



Kington Blue Ballers ☺

Friday the 9th of November saw the final leg of this years Three Hills Trophy, held in conjunction with the Blue Ball outings. Only 15 supported this event even though it was held at Kington, but those that did play enjoyed a mainly dry day.

The results on the day were:

- 1st Dan Parry 41 pts
- 2nd Nigel Venables 40 pts
- 3rd Sam Hinton 37 pts

Nearest the pin:

- 5th John Cossburn
- 12th Nigel Venables

The overall results (best two scores) for the Three Hills Trophy:

- 1st Nigel Venables 72 pts
- 2nd Dan Parry 71 pts
- 3rd Arthur Hyde 67pts
- 4th Mike Richards 66 pts
- 5th Ted Davies 64 pts

The next Blue Ball trip is to **Borth** on Friday 23/11/18 followed by **Bewdley Pines** on Thursday 13/12/18

Phil Mickelson beats Tiger Woods on 22nd hole in \$9m showdown

Did you say \$9 million?!

Yes, Phil Mickelson claimed the \$9m (£7m) winner-takes-all prize in a dramatic duel with Tiger Woods which finished under floodlights in Las Vegas.

The 'Match' at Shadow Creek on Nov 23rd was streamed on pay-per-view across the USA on Thanksgiving weekend. Some felt it was a pointless, indulgent exercise which only served to make two of the richest players in the history of the game even richer ☺

Comments on the Bradnor Bugle:

The Bugle Newsletter is now edited by Barry Dudley.

For any feedback, input, comment, requests or corrections: dudley08@gmail.com



Kington Golf Club *Bradnor Bugle*
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Seniors' Update

The Seniors AGM was held on Monday 5th November at an earlier time than advertised, as the course was closed due to fog and no golf was possible. Apologies have been given to those Seniors who we were unable to advise of the earlier start and arrived after the close of the meeting.

The main topic of discussion was the difficulty in raising teams for some matches and the general decline in numbers travelling to away days. It was suggested that the section could look at block bookings for Open competitions at other clubs as an alternative to away days. Next years Captain and committee were duly elected as:

- Captain: Richard Elmes
- Treasurer: Richard Elmes
- Secretary: Steve Hallam
- Fixtures: Alan Beves
- Competitions: Ted Davies
- Assistant: John Cossburn

The Seniors thanked Glyn Wictome, Richard Hill and Allan Hamilton, who are all standing down, for their work on the previous committee and wish them well in care-free golf. Glyn has been on one committee or another at Kington for the last 48 years, so we think he is due a rest.

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Course Changes

Changes have been made in front of a number of tees. These are aimed at making the course more attractive to some visitors and to our own high handicappers. Feedback is welcome. Tee improvement is ongoing.

The new winter tee at the 9th hole is in use. This provides great views and a much more enjoyable approach to the green than the old winter tee. We think overall, the course and greens are in great shape. Who would know we had a difficult and very dry summer.

Welcome! to the **Christmas 2018** Issue of **THE BRADNOR BUGLE**, the Newsletter of Kington Golf Club.



Christmas Cracker on December 12th.

Tee Markers

In 2019, the Club will be replacing all of the tee-markers. The new markers will incorporate granite plaques on oak posts, supplied by The National Trust.

The markers are being changed not only to improve the course furniture but also to enable us to attract corporate sponsorship.

12 of the holes already have sponsors. If you or your business would like to have a permanent feature on an iconic golf-course, please contact

Stephen Knight at:
marketing@kingtongolf.co.uk

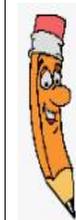
Club News

Lucky Numbers 2018-19

The final draw for the 2018 Lucky Numbers will take place at the Annual Dinner to be held on the 1st December. This is the bumper draw with prizes of £300, £125 and £50.

At the Annual Dinner and throughout December you will be able to buy your Lucky Numbers for 2019 for just £20 per number.

Notes from the main committee meeting on 27th November



We all play a unique and very enjoyable golf course. Despite the very dry summer, the course is now in excellent condition. We are determined that our club and course will be enjoyed for the foreseeable future. We have strong financial reserves, and volunteers who give up their time to run the club. We will increase our marketing, sponsorship, fund-raising and investment in 2019.

We are confident that these will bring some important improvements. From April, a special (lower) subscription will be offered to members over 80 who have been members for 10 years. We have made progress on actions arising from the survey. Work is progressing on tee improvement and plans for improved course signage and sponsored tee marking. Next year, full members will benefit from a new exchange day with Cradoc.

There is no management committee meeting in December, so may we wish you well for your celebrations. We have 72 bookings for the annual dinner on Saturday, so this should go well and be very enjoyable. Don't forget the Christmas song, supper and mulled wine evening on Thursday 13th December.

2019 Subscriptions

The management committee has now agreed next year's subscription. If you do not receive e-mails, please see the full November e-mail from the main committee. A paper copy of this is in its usual place on the magazine stand by the stairway.

