rowan-Robinson**) will join other clubhouse boards celebrating Section Captains and will list Seniors' Captains.

The Seniors' Committee are also delighted that Seniors' other shields and trophies will now find pride of place in the Gents Locker Room where they will find a new home in the alcoves that were previously windows and will now be developed into prestigious displays, complete with architrave, to set off the Trophies that will be housed within.

## Leap Year Adam & Eve Competition Putted Out

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February – Leap Year Day – was blowing a Hooley and pouring down with rain so there was no chance of getting on the Course. Since the meal was booked; cards prepared; prizes purchased and everyone looking for something to do, it was decided not to draw for prizes, but ask Richard if he could put together a Carpet Putting Competition in the Clubhouse.

And this he did. He turned the lounge and new extension into the main course – going across the ‘road’ into the dining room for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> and back into the lounge for the 9<sup>th</sup> – providing no one moved the chair you had to putt under. In this way we could use the same cards prepared, and instructions were given as to what was required if we went into the water (blue markers), out of bounds (orange markers) and into a bunker (yellow markers). The result was everyone had a very good time. There was some question as to whether rules had been properly followed but it all took place in very good spirits. The winners were **President John Mills** and **Ladies Captain Barbara Hurr** with 66 points – a very good score given the difficult course conditions!

If things settle down we hope to re-run the Adam and Eve on the main course later in the year, but in the meantime we have found a great way to have fun in the Clubhouse when conditions prevent us on the Course.

Thanks to **Richard** for setting up such an enjoyable game.



**Di Spring negotiates the bunkers on the 6th hole**



**Keith Hurr heading for a bunker on second hole**



**President John Mills putts for his birdie on the fifth hole**



**The winning team of Ladies Captain Barbara Hurr and President John Mills receive their prizes from Margaret Beckett and Professional Richard Smith**

# Sport Relief Charity Golf Day 13th March 2020

Sincere thanks to the 86 players and 22 evening Guests who supported the Charity day. The fundraising total of £1850-00 is shared with the Sport Relief Charity and Southwold Golf Club. Fortunately we managed to run a successful event, as the following week the Government introduced the guidelines for social distancing and self isolation to help control the spread of this awful coronavirus disease.

**Individual Ladies.** 1st **Rosie Owen** 40 pts. As **Rosie** was in a winning Ladies' Team and only allowed to win one prize 1<sup>st</sup> position went to **Natasha Flunder** 29 pts ( Southwold)  
2nd **Roz Self** 28pts ( Southwold)  
3rd **Jenny Cardwell** 27pts ( Southwold)



Natasha Flunder Ladies' Individual Prize



Roz Self 2nd Ladies' Individual Prize

**Individual Gents.** 1st **John Pywell** 43pts. As **JP** was in the Gents winning Team and only allowed one prize 1st position went to **David Burrows** 41pts ( Southwold)  
2nd **John Goodchild** 38pts  
3rd **Steve Harrop** 37pts ( Knebworth)



Steve Harrop 3rd Gent Individual Prize

**Team Scores :** 1st **J Pywell. P Sherwood. M Bond. G Peck** 124pts ( Southwold. Halesworth & Bungay)  
2nd **R Owen. S Hellman. A Middleton. C Woods** 118pts ( Halesworth )  
3rd **S Flunder. R Smith. D Kent. J Mills** 115pts. ( Southwold )



John Coulson Nearest the Pin on 9th



1st Team winners with Simon Flunder and John Mills

**Nearest the pin :** 9th **John Coulson** (Southwold)  
**Nearest the pin :** 10th **Simon Flunder** ( Southwold)  
**Nearest the Pin :** 18th **Mick Bond** ( Bungay )  
**Nearest the pin in 2-5th** **Richard Smith** (Pro Southwold)  
**Longest Drive 2nd Ladies** **Clare Woods** ( Halesworth )  
**Longest Drive 12th Gents** **Brian Smy** (Bungay )



Brian Smy longest Drive on the 12th

Sincere thanks to the following for all their help and support on the day. **Jackie Selby, Ann Frost** and **Margaret Beckett** who kindly helped with the registration, raffle, photography and all other persons for their generous donations for supporting the day. Thank you to our General Manager **Gareth, Lucy** and The Hospitality 19 Team for the excellent breakfasts, Fish & Chip suppers and bar refreshments. Thanks to our Greens' Staff **Sam, Michael** and **Roger** for their excellent work and preparation for the course.

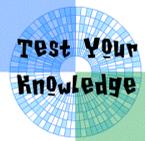
My thanks to our past CEO **Simon Flunder** for presenting the prizes to all our winners including **Simon's** new style elbow shake. ( No longer allowed in the current regime ! ) Many thanks to our Sponsors **Luke Flunder (Flunder Wines)** Club Professional **Richard Smith** and Hospitality 19.

