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NEW DECADE, NEW CAPTAINS: 2010 CAPTAINS DRIVE-IN

Brent Valley Golf Club's new year was inaugurated in traditional style with the Captains Drive-In on January 17. Originally scheduled for January 3 but postponed due to the snow, the event took place under blue skies and bright sunshine. There was a large turnout of members, past and present, to see the old

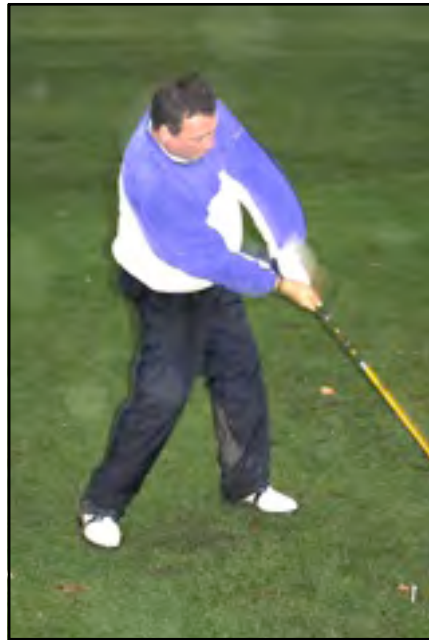
captains hand over their batons to the year's new captains, who officially opened their offices by driving a ball down the first Brent Valley fairway. Our warmest wishes for a successful year go to all the new Captains: Kathy Maloney (Ladies), Dave Flynn (Men) and Keith Hall (Seniors).



Left to right: Rick Harvey (outgoing Seniors' Captain), MJ Murphy (President), Dave Flynn (new Men's Captain), John Antunes (outgoing Men's Captain), Kathy Maloney (new Ladies' Captain), Helen Weill (outgoing Ladies' Captain), Keith Hall (new Seniors' Captain).

RAIN STOPS PLAY IN NOVEMBER ...

Record-breaking levels of rain in November and December put paid to a lot of Brent Valley's golf this winter. We seem to say this every year, but this year the Met Office agrees with us: November was the wettest month in the UK since records began. The average for the UK was 8.6 inches, breaking the previous record set in 1951 by a whole inch. [Is the Met Office sure that 8.6 inches is correct? My water butts could have filled up 10 times over in the last few months.]



This rubbish weather has meant a lot of golfers sitting in the clubhouse eating bacon sandwiches and then going home again and finally getting round to grouting those bathroom tiles. For those hardy enough to venture out in spite of the rain, it has meant some easy winnings in competitions such as the Cremin.

Easing winnings? Joe Hovarth, left, ventured out to compete in the Cremin on a soaking Sunday November 30 and, with the field reduced to five, he came third. Was it really worth it Joe?

...SNOW STOPS PLAY IN DECEMBER...

And after the deluge in November, the temperatures dropped and the rain turned to snow. Officially the coldest winter in 30 years, the only play to be had was on toboggans and skis down most of the Valley's fairways. December was almost a total wipe-out, with competitive golf being played only once in the month, on the weekend of December 3. After that, there was only one other weekend until January 17 when golf was possible. On January 3, al-



though play was possible, there were 18 temporary greens and many players were able to adopt "dam-buster" techniques to negotiate the course's water hazards. With Spring just round the corner, we look forward to more regular play very soon.

Left: that's one way to go down the 3rd fairway...

... AND RAIN DOES IT AGAIN IN FEBRUARY...

As if we hadn't had enough bad weather this winter, the Club's first major event of the year, the St Davids prize had to be cancelled due to a torrent of rain

the preceding night. Originally scheduled for February 28, the event is now expected to take place in May.



So, what do you reckon? A seven iron from here and breastroke to the flag?

I DON'T BELIEVE IT: SNOW GOLF!

While heavy snow in December and January deprived Brent Valley members of their favourite pastime, other golf players were enjoying a version of the game that needs snow as one of its essential ingredients: SNOW GOLF!



The invention of modern snow golf is credited to Rudyard Kipling when he was living in Vermont in the 1890s. It might sound strange, but while Rudyard was wrapped in thermals and devising snow golf, in between rounds he was writing *The Jungle Book*, set in the balmy setting of the jungle of wherever it was.

