



The Vale

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Comment

Christmas is coming, so let's get into the party spirit!

AVGC CHRISTMAS DINNER/DANCE

Saturday 7 December

All Members & Partners Welcome

£26.00 per person

Fantastic three course meal

Menu details and the usual table plan are in the bar

News and Updates from the Club Management

The Course. We are pleased with the course at present. The greens have recovered now from their hollow core and dress and there has been good grass growth for the tees, fairways and rough. We have had a 'shed load' (technical term!) of rain this month but can't argue that the course and countryside in general hasn't needed it. The warm and wet conditions leave grasses open to disease at this time of year but preventative sprays seem to be working so far.

Clubhouse Matters

Sunday Roasts. The next Sunday Roast will be on Sunday 24 November at 1:00pm.

Members' Christmas Party. The members' Christmas Party is on Saturday 7 December.

Christmas Groups/Parties. Do remember to book your day with us if you would like a Christmas get-together for golf and/or a celebration Christmas meal. Some groups have gone for Heinz's meal of bangers, mash and onion gravy to ring the changes, so just have a chat with Jason at the bar if you would like to organise something.

Members' Roll Ups – Weekends. If you would like to join the Members' Roll Up at the weekends, then turn up 20 minutes before the following tee off times to put your ball 'in the hat':

Sunday 3 November: 0935
Saturday 9 November: 0830
Sunday 10 November: 0830
Saturday 23 November: 0845
Sunday 24 November: 0845
Saturday 30 November: 0845
Sunday 1 December: 0930

Chris Wright

Rules of Golf

Two Balls in the Same Hole. During a recent qualifying round of golf, one of the Editor's playing companions cautioned him against leaving his holed ball in the cup, as the next player's ball to go in would incur a penalty on striking the ball – he had been told this by a former Pro. Suspecting this to be a golf myth, the issue was referred to the R&A, asking whether this was, or had ever been, a Rule of Golf.

Conor Finlay, the R&A Rules Manager, responded:

'In answer to your question, there is nothing in the Rules of Golf that stipulates only one ball can be in the hole at a time. A ball is 'holed' when it lies at rest in the hole after a stroke and the entire ball is below the surface of the putting green. Provided both balls would lie, at rest, within the circumference of the hole and all of the top ball is below the surface of the putting green, then both balls would be considered 'holed' as per the Definition in the Rules of Golf.

It is not something that would normally take place as there is always a possibility of a ball bouncing out or causing unwanted damage to the hole, however there is nothing in the Rules of Golf that states you cannot do so.

As far as I am aware, there has never been a penalty for two balls being in the hole at the same time. For further information on the changes to the Rules of Golf over time, please see the "History of the Rules of Golf" which can be downloaded at the following [link](#).'



From 'Play It As It Lies' by Thelwell ©



Tip of the Month from your Head PGA Professional, Russell Phillips

Quoted from short game wizard Dave Pelz:

'The easier the shot the harder you must try to make it.'

Watch how players focus when you have a challenging shot or there is an obstacle in your way, which way to go, what shape to put on the ball, what gap to hit it through, power, spin etc. But when you are faced with an easy chip to the hole it is not time to think 'this is an easy shot...'. It's time to get focused to try hard to make it!

Adult Individual Lessons from Russell Phillips

The Winter Packs

If you haven't signed up to your winter pack yet don't worry, you haven't missed the boat. You must sign up before 14 November before the first series of playing lessons.

With the playing season coming to an end now is the time to start working on your game over the winter ready for next year! I will be working with you on a fortnightly basis to develop your game over the winter period. The aim is to complete the package by April 2020. We will set some personal goals/targets, work on the range, short game, putting, bunker play, course management....whatever we need to get you the results! Past players who have purchased winter packs have gone on to win competitions, lower their handicap and play better than ever before!

What you get:

THE FULL PACK - £250 Members (£175 Saving) or £325 Non-Members (£215 Saving)

1 x Assessment with goals and targets, so we can work together to achieve them;
12 x 30 minute golf lessons to work on your game 1-2-1,
and
2 x 9-hole grouped playing lessons!

THE HALF PACK - £150 Members (£75 Saving) or £190 Non-Members (£95 Saving)

1 x Assessment with goals and targets, so we can work together to achieve them;
6 x 30 minute golf lessons to work on your game 1-2-1,
and
1 x 9-hole grouped playing lesson!

Not quite what you were looking for? Or want to share a winter pack with your partner?
I can create a package to suit your goals and needs.

Lesson Offer from Terry Bunyan

This month I'm looking for people who are serious in wanting to improve their golf game this winter.

I'm putting together two groups of up to nine people to work with me in a new inventive way, through both one-to-one and in a group to really improve your golf.

If you're interested and for more details please contact me on 07588 272322.

Men

A Word from the Men's Captain...

