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WELCOME TO THE COTTON TIMES, AMPFIELD GOLF CLUBS  
FIRST NEWS LETTER, WHICH I APTLY NAMED AFTER THE  
COURSE DESIGNER AND GOLFING LEGEND, SIR HENRY  
COTTON - PICTURED ABOVE.

I WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR AND AN  
ENJOYABLE 2010 GOLFING SEASON WITH US.

JULIA HAZELL  
MARKETING & EVENTS MANAGER

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## A BRIEF LOOK AT THE YEAR AHEAD

Last year saw many more changes to the course and the surrounding area and we have many more exciting things happening in 2010.

Now the snow has cleared we are able to continue with the installation of the new Huxley All-Weather tee mats, these mats will provide our members and visitors with a premier surface to tee off from all year round. There are numerous advantages to them and we hope that our members are able to enjoy their golf more as a result.

Our new machinery building is almost ready to be moved in to, I know the green keepers are very much looking forward to settling in there! The delay has been a result of the electricity supply, however, this will shortly be resolved.

We would like to take this opportunity to also make you aware of our fabulous new Head Chef, Adam Dicker, Adam joins us from 2 AA Rosette Peat Spade in Longstock, Near Stockbridge. Adam's impressive career history also includes working for the 4 AA Rosette Pennyhill Park in Surrey.

With Adams endless enthusiasm and flair for cooking he produces mouthwatering tasty delights using locally sourced fresh produce.

We are also pleased to say that we will be having a new state of the art till system installed in the next couple of weeks, the new tills will allow us to issue all of our members individual membership cards which you up-load money on to using either cash or credit card.

This card is used when purchasing food or drink in the clubhouse and then enables you to obtain your 10 % members discount.

We are also pleased to announce that our current membership rates will be remaining the same for 2010 making very competitively priced and excellent value for money for old and new members alike.

For further updates please refer to our website which is always up-dated with the latest news!

Ampfield Golf club has gone through many changes in the past four years and we are delighted with the progress it has made.

The vast improvement and creation of the facilities on offer at Ampfield Golf Club to include the Course, the clubhouse with excellent food and drink available, the professional shop and high quality tuition.

All these factors contribute to making Ampfield Golf club an experience that everyone can enjoy. I am looking forward to this year with great enthusiasm because I know this will be the Club's best year to date.

Best wishes for the 2010 golfing season.

***Mark Hazell (Managing Director)***

**A WARM WELCOME GOES TO THE NEW MENS AND LADIES CAPTAIN, RESPECTIVELY,  
AND TO OUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Geoff Roberts – Club Captain  
Andy Macklin – Vice Captain  
Collin Jones – VETS Captain  
Ally Gaskell – Lady Captain  
Barbara Porter – Competitions Secretary  
Mike Gaskell – Treasurer  
Malcolm Fiddes – Handicap Secretary

**GREENKEEPERS DIARY**

*Paul Websdane*

Hello, January has not got off to the best start, what with the snow and rain. I don't think we are out of the woods yet, as far as the snow is concerned, but I hope to be proved wrong.

Our plans for the course for the next quarter are to rebuild the two bunkers on the 15<sup>th</sup> green, using a method known as revetting, this is a process using old turf to build the face of the bunker. If this works well we will use this method on other bunkers later on.

Some of you might be wondering what the frames in front of the new shed are, these are the frames for the new winter tees which we will be putting out soon, once in place we will be putting hard standing areas next to them, with a path leading to and from each mat.

We are also looking into a major drainage operation but this will not happen over night.

We also want to build up the 6<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> tees similar to the 2<sup>nd</sup> tee, which will be re-drained so drying it out.

Of course this is all subject to the weather and conditions.

Lastly we hope to be moving into the new shed very soon which is quite exciting. It will be sad to leave the old barn after all these years but the new shed is much better situated and better equipped.

That's all for now, Paul.

