



**Kington Blue Ballers** held their second outing of the season at Llandrindod Wells GC on Thursday 18th October. We played in pairs with both scores to count as this was also the second leg of this years Three Hills Trophy. Even though we were very lucky with the weather the scoring didn't reflect this for the majority of us. The third leg of the Three Hills is at Kington on Friday 9th November,

so please sign up. The next Blue Balls is at Borth on Friday 23rd November with space for 24, so sign up ASAP if you want a trip to the seaside.

The results from Llandrindod were

1st	Steve Hallam and Mike Richards	68pts
2nd	Stan Arnold and Arthur Hyde	60 pts
	Best individual score Steve Hallam	36pts

## Hargrove Matches – Results

Kington 'A' lost in the first round and will now go into the Presidents Plate and play Lilleshall GC, the B team did likewise losing to Bridgnorth and will play Church Stretton.

Kington entered a team at South Staffordshire Golf Club in the Midland Alliance, this comprises 3 amateurs and a Professional. The team finished 5th picking up a small voucher.

Keith represented Kington and went round in 1 under par, scoring 37 Points. He finished joint 2nd and was only beaten by an ex Ryder Cup player, Peter Baker, who is the Pro at South Staffs and who shot 4 under par and amassed 40 Points!

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## Seniors' Update

### Away Day At Home ...

The Seniors section held an "away day at home" on Friday 5th October. The day was aimed at giving those seniors that don't travel to the away days an opportunity to play in a fun competition for very little cost to them. The day proved successful with 24 turning out for the three man Texas Scramble.

#### Results:

- 1st: Dave Sayers, Ivor Morgan & Ted Davies nett **55.6**  
 2nd: Richard Hill, Phil Gould and Dennis Whyke **57**  
 3rd: Bill Diddcock, Dan Parry and Andy Edey **57.4**

#### Celebrating 80!

We also celebrated the birthdays of Joe James, David Mains and John Weaver, who have now joined John A Williams in becoming senior section OBE 's (over bl\*\*dy eighty)



The Seniors held a special Texas Scramble at Kington on 5th October. We took this opportunity to celebrate those of our number who had reached 80 this year. Joe James (until recently a long-term member) was 80 the previous week, David Mains was 80 in July and John Weaver was 80 in May. They are all still playing regularly and we hope that will continue for many years yet!

Monday 15th October saw a new competition in the seniors bag day. We played the red, yellow, white tee alternation in a three man team, two scores to count, format. The general feeling was that we should add this format to our bag day competition rotation.

The results were:

- 1st Steve Hallam, Phil Gould and Peter Smith **80pts**  
 2nd Dave Sayers, Nigel Venables & Ted Davies **78pts**  
 3rd Nigel Hayward, Sid Price & John Lockwood **76pts**



Kington Golf Club *Bradnor Bugle*  
 November 2018



Welcome to the November 2018 Issue of *The Bugle*, the monthly Members' Newsletter of Kington Golf Club.

As always, we have lots in store for you. Heading towards the Festive Season, there are lots of activities happening on the Social front. Tickets are now on sale for the Kington Race Night; Annual Club Dinner; and Christmas Song, Supper and Mulled Wine evening.

Also check out the Pro Shop News, Seniors' and Ladies' Updates, and of course the results from the recent Members' Survey

**Christmas Shopping Day** is taking place this Saturday 3rd November from 10am- 3pm with food and beverages available. We have some fantastic stalls coming along. Entry is free but a raffle will be held with 50% going to the Captains' Charity 'New Life' and 50% to the Club. All the raffle prizes will be donated by our 16 stall holders, so please come along and support them.

## VERTI-DRAINING

From Monday 15th Oct - Wed 17th Oct the Greens Staff were Verti-Draining the greens. This didn't prevent anyone from playing, and it was much appreciated by the Greens Team that they were able carry out their vital work.

*Verti-Draining* is basically putting holes in the putting green to allow air to get into the greens' subsoil, to break up the thatch and allow the greens to drain properly. It also encourages deeper root growth and promotes good soil structure.

Thanks to everyone for their patience and understanding.

## Club News

We had a successful **Broth Day** competition which was followed by Prize giving for the Men's Section Summer competitions.

### Knock out results were also confirmed

**Presidents Bowl Singles Knockout:** Adriano Girolami Beat David Davies in the final

**HA Saunders Cup:** Tom Ritchie & James Herdman beat Ray Evans & Robin Price in the final

### Scratch Foursomes

**Fletcher Le Good Plate:** Matt Weaver & Allan Williams Beat Tom Ammonds & John Watkins in the final

**Price Cup over 55 singles knockout:** Arthur Hyde beat Paul Finch in the final

This Sunday we have the **Autumn Open** which is nearly full

Next year during our Festival of Golf weekend we are planning to repeat the Texas Scramble on the Friday but then work with Burghill to run a *Marches Open* which will be a 36 hole competition played over two days and two courses.

