



Studley Wood Seniors golf newsletter – December 2025

Introduction

After a very busy summer winter has set in. This is, therefore, a shorter newsletter than the last one. Highlights (and lowlights) are:

- Awaydays and Tours;
- Summer Friendlies;
- A full-programme of Roll-ups and Knock-outs.
- M4 Winter League
- Christmas Party
- Barry Yates
- And finally...



Going forward we will complete the Winter League and Order of Merit. We are leading the club in the use of fairway mats which will be optional in from January 1.

Awaydays and Tours

While there were no tours during this quarter our organiser (Chris Perks) has kept busy. He has organised a tour to Monmouthshire in May (11th- 13th), including the Rolls of Monmouth. This is fully booked but if you want to put your name down as a reserve, please contact him.

Chris has also organised an Awayday for 9th June at West Midlands Golf Club. A flyer with further details will be sent out in the next couple of weeks. Watch out for the Par 6!!

M4 Winter League

Tim Mustill captained our teams for the M4 Winter League. We finished in the most important position in our league – propping everyone else up. The quality of some of the courses and the travel distances are leading us to consider whether we want to continue in this league next year. Tim is seeking feedback before we make a decision

Club (H/A)	Date	Result
West Berks (A)	25 September	L 1-3
Tylney Park (A)	1 October	L 1-3
Easthampstead (H)	7 October	L 1-3
West Berks (H)	14 October	W 3-1
Hadden Hill (A)	21 October	L 1-3
Hadden Hill (H)	13 November	L 1-3

Easthampstead (A)	18 November	L 0-4
Tylney Park (H)	25 November	W 3-1

Roll-ups and knock-outs

To confirm our winners for these competitions:

Singles Knock Out Competition

Congratulations to Nick Birt who won against Fitz in the final to become our Singles Knock-out winner.

Pairs Knock Out Competition

Congratulations to Ben Pritchard and Paul Smith who won against Graham Burt and Mike Atkins in the final to become our Pairs Knock-out winners.

Silverware winners and Champion of Champions

Congratulations to the winners of the Silverware competitions during this quarter:

Date	Competition	Winner	Score
June - October	Singles Knock-out	Nick Birt	
June - October	Pairs Knock-out	Paul Smith & Ben Pritchard	
20 November	Quarterly Challenge	David Hughes	73 nett

Order of Merit and Players of the month

October	Players	
Position	Division 1	Division 2
1	Roy Fulton	Bob Jones*
2	Phil Chaundy	Colin Taylor
3	Neil Firth	Richard Ilett
November	Players	
Position	Division 1	Division 2
1	David Hughes	Gordon McMurdo*
2	Tim Mustill	Kingi Sharma
3	Nick Birt	Gerry Collins
December	Players	
Position	Division 1	Division 2
1	Andrew Cassetari*	Paul Peros*
2	David Hughes	Frank Olah
3	Richard Hayward	Martin Wilkinson
Year to Date	Players	
Position	Division 1	Division 2
1	Richard Hayward*	Bob Jones
2	David Hughes	Gerry Collins
3	Chris Fill	Kingi Sharma

*Overall winner / leader

Seniors Winter League

We have completed three rounds of the Seniors Winter League. Craig Whitworth (102 points) is leading with Colin Taylor (88 Points) in second and Roy Fulton (87) in third. We are only half way through the competition so there is plenty of time in the next quarter for all this to change!

Christmas Party

While we, unfortunately, cancelled the golf to weather concerns, I think everybody had a good time at the lunch. Grahame Reed again provided us with excellent entertainment. We raised almost £900 for Oxford Hospital Charity Including the Senior Captain's Charity Day and other miscellaneous donations have raised £4,515 so far this year. Thank you to everybody who has contributed!!



Dates for the dairy

Date	Event
13 January	Winter League - Round 4
19 February	Winter League – Round 5
17 March	Winter League – Round 6
26 March	Quarterly Challenge
TBC April	Seniors AGM

Barry Yates

Very sadly Barry Yates passed away during this quarter. During his 30 years as a member, Barry was Seniors Captain in 2006; Men's Captain in 2009; and Club President from 2011 to 2014. His support and input were invaluable and the golf club would not be where it is today without his advice and friendship. Many of us attended his thanksgiving service on Friday 5th December at St. Marys Church, Thame.

Our support and love go to Andrea and all the family.

Thank you, Barry, you will be missed.



And finally...

Thanks to Tim's success in raising over £4,000 for charity last year, he (and we) got a big thank you in the Oxford Hospitals Charity Magazine. I am sure Tim will thank you all for contributing so generously to that.



HAPPY GOLFING!

Jonathan
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