October saw the last two home Club matches of the season result in a defeat to Abbey Hill and a resounding victory against the mighty Chalgrave Manor.

Now seems like a good opportunity to thank all the members who have signed up for matches. Everybody who has represented the Club has done so in the right spirit and has contributed to making all the games very enjoyable affairs. Thanks also to the catering staff for preparing the best breakfasts on the circuit - special thanks go to Heinz for my egg sandwiches!

As a Section the men have a very busy fixture list, with Scratch, Mid-Handicap, CBL, Annodata, County knockout and Club matches to be played. These matches have to be organised and arranged, which takes time, patience, a little cunning and good humour! This sizeable commitment is borne by our excellent Fixture Secretary, Andy Ashcroft, who once again has done an impressive job. Thank you, Andy!

The CBL Presentation Day was held on Sunday 20 October at Waterstock GC and our intrepid band of seven members, playing a mixture of singles and pairs, came a creditable eighth, finishing in the top half of the field. Well done to all that played.

For those of you who are following Jason's 'Dry October', at the time of writing he has still not succumbed to the demon drink! The benefactor of this, other than Jason's liver, will be the Captains' Charity, Hospice at Home. Thank you Jason for what you have done, I really appreciate it.

November 16th will see a new competition appear in our calendar, the Quota Stableford, which is a modified form of our normal Stableford format. Keep your eyes out for the sign-up sheets, which will explain the differences in how scoring is compiled. Let's have lots of competitors to see who will be the first winner of the Barker Bowl!

Let's hope that the rain starts to ease and we can all enjoy lots of golf in November.

Make someone happy, give a gimme today!

Steve Chandler

An excellent number of 93 players took part in the October Medal and in Division 1 countback separated the top three, who all scored nett 70s. Nick Bowden took the honours, with Shanil Patel and Gary Stephenson filling the next two slots. In Division 2 Steve Fox took top spot with a best of the day nett 69. Adrian King was second a shot further back, with Dean Ridley (nett 72) third. A nett 72 was enough for Mick Fenables to win Division 3, with Lee Hutt taking second place on countback from third placed Jimmy Kibble.

In the October Midweek Medal a 'clear head' and 'sobering' thoughts were beneficial to Jason Thornalley in taking the honours with an excellent nett 67. Dan Daffern (nett 69) was second with Neil Meldrum a shot further back in third.

Unfortunately, the weather was the only winner in the Daily Mail Foursomes with the competition being abandoned due to the heavy rain. The new date for this competition is Sunday 17 November, with original tee-times remaining the same.

Competition and Match Results (Men)

Medal 6 October	Div1 1st: Nicky Bowden nett 70 2nd: Shanil Patel nett 70 3rd: Gary Stephenson nett 70	Div 2 1st: Steven Fox nett 69 2nd: Adrian King nett 70 3rd: Dean Ridley nett 72	Div 3 1st: Michael Fenables nett 72 2nd: Lee Hutt nett 73 3rd: Jimmy Kibble nett 73
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Midweek Medal	1 st : Jason Thornalley nett 67 2 nd : Daniel Daffern nett 69 3 rd : Neil Meldrum nett 70		
Midweek Stableford	1 st : Steve Willett 41 Pts 2 nd : Brian Smith 37 Pts 3 rd : Jez Anderson 36 Pts		

Seniors

A Word from the Seniors' Captain...

November marks the start of winter, hopefully a not too wet one, and the end of the main section of the Seniors' Calendar. Winter League matches remain well supported (and victorious) as do our winter competitions and knock outs, but inevitably we start to look forward to next year.

I have, with the Committee, formulated a draft calendar for next year which will be promulgated in early December when it is more final. It follows this year in most regards but with some inevitable shuffling around of events to accommodate changes in friendly matches and Easter timing. All our existing fixtures with other Clubs have been reconfirmed and I am pleased to announce that additionally we will be playing a home and an away match against Chiltern Forest. While on the subject of summer friendlies, I must advise that these remain a conversation topic with just about enough interest to field teams. We have responded to the general feeling and offered lighter, rolling lunches where possible which has been received well and allowed us to reduce costs marginally which we hope to continue next year. This is no longer a question of venue; it is more a question of desire and so while they are all confirmed for next year, it is up to those who enjoy matches to support them by signing up for as many as possible, regardless of whether you see 12 names on the list or not – I will try to even up selection over the summer taking into account the number of matches signed up for.

I have recently published a letter to Seniors by email, on the website and in the changing room concerning the positions of Captain and Vice-Captain for next year. I commend a close read of this missive if you have not already done so and please have a conversation with me should you wish. Contained within it is not only a possible short term solution should circumstances require it, but a clear implication for Seniors to look forward to the mid-term and we would welcome newer Seniors to consider helping to maintain our amazing Section by looking to serve on the Committee (or perhaps helping in some other way) and hopefully getting into the mindset of taking on an Office.

