



BRAD – The Heli-Bear

Meet Brad, full name Bradnor Hill, the Heli-Bear. He will be travelling around the world with the Ladies' Section this year to raise money for the County Air Ambulance, HELP Appeal.



Brad has been out and about exploring the course, and has just returned from his first trip - to Amsterdam! Next week, he is off to St Lucia and will also be visiting Minehead, Japan and Australia before Easter! Lucky Brad!

Watch out for further news of Brad's Globe-trotting!

Do whatever you can to support the **HELP** Appeal

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KINGTON GOLF CLUB

ANNUAL HANDICAP REVIEW

Affiliated clubs are required to carry out an Annual review of the handicaps of all members in compliance with the requirements of Clause 23 according to the CONGU Unified Handicapping System.

The purpose of the review is to identify players whose general playing performance and scoring pattern over the year is either better or inferior than that expected for their handicap category. These players should then be considered for respective reductions or increases of their handicaps.

This will only affect a number of people, but if your handicap has been altered recently then this will help you understand the reasons.

It does take into account many factors of play during the year and not just Qualifying scores in competitions.

Hope you enjoy your golf in 2019.

Nigel Scott - Handicap Secretary

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Stephen Knight (Chair, Marketing) has obtained sponsorship for 17 of the tees at Kington. The Club will be investing in an improved Website design with a key aim being to attract more societies and visitors.



Greetings and a warm welcome to the February 2019 Issue of the BRADNOR BUGLE - the Newsletter of Kington Golf Club

Team Night Golf - Weds 20th Feb All Sections Welcome!

Following good interest we have now set a date for the Night Golf above.

The entry fee will be £15.00 pp which will include all night golf equipment, prizes and a curry after the golf. It will be teams of 3 Stableford format and over the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 17th and 18th Holes.

If you haven't played Night golf before it's good fun over a short format followed by some good banter and social after the golf.

If the weather is forecast to be bad to keep it sensible we can always postpone the event at short notice.

The event will be limited to 15 teams with tee times from 6pm so please get your entries into the Pro-Shop ASAP, it would be great to see all sections support the event.

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Club News

Note from Club Chair, Terry Weight

The Club's Management Committee has announced its planned investment in solar panels, believed to be one of the better and safer options for the long term future of the Club. Plans include a 29kW array mounted on the rough ground above the reservoir and further 16kW and 6kW arrays on the Clubhouse & Pro Shop roofs respectively. This system should pay for itself within 8 years and the Club will continue to reap the benefits for many years after that. An added benefit will be the provision of hot water in the clubhouse through a large part of the year without using heating oil. The aim is for the system to be installed sometime in late February or early March. Members will be kept informed on the progress of planning and installation. Your Management Committee hopes that Members will recognise its aims and support this initiative.

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A note from Richard Elmes, Seniors' Captain:

I was playing with Nigel Venables and Peter Kelly in the Seniors Winter League on Monday 21st Jan. At the 12th Nigel hit a 5 wood and I saw it land just before the pin. I said, 'you know that may be in the hole'. Nigel said 'no, cant be', but lo and behold it was!

Well done Nigel.

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Seniors News Report

The Seniors Bag Day competition on the 28th January 2019 was a team of three 1,2,3 stableford which saw an entry of nine teams. We were very lucky to have a bright sunny day considering the time of year.

1st: John Lockwood, Barry Dudley and Allan Hamilton with 80 pts

2nd: Ted Davies, Phil Gould and Richard Hill with 79pts

3rd: Nigel Venables, Andy Edey and Chris Scott with 78pts

Blue Ball update

Kington Blue Ballers travelled to Rodway Hill, Highnam Gloucestershire for their January outing. This was a new venue but despite the weather on the day being good the course was very muddy under foot, causing trolley wheel blocking and shortened battery life. We were well looked after but we won't visit Rodway in the winter again.

Results on the day were (team of three all scores to count)

1st Dave Bradley, Richard Elmes and Mike Richards 89 pts

2nd Dave Sayers, Dan Parry & Chris Evans 86 pts

3rd Ted Davies, Nigel Venables & Bill Didcock 85 pts

Best individual scores:

1st Wyndham Evans 34pts

2nd Dave Bradley 34pts

3rd Dan Parry 32pts

Nearest the pin 9th Richard Elmes

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The next Blue Ball outing is to Wernddu Golf Club, Abergavenny on Friday 22nd February and the sign up sheet is on the notice board by the spike bar.

Ladies Results

Blue, Red, Yellow 9 competition - 29th Jan, 2019

Wendy Douglas won division 1 with 1 par beating Pip Frost by 1 point. Jane Cowles won division 2 with beating Hermione Evans in a card play off.

Division 1

Wendy Douglas 19pts
Pip Frost 18pts
Audrey Philpott 17pts

Division 2

Jane Cowles 16pts
Hermione Evans 16pts
Rita Didcock 15pts

😊 Joe's Jokes 😊

Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, ... you're a mile away and, you have their shoes!

Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?

Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.



2019 Open Season

Details of many of the Club's Open Competitions have now been posted to the Website and on the Noticeboards.

Starting in March 2019 Kington Opens include:

- Spring Open
- Seniors' Texas Scramble
- Bourne Trophy (Mixed)
- Kington Open
- Festival Open ...

For more details and to download your Entry Form, please visit the Kington Website at:

<https://www.kingtongolf.co.uk/opens/>

REMEMBER

THERE IS A ROLL UP ON SUNDAY MORNING

WHEN THERE IS NO OFFICIAL COMPETITION BE AT THE CLUBHOUSE BEFORE 8.30 TO GET INCLUDED IN THE DRAW!

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Pro-Shop news

Competition Vouchers

We would like to request that members whose competition vouchers have now run past their sell by date please redeem them with us in the next 60 days. To offer you the widest range of choice it is worth knowing that the vouchers you win at KGC can also be redeemed at our other shop at Burghill Valley.

Parents & Grandparents - Junior Golf

The Golf season will soon be on us and we are now on our recruitment drive for new junior golfers, boys and girls. Last year we had a very positive uptake on the clubs FREE junior membership offer for 6-10 year olds.



This same offer is again in place which also includes FREE golf coaching. So if you know of anyone that would like to get into a fun healthy sport that makes the most of the great outdoors then why get in touch with us. Early on in the season we will be running some taster sessions which is ideal for new golfers to try.

Team Spring Open – Sunday 3rd March

It's time to get your entries in for the first Open of the year. It normally fills up very fast and don't forget it's a team Open so can be mixed team or one from any section or include any guests that you would like to invite. Please support the event.

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