Interesting facts about snow golf:

- The greens aren't green, they are white and they are called whites.
- Clubs with graphite shafts are not recommended since they tend to break in the cold temperatures.
- As on our temporary greens, the holes are much wider, about 10 inches.
- The balls are usually red or orange and are soft, rather like tennis balls.
- When teeing off, players are permitted to create their own "tee" out of snow.
- Many competitions only

permit one club to be used to play, so your driver should also serve as a putter.

- The current world championships are played in Obertauern, Austria, which was also the setting in 1965 for the Beatles larking around in their film "Help!".
- Chivas is a big sponsor of snow golf, and players, even professional



ones, are said to consume large quantities of whiskey - to keep warm, so they say.

Otherwise, the rules of snow golf are very similar to those of real golf: the winner is the person who puts the ball in the hole in the smallest number of shots.



Left: The Beatles on the cover of Help! which was set in Obertauern, the current home of the snow golf world championships. In semaphore, the boys are spelling out "NUJV" (not "HELP").

NAME-THAT- BRENT-VALLEY- MEMBER-IN-THEIR- YOUNGER DAYS!

NEW FEATURE!



In the first of a fun new feature in the Newsletter, we ask readers to guess the identity of a Brent Valley member from a photo taken many - up to fifty - years previously. Perhaps our first photo should have appeared on page 3 of the Newsletter since our mystery youth appears topless and sporting a very sexy grin. Which Brent Valley member could that six-pack torso and fine 70s head of hair have belonged to before the ravages of time took their inevitable toll? Guess right and win a Special Centenary Booklet. Answer in the next Newsletter. If you have an old photo of yourself that proves that you weren't always balding and overweight, please contact the Editor.



CHRISTMAS QUIZ AT BRENT VALLEY

More than 40 friends and members of the club put their brains to the test at a special Christmas quiz organised by Tom Murray and Barrie Barker. Quizmaster Tom posed a series of Christmas-related questions to ten teams who battled it out for cash prizes. The winning team, named "Useless" (but clearly far

from it) were made up of Geoff Raynor, Sue Raynor, Paul Shanahan and Jayne Charwood. The evening's questioning was accompanied by a fine Moroccan tagine prepared by Marie Cannon. Thanks to all involved in a fun-packed evening.

TOM ROBINSON SAYS HI!

The Newsletter has received news of Tom Robinson! He is alive and well in Dublin following a knee operation a year ago. He fulfilled a long-time aim and relocated to the old country back in September and has joined a local golf club in Co. Wicklow, the Glen of the Downs Golf Club. He sends his fond wishes to Brent Valley members and thanks all involved with

the club for many happy golfing years, reducing his handicap from 25 to 16. His wife, Nancy also sends her regards to the ladies. He still has family in London so he hopes to return to the Valley some day in the not too distant. Members wishing to contact Tom can do so at Tom.Robinson@acegroup.com.

BBC RATES BRENT VALLEY AS TOP UK GOLF COURSE

The BBC has rated Brent Valley one of the UK's top golf courses. Sitting between The Belfry and Carnoustie, our course appears in an illustrious list provided by the BBC's online weather service for the UK's top sporting venues (see screenshot on right). The list of golfing excellence also includes links such as St Andrews, Royal Birkdale and Troon. Neither West Middlesex nor Ealing makes the cut. And Wentworth wasn't quite up to scratch either. Of course the news comes as no surprise to Brent Valley members but it is still good to see the course finally getting the recognition it deserves. The Valley has hosted major golfing events in the past (the pin positions for the last Brent Valley Open were particularly challenging), so surely it can only be a matter of time before we are invited to host one of golf's classics. Move over Gleneagles, let The Valley have a crack at the Open! (Thanks to Oscar Brown for research)



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SENIORS

The Seniors' annual awards dinner took place at Ealing Golf Club on Friday 27th November 2009. Honoured guests included club President Mick (MJ) Murphy and his wife Barbara, club Captain John Antunes and his wife Joan and Bill McGowan who is no longer able to play golf but still supports the club through his social membership. The event was well supported by a number of special guests, main club and seniors' club members.