Larry Goddard

Competition and Match Results (Seniors)

Winter League home match vs Little Hay 7 October	Won 5:1
Home match vs Chalgrave Manor 9 October	Halved
Winter Eight (1) 14 October	1 st : Richard Braithwaite 40 Pts 2 nd : Andrew Bond 38 Pts 3 rd : Simon Merritt 38 Pts
Winter League home match vs Weston Turville 21 October	Lost 2:4

Trafalgar Salver 23 October	1 st : Martyn Gates 2 nd : Richard Braithwaite
Winter Eight (2) 28 October	1 st '' Andrew Bond 39 Pts 2 nd : Dave Needs 37 Pts 3 rd : John Flack 35 Pts

Ladies

A Word from the Lady Captain...

Big congratulations to Sue Bellingham for winning the Club Champs this year. She won both the nett and the gross beating Ghie to the gross and Abi for the nett. Jane Codrai won best first day and Jane Barker won best second day.

Matrimonial was a good turnout with some very good scores and three couples came in with 41 points, Steve and Lorraine Fox coming second on count back but my husband and I came in with an amazing 42 points (and no arguments).

Barbara Pincherel was won by Natalie, Mary Marchant won the Midweek Medal and Lorraine Fox won the Weekend Medal.

Breast Cancer Awareness Day raised an amazing amount of £1,144 - well done to Jean Edwards, some stunning costumes out there men.

Men vs Ladies was another great victory to the Ladies, winning 6:2. Unfortunately they did lose to the Railway Children.

Captains' Charity Day was yet another huge success and well done to all the members for all your support.

Midweek Club Champs was won by Charlotte Simpson with a Nett 73 and Janet Ewart won the Nine Hole Competition.

Anne Bridges won the Monthly Stableford with 39 points; Anne also went on to win the Midweek Medal and Weekend Medal. Congratulations Anne on your tremendous comeback after being out for a long time.

Julie Lea

Tee Time Changes. The Club management has agreed to extend our tee times on the following dates, so that they're now: 10:00-10:45am on 6, 11, 13 and 20 November and 4, 16 and 18 December.

Competition and Match Results (Ladies)

9-hole Stableford 30 September	1 st : Janet Ewart 12 Pts 2 nd : Ivy Model 9 Pts 3 rd : Penny Davis 9 Pts
Medal 2 October	1 st : Anne Bridges 39 Pts 2 nd : Sheila Perkins 36 Pts 3 rd : Kath Scott 33 Pts
Medal 16 October	1 st : Anne Bridges nett 74 2 nd : Ghie McGinley nett 76 3 rd : Vivien Craker nett 82

Medal 19 October	1st: Anne Bridges nett 73 2nd: Vanessa Bond nett 76 3rd: Danka Lawson nett 81
Barbara Carr Plate 20 October	1st: Danka Lawson 34 Pts 2nd: Jan Chambers 31 Pts 3rd: Vanessa Bond 31 Pts
Midweek Stableford	1st: Ann Pullan 31 Pts 2nd: Julie Merriman 31 Pts 3rd: Jane Codrai 31 Pts
9-hole Stableford 30 October	1st: Christine French 15 Pts 2nd: Jackie Boden 13 Pts 3rd: Hilda Jones 13 Pts

Juniors

Challenge Programme Graduate



Congratulations to Billy Rudge for passing all levels of the challenge programme and progressing into the squad. He now begins his journey into the Junior team and is one to watch out for!

Junior Halloween Open Day



Did you see these 11 scary children at the Club on Halloween? They were having great fun at the Halloween Open Day. Congratulations to Lucy Trundley and George Seward for best dressed and thank you to Jane Codrai for your support on the day.

Pro Shop

Christmas Coaching Vouchers

£25 gift voucher - for 1x30minute 1-to-1 lesson

£60 gift voucher - for 3x30minute 1-to-1 lessons



There are only a limited number of these available from the **Pro Shop** so don't miss out. Vouchers must be purchased before 24 December 2019.

Ping Day Trip to Gainsborough with Russell Phillips

Looking for a new set of clubs? Be the first to demo and have the new Ping irons. I am offering a unique experience for anyone looking to upgrade their set. We will head up to the Ping factory in March 2020. You can try the new drivers, woods, hybrids, crossover, irons, wedges and even the new putters! All of these will be custom fitted to you and your swing to give you the best results. Ping is the best driver in the market now for both distance and forgiveness, so what else could you want?

Here is what the day involves (next date in March):

Meet at AVGC 7am and travel to Gainsborough
Tea/Coffee on arrival
Get 1.5 hours on Trackman with a Ping fitter to demo the clubs
Lunch
9 holes of golf
Leave Gainsborough and return to AVGC at approx. 6pm.

