



# Breezes from the Lea October 2015

## Breaking News!

*At the autumn outing of the Rowley Society, congratulations go to Peter Welsh who claimed his first Major, winning the Shield with a stunning 2 day performance over the Old & New courses at Headfort. The other Major winner was George Wade claiming the Wooden Spoon despite strong challenges from a number of veterans! **Never .... Never ... Never ...** 😊*

*Jimmy McCoy and Rab Neville have handed Hugh Savage and Allen Heath a dog licence. Reports From the recent Liverpool outing indicate that Robert Vannucci has also been the recipient of one! Good news for the club is that due to the many licences issued, Master McGrath Dog Food will now start to sponsor the club.*



## Stroke Index – how is it worked out?

Some golfers think that the hardest hole on a course will be stroke index one and the easiest, stroke index 18 but, as with many things in golf, it is more complicated than that. Stroke Index is not determined on hole difficulty but on ensuring an equal distribution of strokes is given/received in a match play competition. Although holes are rated by difficulty, the even spread of the stroke index is the most important factor. There are a number of other factors for deciding the stroke index. You can see these in detail on the R&A website [www.randa.org](http://www.randa.org) (Rule of Golf 33-4)

**Bridge Evenings Commences**

Tuesday 13 October 2015



**Card Evenings Commence**

Tuesday 20 October 2015

**Bowling Commences**

Wednesday 16 October 2015

## Social Calendar

Thur. 1st: **Bingo Night**

Sat. 10th: **Neil Diamond**

Fri. 16th: **Scarlett**

Sat. 24th: **Carvery Night & DJ**

Fri. 2nd: **Scarlett( also Yummy Mummy)**

Tues. 13th: **Bridge Evening fortnightly)**

Tues. 20th: **Card Evening (fortnightly)**

Thur. 29th: **Bingo Night**

Fri. 9th: **Kelly Smiley**

Thur. 15th: **Bingo Night**

Fri. 23rd : **Bliss**

*This one is for the ladies ... no, not the poser on the new men's 18th tee but the wonderful flower arrangement provided by Stuart and his staff.*



## Highlights from Davy Reid's Sunhoggers event.

*Enjoying the festivities and celebrations:*

**Billy Townsley, Jackie McCauley & Sammy Patterson**



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### **Members comments**

*Jimmy White playing with Lindsay: "You made a 12 on a par three how did you manage that?"*

*Lindsay's reply: "I chipped in from the fringe."*

*Fred Parsons and Jim Burnside are playing the fourth hole when Fred asks Jim after a few shots: "Will I get there with a five iron?" "Eventually" is the quick reply!*

*On an Eagles Sunday society game Johnny McKimm asked Garry Bennett if he think it was a sin to play on a Sunday to which Gary responds :The way you play Johnny it's a sin on any day."*

*Reggie to Roy: "That ball is so far left my dog couldn't find it if it was wrapped in bacon."*

*On a long par 3 over water on a Rowley outing Roy Bennett stands up to drive off. A voice from above says "Hit the new Titleist Pro V1." Roy stands up and takes a practice swing. The voice comes back "Never mind hit a range ball."*

### **Fore : Fore : Fore : Fore!!!**

We have all watched the professionals on the tele wave their club in the air like some sort of magical wand that will warn everyone that they have just hit a wayward shot. That is fine for the ones watching him hit off but for the others watching another golfer further ahead it could mean a lump on the head.

Shouting "Fore" is a traditional warning (and courtesy) used by amateur golfers all over the world. We strongly recommend that all golfers continue to observe the etiquette of shouting this warning when they hit an errant shot, as there have been several legal cases around the world, where this has been a deciding factor in the resolution of liability.

Even if you cannot see anyone in the direction your ball headed, other players may be over the hill, in the trees or down the dip, many a ball has mysteriously disappeared when no warning was shouted even though it landed in an apparently open space. Forewarned may save you a day in court.

***Fellow Competitors Do Not Have to Shout "Fore"***

*Although not really Rules of Golf related, I am sure that many readers will be interested in following a civil lawsuit in which an Essex County, New Jersey, USA, judge ruled that whilst the person making a stroke that resulted in a serious accident may have had an obligation to yell "fore," his golfing buddies (fellow competitors?) did not. **We recommend all yell "fore"!***

***Congratulations to the Johnny Dickson cup winning team for bringing home the bacon in a superbly contested final against Kirkistown Golf Club. Full details and photographs in the next edition of Breezes from the Lea.***

***And finally ... One of our younger members enjoying a drink at the bar. For those you don't recognize the other chap my advice is support your club and you will get to know him.***



***Editor: Due to lack of space we have had to hold back some articles which will appear in subsequent edition. Many thanks to all contributors and please keep them coming.***