**MEMBERSHIPS & OFFERS**

GET ONE OF YOUR FRIENDS OR FAMILY TO JOIN AND RECEIVE A £50 CREDIT ON YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD TO BE SPENT IN THE PRO SHOP OR CLUBHOUSE

***COTTONS COMIC***

***A JOKE***

YOUR TROUBLE IS THAT YOU'RE NOT ADDRESSING THE BALL CORRECTLY. . . .

YES, WELL I'VE BEEN POLITE TO THE DAMN THING FOR LONG ENOUGH!

***A QUOTE***

***FROM SIR HENRY COTTON***

"MISSING A SHORT PUTT DOES NOT MEAN YOU HAVE TO HIT YOUR NEXT DRIVE OUT OF BOUNDS"

***A GOLFERS PRAYER***

GOD GRANT ME THE SERENITY TO ACCEPT THE SHOTS I MISS,  
THE COURAGE TO TRY AGAIN,  
AND THE WISDOM NOT TO THROW MY CLUBS IN THE LAKE.

## SOCIAL DIARY

We are very keen to increase the number of social functions that we hold at the Club in 2010. With the great food that we offer and lovely surroundings there is no reason why our social events should not be well supported.

Some new ideas for the Summer Months are regular Lunchtime BBQ's on Sunday's and the return of our Evening BBQ's.

Murder Mystery night's for the Autumn/Winter Months and again the return of the popular Quiz Nights, which I know you enjoy very much.

Another idea of Arthur's was to hold an evening called "Who's Wine Is It Anyway" This evening would include a lovely 3 course dinner and a selection of wines for you to sample and then, of course, for you to guess who's wine it is!

An Eric Clapton Tribute Night is another option which I am considering. I would much appreciate your comments as to whether you would be interested to attend such an evening. So, when you next see me in the club house feel free to pop over and have a chat!

All these functions will of course be open to friends, family and also the general public. Information on all events will be published in the Cotton Times, the Website and the Club notice board.

### FEBRUARY

**14<sup>th</sup>** - Valentines Night Dinner – Champagne reception from 7pm. You will enjoy fine food and wonderful music from the talented Julian Ward. A sumptuous 6 course dinner will be served at 7.30 pm. Ticket price £30 members and £35 non – members.

**16<sup>th</sup>** - Quiz Night - £7 a head to include Fish & Chips and prizes for the winning teams. From 7 pm. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

### MARCH

**14<sup>th</sup>** - Mothers Day Lunch – Bookings from 12.30 pm. A glass of champagne will await you upon arrival. You will enjoy a delicious 6 course lunch while being entertained live by cocktail pianist, Ron Poole. Ticket price £30 members and £35 non-members.

**16<sup>th</sup>** - Quiz Night - £7 a head to include Fish & Chips and prizes for the winning teams. From 7 pm. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

### APRIL

**4<sup>th</sup>** - Easter Sunday Lunch – Traditional Sunday lunch will be served, using the best seasonal produce. 2 courses £15 or 3 courses £20 to include coffee and the Chef's homemade chocolate Easter Eggs!

*LOOK OUT IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF COTTON TIMES FOR MORE UP AND COMING SOCIAL EVENTS!*

**AMPFIELD GOLF CLUB OPEN DAYS FOR 2010**

**AMPFIELD OPEN DAY - SATURDAY 15th MAY 2010**

***Open to all!***

Come along and experience our unique and challenging course,  
designed by Sir Henry Cotton.

The open day will run from 9 am and we will have a wonderful BBQ from 4 pm.  
The BBQ will cost just £10 a head for Adults and £5 a head for Juniors (under 13 years)

We are offering a fun day of golf with chipping and putting competitions and a  
free swing check in the net with Head Professional, Jon Barnes.

You will also be able to try out our fabulous new Huxley All-Weather tees, which you will  
find on all 18 holes!

Please note an appointment must be booked in advance for the swing check and Tee Times  
must be booked in advance.