Finally thank you to Southwold Golf Club, Eaton, and Halesworth Clubs who kindly donated auction prizes to support the event including the evening Guests who helped to make it a most enjoyable Charity day.

For details on future Charity Fundraising Days please contact **John Mills** on Mobile 07555 094021 or email [jmills51@btinternet.com](mailto:jmills51@btinternet.com)

Meanwhile, please stay safe and take care.

Love and friendship to All. **Millsy**



# Test Your Knowledge with Three Quizzes

## Rules are Rules

One week in solitary confinement, well not quite, I still have the boss directing operations and keeping me on my toes. But in my spare moments I have been trying to improve my general knowledge ready for the time we can go out to quiz nights. This gave me the idea to do a golfing themed quiz. See how you perform with the following questions. No prizes, unless **Mark Barlow** feels in a generous mood and spends some of his Saturday winnings and buys you a drink.

Questions:

- 1 On which course would you find the Postage Stamp?
- 2 How many dimples are on a standard golf ball?
- 3 Which course on the PGA tour every year is normally played holes 1 to 18 for members and guests, but 10 to 18 then 1 to 9 by the professionals? Bonus point, what is the name of the competition?
- 4 Name the 4 competitions that make up the grand slam in professional golf?
- 5 Which player has had the most holes in one between Jordan Spieth or Bryson Dechambeau?
- 6 What is the diameter of a golf hole?
- 7 Where is the longest hole in regular use to be found?
- 8 On which course would you find The Bear Trap?
- 9 What are the odds on an amateur golfer scoring a hole in one?
- 10 Where will you find the shortest hole played on the PGA circuit?

Answers on page 13

### Rules are rules.

A player's ball has rolled into a red-lined penalty area:

The player measures two club lengths from the point of entry into the penalty area, Then drops a ball in the approved way, and the ball rolls back into the hazard.

### How would the player proceed from this situation?

A player's ball has landed one club –length into a bush at the bottom of a slope. The player, without touching the ball measures two club-lengths up the slope not nearer the hole. If the player dropped a ball, it might roll back into the bush.

### What are the players options?

Answers on page 13

**Thank you to Brian Brandwood for his excellent contributions**

## How Well Do You Know Your Golf Course?

1. What year did our Course go from 9 to 18 holes?
2. Where was the first tee situated on the old Course?
3. Which of the Triumvirate were called to advise on the extensions of the golf course to 18 holes?
4. Who was employed to oversee the extension to 18 holes?
5. What year did the golf club try to get the 10 holes that were lost to flooding back?
6. In what year did Stephen Fitzgerald break the amateur course record?

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7. What was his score? (Stephen Fitzgerald)
8. Who did Sam Brett beat in a play-off for the P.L.Smith Cup?
9. In what year was the golf course flooded?
10. Where is the plinth situated to commemorate this?
11. Which is the correct way to fly our Union Flag?

Answers on Page 13

**Thanks to Derek Self for preparing this Quiz**

## Golf Course Quiz

Below are descriptions of nine golf holes on courses in East Anglia. (I've checked the yardages, but the rest is from memory, so please forgive any alterations made in past twelve months!)

Can you identify the courses where these holes feature? Some are iconic holes, others not so, but all give a real challenge to golfers of all levels.

Yardages are from Men's (white) & Ladies tees; Par Men/Ladies; Number in bracket is hole number on course in question. Additional clue: - Five are in Suffolk; three in Norfolk; one in Essex.

Send your answers to me by email at [tmbroome.10@gmail.com](mailto:tmbroome.10@gmail.com)

First complete correct answer will win a £20 voucher for the Pro shop. 2<sup>nd</sup> - £10. Good Luck!

1. 340/301 yds Par4/4 (1<sup>st</sup>)

Tree-lined dog-leg left. Bunker on right at about 180 yds; Greenside bunkers left & right; spindly trees behind green. Longer hitters can carry the trees over the dog-leg but it's OOB all the way down the left.

2. 467/413 yds Par4/5 (11<sup>th</sup>)

Slightly elevated tee, hole slopes gently left to right. Bunker on right for shorter tee shots and gorse; three bunkers down the left side, gorse & trees wider; deep cross bunkers at about 300 yds; beyond those, further bunker on right and bunkers left & right guarding narrow entrance to undulating green.

3. 153/122 yds Par 3/3 (5<sup>th</sup>)

Accurate tee shot needed here. Small brook runs from front of tee, snakes across the hole and across front left of green; bunkers around green with run-offs all round.

4. 395/369 yds Par 4/4 (14<sup>th</sup>)

Blind tee shot over rising bank and bushes; trouble all the way down the left; OOB right – cliff-top; bunkers short of green left & right. The lighthouse is a good line from the tee.