After an exceptionally lively start, something due perhaps to the dinner taking place on a Friday evening instead of the usual Wednesday evening, dinner commenced with increased liveliness being attributed to the abundance of free wine on the tables!

As coffee was served, the incoming seniors' captain Keith Hall presented the outgoing captain's wife

Jill Harvey with a huge bouquet of flowers whilst paying tribute to the support Jill has given to Rick (and indirectly, the club) over the last three years and more, to enable him to create the loyalty and camaraderie that now prevails within the seniors' section of the club.

Alan Niel, seniors' treasurer and secretary, then spoke briefly of Rick Harvey's attributes and achievements before inviting long-standing seniors' member Ken Jay, to present Rick with an electronic photo-frame as a memento and thanks for all his efforts in the past.

After Rick's term of three years in office, regular attendees at the Seniors' dinner have tended to await his speech with a great deal of expectation – his reputation for providing up to an hour's unscripted entertainment often at the expense of the members, goes before him.



Hey Presto! Incoming seniors captain produces flowers from thin air for Jill Harvey, outgoing captain Rick's wife (neither incoming nor outgoing).

This year's speech was true to form with most of us suffering exposure to Rick's amusing observations, quips and quotes whilst the 'untouched' lapped it all up with great amusement! One nameless couple, who happen to own a mobile home in the New Forest, was subjected to embarrassing references to gypsies, travelers and selling lucky heather door-to-door! Our good President and the lovely Kathy Maloney

also came under fire - all in the spirit of the occasion and well taken by those concerned.

Kathy was presented with a bouquet of flowers as were Ruth Hall wife of incoming captain, Keith Hall and Marge Griffiths club Secretary in recognition of the hard work she puts into the club. Presentations were also made to Brian Wain and Cliff Folland for their behind-the-scenes work.

Before handing over to Keith, Rick's

final task was to present the awards to the winner's of the year's competitions. John Walton received the Van de Velde trophy and the Order of Merit; Billy Kearney received the Denis Burke and Stableford Cups – both players, worthy winners.

In with a bang!

As Keith stood to make his maiden speech, he explained that when nervous, it is often a good idea to blow into a paper bag to calm the nerves. In the absence of a paper bag Keith blew up a large balloon which he then burst, and out of thin air, produced a bottle of Champagne! There's nothing like, starting a term of office with a bang and in the unlikely event of anyone having fallen asleep during the previous speech, ensuring that everyone was awake!

Keith's speech was based on amusing observations he had made since joining the club in March 2008 as well as demonstrating by means of three pieces of 'magic

rope', how different players approached their games. He finished with the undertaking to use his best endeavours in the coming months to maintain the high standards already set by Rick Harvey and to perhaps bringing some more 'magic' to the club. Good luck, Keith!

The evening's enjoyment was such that no-body noticed in time, that the bar had closed. Despite Ken Curtis' pleas with the bar staff to re-open, he was unsuccessful. Thankfully, Rick 'found' some more wine in his boot and drinking continued at a pace until well after 1pm! What a night and many thanks to all for their attendance.



Billy Kearney, winner of two trophies, receives one of them from outgoing captain, Rick Harvey [Note to printer: is there any way of toning down the sheen on Rick's shirt in this one?]

Away day at Bird Hills

On 3rd December, a cold, gloomy wet day at 8am, the 16 Seniors descended on Bird Hills golf course for a pre-Christmas friendly game with Air Links GC seniors, who produced a turn-out of 28 players! Incredibly, the sun appeared as the first four teed-off and despite a cold wind throughout, the rain stayed away. Organised exclusively by Rick (who also claimed to have 'fixed' the weather), a great day was enjoyed by all.

Seniors' Christmas lunch 16th December

On a very cold and frosty morning, it was not surprising that attendance for the pre-lunch Bogey event was down to 16. Playing off winter tees and

temporary greens throughout amidst occasional snow showers at around freezing point proved to be quite a challenge for most of us but despite these hazards, Billy Kearney managed a fabulous round, finishing with +12 on the card. Denis Burke was second with a highly creditable +7!