... more details & plans to follow ...

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## Ladies Results

### Autumn Series 3

#### Blue, Red Yellow

Division 1

Carolyn Jones 38pts Wendy Friday 36pts Pip Frost 35pts

Division 2

Liz Lockwood 39pts Sue Purslow 30pts Betty Ashworth 25pts

#### 12 holes

Priscilla Scott 22pts Audrey Fox 16pts Kate Block 16pts

### Autumn Series 2

#### Stableford

Division 1

Pip Frost 31pts Wendy Douglas 26pts Kay Taylor 22pts

Division 2

Liz Lockwood 23pts Betty Ashworth 20pts Sue Purslow 19pts

#### 12 hole Stableford

Susan Morgan 18pts Gill Lloyd 17pts Audrey Philpott 11pts

### All Winners Cup

Anita Dart 69pts Pip Frost 74pts Kay Taylor 75pts

### Autumn Series Stableford

Division 1

Barbie Radbourne 35pts Teresa Godbert 34pts Kay Taylor 34pts

Division 2

Liz Lockwood 32pts Betty Ashworth 31pts Sue Davies 29pts

#### 12 holes

Audrey Philpott 24 Anne M Hitchcox 21 Claire Burton 21

### Lady Captain's Day

Jane Cowles 40pts Carolyn Jones 33pts Iris Corfield 33pts

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## MEMBERS' SURVEY RESPONSE EVENING – OCT 29<sup>th</sup> 2018

Stephen Knight the Marketing & Membership Chair opened the meeting to approx 35 members. He introduced Terry Weight & Mark Romasiuk (Club Support Officer England Golf).

Over 28% of the membership responded to the survey. Mark told us that the National average is only 6% so Kington members really do care!

Steve reported that 93% of the membership felt the club were meeting or exceeding their expectations. It was also interesting that a 1/3 of members were not interested in competitive golf.

Nearly everybody felt the greens were good, though some work is required on the tees. Surprisingly 8% of people were happy with the rough!!

Steve's final comment and a poignant one, not only for Kington but likely one that all golf clubs are asking through these difficult times – 'How do we attract more members?'

The draw was made for the £100 voucher for responding to the survey and was won by Evie Duff-Gordon.

A discussion with questions and answers then wrapped up the evening but not before we had all enjoyed some excellent Soup and crusty bread provided by our very able steward Abbie.

[Survey Documents: Members' Area](#)

## – STOP PRESS –

Members wishing to keep 'fit and flexible' during the winter months may like to be reminded that: **Cloud Nine Health and Leisure Club at the Burton Hotel offer Kington Golf Club members special rates. Gym and Swim normally £16.00 per visit, KGC Members £8.00; Monthly Membership normally £49.00, KGC members from £31.**

## Social Update

Last month's **Community Shop** was a great success, making **£1,483.39!**

A huge thanks to all those that helped in the shop and donated items.

## Dates for your Diary

Sat 10th Nov - Kington Race Night

Sat 1st Dec - Annual Golf Club Dinner

Thurs 13th Dec - Christmas Song, Supper & Mulled Wine Eve

## Wednesday Fiddle Competition

Every Wednesday from 10<sup>th</sup> October

£1.50 – Pay at the Pro Shop

**Mike Stanley – 07773 086024**

**Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Nov – Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day**

<https://armistice100.org.uk/>



## Pro Shop News

### Winter Practice & Golf Lessons

With the golf season now drawing to close it's a great time of year to think about ironing out any flaws in your technique or anything else that may have been holding you back with your game in 2018.

For me personally I'm already on a mission to change some things I don't like in my technique and I'm hoping the results will be a more efficient swing with less compensations !!!

From now until March I'll be putting in some hours of practice in the indoor swing room. If you fancy joining me for a session hitting some balls on the launch monitor where you can learn a few things about your game let me know and I'll be in touch.

For winter 2018 I'll be offering a course of six half hour lessons for £125 so that's one FREE of charge. The lessons include us using the launch monitor and video analysis.

### New Winter stock Deals

We have some great offers on the Stuburt2018 Winter Range:



Bonded windbreaker ¼ zip tops from £39.99

Endurance padded jackets from £59.99

FootJoy Winter range with up to 40% Off

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