5. 494/435 yds Par 5/5 (8<sup>th</sup>)

Tee shot to an 'island' fairway situated in a tidal marsh, depending on length of tee shot, will leave you 220+ to green; safer route to green up the right; brave, longer hitters might go for it across the marsh or even water if the tide is in!

6. 401/365 yds Par 4/4 (5<sup>th</sup>)

A tricky tee shot to find the perfect position for the green on this dog-leg right hole. Trees all the way down the right and wide left; bunker, heather & gorse on the apex left; shot to elevated two-tier green guarded by deep bunkers left & right with run-offs long.

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7. 155/140 yds Par 3/3 (5<sup>th</sup>)

Cross a small ditch-like stream to the tee, you see all before you. A long, narrow three-tier 'saddleback' green; no bunkers but severe slopes running off either side, especially to the left which is often wet or boggy; trees behind. Miss the green, take a 5 and run!

8. 402/385 yds Par 4/5 (3<sup>rd</sup>)

Standing on the tee attention is immediately drawn to the large lake in front of you. 220+ yds to carry the lake, going left is not an option; bail out is the fairway running to the right. The choice is how much of the lake you take on to make second shot over rough ground and bunker 50 yds short of inviting green.

9. 397/356 yds Par 4/4 (18<sup>th</sup>)

Another tricky tee shot to avoid big bunker on the left and rough humps/hollows on the right. Shot to green is from an undulating fairway to an elevated green with severe bunkered run-off to the right; the clubhouse stands proudly behind the green, everyone watching you play in.

**Thanks to Terry Broome for preparing this Quiz**



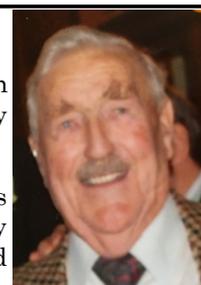
*Seniors' Christmas non-competition lunch in December 2019. Check the picture to see how two members chose exactly the same headgear!*

## Roy Child

Many long-standing members were saddened to receive news that **Roy Child** had passed away on 10<sup>th</sup> January this year, at the grand old age of 98. For years a pillar of Southwold Golf Club, Roy served as Club Captain in 1990/91 and President in 2008/9,

Having lived at Easton Bavents for years, watching the continuous erosion of the cliff, Roy and his wife Joan relocated to the comparative safety of Pier Avenue, Southwold. They had several happy years there until Joan passed away and Roy moved to Oxted in Surrey to be near his daughters and family.

An event of particular historic relevance to our club occurred during Roy's year as Club Captain. In January 1987 Lt Col Arnold Brown, a member of Royal Norwich club, acquired at auction in Chester a silver-headed club marked "Southwold 1899". **Arnold Brown**, having previously been a member at Southwold, determined to trace the history of this club but he died later in 1987 before he succeeded. The search was then taken up, by the Secretary of Royal Norwich, with Roy Child and our then Secretary **Doug Randle** who turned up a Committee minute from



January 1898 recording the gift of a "Silver Cleek" to Southwold Golf Club by a Brooke Alder. Marianne Brown, Arnold's widow then generously presented the Cleek jointly to the two clubs, to be played for annually in a match between Southwold and Royal Norwich. The first playing of this Cleek competition took place on the 12<sup>th</sup> July 1992. The Cleek club is kept in a cabinet in Southwold's club-house, with photos of some matches.

**Peter Hurr** reminds us that when he was Club Steward he and Roy became great friends and that Roy loved to help out at many of the club's functions, Burns Night being a great favourite, when he would bring in the Haggis.

One very special memory of Peter's was when he and another friend took **Roy** on a 'memory lane' visit to Rome. Serving in the RAF during the Second World War Roy had met a young lady and her family there, but when Roy and his unit were moved on he lost contact with Bianca. Peter reports that after some searching and lots of questions they found the street and the house where Bianca and her family had been living. To their total amazement Bianca still lived there! Peter reckons that it was meant to be, and that Roy and Bianca went for afternoon tea. No further details provided! Part, Peter says, of his fond memories of a great friend.

## Candace Austin – our PommieGranny

Candace was 94 years young when we said goodbye to her. 'Young' because she was always cheerful and pleased to see her friends when they called in to visit her.

Although **Candace** had reluctantly given up golf when she was 90 – after the use of a buggy had kept her going for a number of year – she was always part of our Ladies Section. She was a keen bridge player and with her only family in Australia, was referred to by her grandchildren as their 'PommieGranny'.

Candace had a fascinating life, having been born in India; lived in Malaysia on a Rubber Plantation and had competed at Wimbledon – something she was very reluctant to speak about. She was a keen swimmer and loved the sea. Her fortitude in facing ill health was to be admired – she always said 'I'm so lucky'. We all miss her zest for life.