Josie's superb Christmas lunch of turkey, roast potatoes, Brussels sprouts plus all the trimmings, together with Christmas pudding (with a strong suspicion of a heavy lacing of brandy) and custard to die for, served by Josie and Colin, was more than welcome!

Pre-Christmas Texas Scramble 23rd December 2009

Due to heavy snow this event was rescheduled on several occasions during the last weeks of December and eventually cancelled. St. Patrick's Day occurs on Seniors club day Wednesday 17th March when seniors and main club members can look forward to an exciting day of golf and no doubt good helpings of Josie's Irish stew.

At the time of writing the Seniors had only managed to resume serious play in the new year on Wednesday 19th January – a Medal round based on revised winter rules with Matty Carthy returning a magnificent net 59!

Keith Hall, Seniors Captain.

IN FOND REMEMBRANCE

Brent Valley members were very sad to learn of the passing of Steve Hennesey on January 28. Steve was a long-time member of the Brentside Society and of Brent Valley Golf Club and later West Middlesex. A former constable, he received a police salute at his

funeral at the Holy Trinity Church, Brook Green, on February 16. Steve was originally from Kilkenny but moved to Dublin, before coming to England, where he settled in Shepherds Bush. The club sends its sincere condolences to his family.

PHOENIX

The last outing of 2009 on December 13 (rearranged following the previous month's rain-soaked wash-out) attracted a large field of 46 players and was won by Matty Carthy with an impressive 43 points (played off a 9 handicap). In second place was captain Jack Farrugia with 38 points, just pipping Keith Lea on the back 9. Mick O'Connor took the men's guest prize while Kathy Maloney won the ladies prize. Congratulations to Mick Hynes whose 31 points in the year was enough to take the year's order of merit trophy. Frank Scanlon was second with 22 points and Noel Rutherford third with 21.

The one outing so far in 2010 that has escaped the weather was in February when Martin Brennan came first with 44 points, Matty Carthy second with 40 and Joe Hovarth third also with 40. The ladies prize was taken by Helen Weil with 33 points. The Phoenix's annual away day will be on Saturday June 12 at Western Turville golf course in Aylesbury.



Cost is £45 for members, £50 for non-members (including coach and dinner). Contact Sarah Barker or Jack Farrugia to sign up.

Thanks to Barrie Barker for Phoenix information.



As the poker season moves towards its close, the competition is hotting up for the coveted Brent Valley bracelet, currently hanging on the wrist of last year's winner Rick Harvey. The monthly winners in the season to date are:

June	David Daley
July	Alan Niel
August	Graham Tollit
September	Larry Weill
October	Richard Gray
November	Rick Harvey
December	Alan Niel
January	Dave Packer
February	Dave Packer



And with each monthly winner earning 10 points towards the order of merit (2nd takes 9 points, 3rd 8 points, etc.) the current standings after February's competition are: 1) Rick Harvey, 43 points; 2) Alan Niel, 33; 3) Don Stewart, 30; 4) Larry Weill, 29; 5) Dave Packer, 28.

Poker nights are usually the second last Friday of each month, starting at 8:30pm. £10 per head with maximum of 2 buy-ins (so the most you can lose is £30). Contact Don Stewart for details. It's a fun evening, so come along!

BRENTSIDE

The weather put paid to most of the Brentside's golfing activity over the winter. The Christmas scramble, which was originally scheduled for December 20, was snowed off and had to be played on January 17. The two winning teams were: 4-ball: Geoff Quantok, Ray Cryan, Keith Lea and Colm O'Donnell; 3-ball: Martin Brennan, Noel Rutherford and Paul Keenan. The nearest-the-pin prizes were won by Geoff Quantok and Martin Black.

The next outing, on February 21, also fell victim to the weather and was abandoned due to heavy rain after an hour of play.

The new year saw Frank Deely take over the captainship from Tommy Tarpey, while Kevin Keenan handed over the presidency to Ray Black.