I will be travelling with you and only have space for six players. If this is of interest, please get in touch and I will book your position. Money will need to be paid in advance to secure your position. This experience will cost £70 per person and all above are covered in that cost.

With Christmas just around the corner why not treat someone to this experience?

For Sale

Powakaddy Freeway Digital Golf Trolley. This had been fully working without a problem until the plastic handle accidentally broken. Handle needs replacing but circuit board appears to be undamaged. Trolley only (no battery) £33.

Contact Lance Redler: 07769 942951 or lanceredler@yahoo.co.uk



NB. Golfing items for sale may be advertised at no cost in The Vale if space is available. Just contact the Editor.

and in Conclusion...

...the last word is... If you would like to receive a copy of *The Vale* by email each month, just ask the Editor at: lanceredler@yahoo.co.uk.

...and a touch of humour... When it comes to putters, try before you buy. Never buy a putter until you've had a chance to throw it!

Lance Redler

Editor

cc: Club Professionals, charities

What's on This Month and Next?

(All-Section and Club events are in **bold**)

Men:

Saturday 2 November – Medal 0715-1100

Sunday 3 November – Mixed Pairs 0840-0945

Monday 4 to Friday 8 November – Midweek Stableford

Saturday 16 November – Quota Stableford 0745-1000

Sunday 17 November – Daily Mail Foursomes 0730-0900

Saturday 7 December – Turkey Trot 0745-1015

Sunday 8 December – Medal 0715-1100

Monday 9 to Sunday 15 December – Winter Stableford

Saturday 14 December – Beer & String competition 0815-1120

Christmas Day – course closed

Boxing Day – course closed

Seniors:

Sunday 3 November – Mixed Pairs 0840-0945

Monday 4 to Friday 8 November – Midweek Stableford

Monday 4 November – Captain's competition 0800-1100

Wednesday 6 November – Captain's competition 0800-1000

Monday 11 November – Winter Eight (3) 0730-1000

Wednesday 13 November – Captain's competition 0800-1000

Friday 15 November – WL away match vs Hazlemere

Monday 18 November – Captain's competition 0800-1000

Wednesday 20 November – Captain's competition 0800-1000

Monday 25 November – Winter Eight (4) 0730-1000

Wednesday 27 November – Captain's competition 0800-1000

Monday 2 December – Captain's competition 0800-1000

Wednesday 4 December – Captain's competition 0800-1000

Wednesday 4 December – Presentation Afternoon 1400

Saturday 7 December – Turkey Trot 0745-1015

Monday 9 to Sunday 15 December – Winter Stableford

Monday 9 December – Winter Eight (5) 0730-1000

Wednesday 11 December – Captain's competition 0800-1000

Monday 16 December – Captain's competition 0800-1000

Wednesday 18 December – Captain's competition 0800-1000

Monday 23 December – Captain's competition 0800-1000

Christmas Day – course closed

Boxing Day – course closed

Monday 30 December – Captain's competition 0800-1000

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Admin Secretary: Roger White

Handicap Secretary: Neil Meldrum

5-Day Representative: Peter Codrai

Seniors

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Vice-Captain:

Treasurer: Keith Loxton

Competition Secretary: Dave Lea

Admin Secretary: Mike Pelizzoni

Social Secretary: Peter Codrai

Ladies

Captain: Julie Lea

Vice-Captain: Kath Scott

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5-day Competition Secretary: Jackie Boden

Handicap Secretary: Jean Barnett

Juniors

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Ladies:

Sunday 3 November – Mixed Pairs 0840-0945

Monday 4 to Friday 8 November – Midweek Stableford

Monday 4 November – competition 1000-1030

Wednesday 6 November – 30+ handicap competition 1000-1045

Saturday 9 November – Medal 0945-1030

Monday 11 November – Medal 1000-1045

Wednesday 13 November – 9-hole competition 1000-1045

Sunday 17 November – Winter Stableford 0945-1030

Monday 18 November – competition 1000-1030

Wednesday 20 November – Stableford 1000-1045

Saturday 23 to Sunday 24 November – Stableford

Monday 25 November – competition 1000-1030

Wednesday 27 November – competition 1000-1030

Sunday 1 December – Medal 0845-0930

Monday 2 December – competition 1000-1030

Wednesday 4 December – Midweek Medal 1000-1045

Saturday 7 December – Turkey Trot 0745-1015

Monday 9 to Sunday 15 December – Winter Stableford

Monday 9 December – competition 1000-1030

Wednesday 11 December – 9-hole competition 1000-1100 + Christmas lunch

Monday 16 December – 9-hole competition 1000-1045

Wednesday 18 December – Stableford 1000-1045

Monday 23 December – competition 1000-1030

Christmas Day – course closed

Boxing Day – course closed

Monday 30 December – competition 1000-1030