## Joyce Hollingworth – a Well-respected Past Member of Southwold Golf Club

We are sad to say goodbye to **Joyce Hollingworth** who was a very well-respected past lady member of our Club. **Joyce** was just a few months off her Hundredth birthday when she died and in typical form was still playing bridge and very active up until the end. She had trained as a nurse at The Royal London Hospital and served during World War 2.

**Joyce** held the Offices of Ladies' Captain in 1977 and Ladies' President in 1988 and is remembered for her leadership qualities, being very competitive, and dedication to standards being upheld in Golf etiquette. One member added 'She was very strict!' Joyce held very instructive Rules Meetings and also introduced the Friday afternoon Bridge Club, as she was a very keen – and competent - bridge player. She will be missed by her many friends both in the Golf Club, and elsewhere.

## Bob Perrett

Ipswich-born Bob joined Southwold Golf Club in 2006 but many local golfers will have known him from his time at other clubs including Purdis Heath, Thorpeness and Diss where he had been captain.

A keen sportsman from his teenage years, when a traffic accident put paid to the prospect of a career in professional football, Bob had a long, distinguished amateur career in local cricket and, in later years, at national level for England over 60s/70s.

Alongside his sporting achievements, Bob will readily be remembered particularly for his indomitable character. Recovering from various serious medical interventions, and on the golf course again before most of us would be 'back on solids', he was an irrepressible character, chatting his way round the course, and holding forth in the clubhouse on any topic you choose to mention - and some you didn't!

In golf as in life, Bob was his own man and would always advise against copying his grip, putting style or swing - all as unique as they were effective. He won numerous trophies, mixed pairs competitions with Margaret, and achieved 2 Holes in One here, the most recent in October last year.

Bob will be much missed - particularly by the Seniors - when we're able to venture on the course again. In many ways this was an ideal club for him in latter years - a challenge for the golfer, the certainty of regular friendly ribbing, competitive without having pressure to take it too seriously. He'll be missed! Our thoughts are with Margaret at this very difficult time.



**Rules are Rules Quiz answers:**

- 1 Royal Troon. The 123 yds 8<sup>th</sup> . The green measures approx. 2635<sup>2</sup> feet.
- 2 Depending on model and manufacturer, between 300 and 500 but the most common is 336.
- 3 Wailae Country Club, Hawaii. Bonus point: The Sony Open.
- 4 (1) Augusta in Georgia. (2) The PGA Championship. (3) USA Open. (4) The Open. The last three are played on various courses.
- 5 Jordan Spieth. Bryson Dechambeau has never had a hole in one.
- 6 The diameter of the hole according to the rules is 4¼ inches. See **HOLE** under **Definitions** in the R&A Rules of Golf.
- 7 The longest hole on any course in regular play is the 964 yard par 7, 7<sup>th</sup> hole at Satsuki golf club in Japan. The longest on the European tour circuit is the 16<sup>th</sup> at Green Eagle GC, Hamburgh, Germany and on the PGA circuit, the 18<sup>th</sup> at Kapalua, Hawaii. Both courses measure the same, 663 yards.
- 8 The Bear Trap is a series of holes round and over the water on the 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at the PGA National & SPA's champion course, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.
- 9 12500-1. The odds are cut to 1200-1 for top professional players.
- 10 The 7<sup>th</sup> par 3, 106 to 109 yards Pebble Beach, California.

Penalty area problem: **Rule 17.1d.** Lateral relief.

Re-drop a ball within the relief area in the approved way. If the ball rolls back into the penalty area again with this second drop, place a ball on the spot where the second ball dropped first struck the ground within the relief area. **When taking relief anywhere the dropped ball must stop within the relief area.** If it rolls anywhere outside the relief area it must be redropped. See **Rule 14.3c.**

Ball in the bush: Options are: Rule 19a, 19b &19c.

If the player decides to take lateral relief under rule 19c i.e. 2 club lengths not nearer the hole, and the ball then rolls back into the bush and stops within the 2 club length relief area then the ball is in play and the player would have the same options he had prior to dropping the ball the first time plus a one shot penalty.

**Warning:** Choose your option carefully. You are not allowed a test drop, even one outside of the relief area.

**Answers to How Well Do You Know Southwold Golf Club**

1. 1904
2. First two car park spaces approximately (Left hand side as you enter).
3. Braid-Taylor
4. Tom Dunn
5. 1993
6. 29<sup>th</sup> July 1984
7. 67-9-58
8. P.K. Palmer
9. 1953
10. Edge of Practice Putting Green
11. Wide White Stripe at the top of the Flag Pole.