One of the key decisions taken at the year-end AGM was the award of the curiously named Liam Irwin "Blue Nun" Prize to Dave Flynn for attending every Brentside outing for the last 3 years. There's dedication for you!

Many of the workings of the Brentside are shrouded in mystery, but the Liam Irwin Blue Nun Prize has its origins in a notorious incident at the Brentside annual dinner in 1994 when Liam Irwin "delivered a fierce but eloquent denunciation of the quality of the wine presented to prizewinners". Now the prize is awarded to a noteworthy or notorious act or achievement during



Above: New Brentside Captain Frank Deely presents Mick McSwiggan with the 2009 Brentside Order of Merit trophy on January 17.

the year. Previous winners included the late and very fondly remembered Mick Bodnar for a mysterious six-month disappearance and Matty Carthy in 2004 for 3 successive orders of merit. Information about most other winners and their winning escapades cannot be published for legal reasons.

Thanks for Bill Mulvanny and Brian Keany for Brentside information.



Brentside captain Frank Deely (middle) congratulates the winning four-ball team at the Christmas Scramble: (left-to-right) Geoff Quantok, Ray Cryan, Keith Lea and Colm O'Donnell.



ANNUAL SUBS

The committee has decided to maintain annual subs unchanged this year at current levels: £175 for full members, £125 for concessions. This decision has been taken in view of the current economic climate and despite the rise in the club's own subs to the golf associations. Subs are due from April 1 and members are kindly requested to be prompt with their payments.



RACE NIGHT AT BRENT VALLEY!

Friday March 16 sees the return of one of the club's most popular social evenings: Race Night. For just £2.50 per head, members can enjoy a flutter on the gee-gees in the comfort of the club house, with food included. Book your tickets early as places are limited.



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TIGERGATE: THE BV NEWSLETTER VIEW

Drink hadn't been taken, the driving range is closed at 2:30am and he wasn't working nights. So how come one of the world's most physically well coordinated men drove his car into a tree a few yards from his own house? Perhaps he was still wearing his spikes and his foot slipped on the pedal. Or his practice balls had escaped and were rolling around his feet - it's happened to us all. The world's press has speculated at length but the BV Newsletter thinks there are



Tiger's endorsements: No laughing matter!

more pressing questions to answer. It was all a very fishy business and we all had a bit of a snigger at some of the jokes going round. Most of them were pretty terrible - here are the only four that the BV Newsletter thinks it worth using paper and ink on:

Tiger Woods crashed into a fire hydrant and a tree ... he couldn't decide between a wood and an iron. **BOOM, BOOM!** Tiger's wife went for him after he scored a birdie. **HA, HA!** What's the difference between a car and a golf ball? Tiger can drive a ball 400 yards. **BOOM, BOOM!** What does Tiger Woods have in common with baby seals? They both get clubbed by Norwegians. **HA, HA!**

NEW COURSE MANAGEMENT GIVES COURSE FACELIFT



Mytime Active, the new managers of Brent Valley Golf Course, has taken little time to start implementing changes on the course. The signage on and around

the clubhouse has been modernised and smartened up (see photos below) and the greenkeeping teams have been re-equipped with more modern machinery. Although the inclement weather has made it difficult to do much on the course, the standard of greenkeeping has taken a marked turn for the better since the new management team has been in place. The greens have been in excellent condition as have the fairways.



THE TURKEY TROT AND CHRISTMAS DINNER

To coincide with the club's Christmas dinner on December 4th, the club held a Turkey Trot Scramble. Winners of the event was the team made up of Frankie "Weasel" Burke, Matty Maher, Martin Brennan and Mick O'Connor, with a net score of 52. A complicated scramble event, the winning team was

the one with the lowest net score after deducting 10% of the teams combined handicaps.

The teams were treated to a delicious buffet Christmas dinner of turkey and ham. Thanks to Marge, Josie, Thin Thin and Colin for making the clubhouse look so festive and for preparing such a marvelous spread.



COMPETITION RESULTS

The Cremin competition limped through the worst weather the winter could throw at it but succeeded in returning results for every schedule. November and December's fields were particularly hard hit (reduced to 7 players each) but the hard core of Creminites braved the elements and were rewarded with relatively easy top 5 finishes. Some, regrettably, fell by the wayside. Jeff Thompson was a victim of Cremin 2's torrential rain, returning to the clubhouse (early we presume) with only 6 points on his card. Sean Diggins was the real beneficiary of the poor weather as he showed true grit to doggedly complete 18 holes in both Cremin 2 and 3's decimated fields, coming home first both times.

Starved of golf, the rest of us mamby-pambies returned to a frozen course for Cremin 4. But with 18 temporary greens, the large field posted some incredible scores, not least Mick Hynes' stunning 50 points.

With his handicap unchanged despite a half century of Stableford points in the previous Cremin, Mick Hynes showed his previous performance was no fluke with a second consecutive Cremin victory of the year. Having also won the Phoenix Order of Merit, his mantlepiece will surely be groaning under the weight of the trophies this year!



Dry in all the right places: Jim Chalmers, left, sports his all-in-one waterproof outfit in Cremin 2 to take fourth place.

CREMIN 2 • 29/11/09

		Points
1st	Sean Diggins	36
2nd	Joe Hovarth	34
3rd	Jamie Lea	31
4th	Jim Chalmers	26
5th	Steve Cannon	24

CREMIN 3 • 27/12/09

		Points
1st	Sean Diggins	37
2nd	Calum Weill	34
3rd	Joe Hovarth	34
4th	Jim Chalmers	33
5th	Steve Cannon	32

CREMIN 4 • 31/1/10

		Points
1st	Mick Hynes	50
2nd	Sean Diggins	49
3rd	John McFall	48
4th	Noel Rutherford	47
5th	Ray Black	47

CREMIN 5 • 14/2/10

		Points
1st	Mick Hynes	42
2nd	Joe Hovarth	41
3rd	Frank Burke	40
4th	Steve Cannon	39
5th	Mick McSwiggan	39



BRENT VALLEY 2009 COMPETITION WINNERS



Competition	Men	Competition	Ladies
<i>St David's</i>	Joe Gallagher	<i>St David's</i>	Teresa Brennan
<i>St Patrick's</i>	Brian Lennox	<i>St Patrick's</i>	Teresa Machado
<i>St George's</i>	Frank Scanlon	<i>St George's</i>	Helen Weill
<i>St Andrew's</i>	Geoff Raynor	<i>St Andrew's</i>	Veronica Collins
<i>Captain's</i>	Ray Black	<i>Captain's</i>	Kathy Maloney
<i>President's</i>	David Jacks	<i>President's</i>	Annette Dillon
<i>Order of Merit</i>	Andrew Lea	<i>Order of Merit</i>	Helen Weill
<i>Club Championship</i>	Jamie Lea	<i>Club Championship</i>	Helen Weill
<i>Pat McGlew</i>	Andrew Lea	<i>Pat McGlew</i>	Kathy Maloney
<i>Brent Cup</i>	Jamie Lea	<i>Spring Cup</i>	Annette Dillon
<i>Cremin</i>	Jamie Lea	<i>Midsummer Salver</i>	Teresa Brennan
<i>Seniors</i>	Ray Black	<i>Handicap Winner</i>	Jayne Charlwood
<i>Foxes</i>	Philip Christides	<i>Burchmore Cup</i>	Veronica Collins
<i>Teddies</i>	Geoff Quantock	<i>Letts Bowl</i>	Veronica Collins
<i>Rabbits</i>	John Hunter	<i>Winter Cup</i>	Kathy Maloney
<i>Winter Singles</i>	Joe Hovarth	<i>Autumn Cup</i>	Helen Weill
<i>Summer Singles</i>	Larry Weill	<i>Birdie Tree</i>	Kathy Maloney
<i>Winter Four Ball</i>	J. Lea/M. Hynes		
<i>Centenary Prize</i>	Andrew Lea		
<i>Summer Four Ball</i>	L. Weill/M. Carthy		
<i>Jimmy Cup</i>	Andrew Lea		
<i>Bill Birmingham</i>	J. Hovarth/J. Gallagher		
<i>Greensomes</i>	M. Carthy/M. Brennan		

Prizes were presented to all competition winners at the annual prize-giving evening on November 29th 2009. Right, Veronica Collins, who won three prizes in 2009, receives the Burchmore Cup from Ladies Captain, Helen Weill.





Events Calendar



March	April	May	June
Tues 2: Committee Meeting	Thurs 1: Subs due	Tues 4: Committee Meeting	Tues 1: Committee Meeting
Sat/Sun 6/7: Cremin 6; Phoenix	Wed 7: Seniors Medal	Wed 5: Seniors Medal	Wed 2: Seniors Medal; Ladies MM
Sat/Sun 13/14: Mens Greensomes; Ladies Winter Cup	Sat/Sun 10/11: Brent Cup 1; Summer Singles Qualifier; Ladies MM; Phoenix	Sat 8: Brent Cup 2; Ladies MM	Sat/Sun 5/6: Ladies Spring Cup
Wed 17: St Patricks Day	Tues 13: Committee Meeting	Sun 9: Brent Cup 2; Ladies MM; Phoenix; St Davids competition	Sun 6: Phoenix
Fri 19: Poker	Wed 14: Seniors Stableford	Wed 12: Seniors Stableford	Wed 9: Seniors Stableford
Sat/Sun 21/22: St Patricks Competition	Sun 18: St Georges Competition	Fri 14: AGM	Sat 12: Phoenix Away Day
Wed 24: Seniors Away Day at Wexham Park	Wed 21: Seniors Bogey	Sun 16: St Andrews Competition	Sat/Sun 12/13: Brent Cup 3; Ladies Midsummer Salver; Brentside
Sat 27: Ladies Stableford	Fri 23: Poker	Wed 19: Seniors Open	Wed 16: Seniors Bogey
Sun 28: Cremin Final; Brentside; Ladies Stableford	Sat 24: Summer 4 Ball Qualifier; Ladies Stableford	Fri 21: Poker	Fri 18: Poker
Wed 31: Seniors Medal	Sun 25: Summer 4 Ball Qualifier; Ladies Stableford; Brentside	Sat/Sun 22/23: Jimmy Cup	Sat 19: Fun Day; Ladies Stableford
		Sun 23: Brentside	Sun 20: AM-AM; Ladies Stableford
			Sat/Sun 26/27: Captains' Weekend
			Wed 30: Seniors

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COOL GOLFERS OF THE WORLD

NO. 2: SAMUEL L. JACKSON



Above: Jackson limbers up on the first tee with light saber from Star Wars.

In this installment of Cool Golfers of the World, we focus on one of Hollywood's biggest stars, Samuel L. Jackson. Star of blockbusters such as Pulp Fiction, Jurassic Park, Star Wars and The Matrix, Jackson is a golfing fanatic and, playing off a handicap of 4.9, says he might have made it as a pro if he hadn't been successful at acting. So keen is he on the game that he has a clause in all his movie contracts that allows him to play golf every other day during shooting. In

fact, he says "films get in the way of my golf, but they have afforded me the chance to play a lot of golf." Another reason for enjoying golf, he says, is that the golf course is the only place where he can "go dressed as a pimp and fit in perfectly".



Good shot! Jackson in Pulp Fiction.



Jackson on the golf course: the only place he can dress as a pimp.

Jackson is also a fervent anglophile so he is often found on the golf courses of Britain enjoying both the golf and a cup of tea afterwards. Last June Jackson hosted a celebrity charity ball and golf day at Hurlingham Country Club, an event also attended by our last Cool Golfer of the World, Alice Cooper.

Jackson says getting "in the zone" as an actor is very much like getting in the zone playing golf.

While relaxing on the golf course between shoots of Star Wars II, Jackson used to put his light saber in his golf bag. While waiting on the tee he would practice some his saber moves, much to the amusement of his playing partners (unless one of them was Darth Vader). Apparently the saber was about the same length as a driver so it was quite a good limber up for his first shot on the par 5 holes. Unfortunately though the R&A outlaws the use of supernatural powers (though not electronic devices, by local rule only) to judge the distance to the pin!

In the next edition of "Cool Golfers of the World": **Barack Obama**

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