Tickets must be purchased in advance for the BBQ.

For further information please contact Julia Hazell on 07747 692826 or email  
julia hazell@ampfieldgolf.com

**SENIOR MENS OPEN COMPETITION - THURSDAY 17th JUNE 2010**

This competition is open to all men over the age of 55 and there is no handicap restriction.

It is an all day event consisting of two rounds, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.  
Sandwiches will be available for lunch, and the day will conclude with a dinner served in  
Restaurant 54.

Prize giving will follow the dinner.

There is also a prestigious Club Trophy which was beautifully hand made by one of our  
members. Although this remains in the Club House, it will be engraved with the name of the  
overall winner.

Cost for the day is £26 which is inclusive of coffee on arrival, two rounds of golf and dinner.

Flyers and posters will be distributed very soon, but in the meantime, if you are interested  
please contact the Ampfield Captain at the clubhouse on 01794 368480.

## **RECENT SUCCESS FOR AMPFIELD GOLF CLUB**

The 2009 golfing season saw Ampfield Golf Club take part in a number of pro-am tournaments.

We were delighted when Ampfield Golf Club won its first ever pro-am tournament at the Oxfordshire Golf Club. The team was lead by Ampfields head professional Jon Barnes along with two of Ampfields Directors Paul and John Hazell and a member of Ampfield Golf Club, Andrew Toomer. The team managed a total of (-19) to win by one shot and claim the title along with some excellent prizes, which included full Galvin Green suits for each amateur. Our head professional Jon Barnes finished fourth with a score of (-4), which included an eagle at the par 4, 14th hole!

Ampfield also took part in the Cornish Festival, with the same team as above and played three pro-am rounds at Perranporth, Newquay and St Enedoc Golf Clubs, finishing in the top 15 out of over 60 teams. We were happy with the result but the team felt as though they could have contended for the title had it not been for the terrible weather conditions they endured whilst playing at the windy seaside links of Perranporth. However, the team is very much looking forward to trying again in April, this year.

## **SUCCESS FOR HEAD PROFESSIONAL, JON BARNES**

Jon's first win of the 2009 season saw him make a new course record at Hockley Golf Club, shooting a 65. Jon then went on to win a pro-am at the Shanklin & Sandown Golf Club and then a further three wins.

Jon also finished ninth in the PGA Welsh Open Championships.

Jon's end to the 2009 golfing season saw him finish one spot down from last year but still a very impressive second place in the Hampshire PGA Order of Merit.

We look forward to seeing Jon back in action in May 2010, good luck Jon!

## **WEDNESDAY FRIENDLY**

*Ron Weller*

I took over the Captaincy approximately 10 years ago and have enjoyed every minute of organising the Wednesday Friendly matches, the Mid Summer Special and Lunch and also the Christmas Lunch where we have the presentation and all the winners receive their trophies.

We have approximately 40 to 50 members who join us on a regular basis on Wednesdays and this is the most interesting and supported day of the Club, which everybody enjoys.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all new members and old members alike to join us on Wednesday's and play in the various competitions.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Alan Whitaker and Geoff Roberts on their recent hole in one in January!

## THE PRO SHOP

*Jon Barnes*

I would like start by wishing everyone a belated happy New Year and great golfing for 2010 from all the Pro Shop Staff!

The Pro Shop is now in it's second year and is now firmly established, and we are looking forward to catering for your golfing needs in the up and coming year.

As well as offering a well stocked shop we also offer custom fit services with our professionally trained staff.

If you would like advice on any equipment please call in to the shop or book a custom fit appointment, which we offer free of charge.

We currently have many special offers, details of which can be seen on the next page of the newsletter or on our website [www.ampfieldgolf.com](http://www.ampfieldgolf.com) or alternatively you may just pop in to see what we've got!

If you require something specific that we do not stock then please always ask and we will be happy to get it in for you. We will also match any genuine price!

If you need any help with your game I am able to offer tuition on any aspect.

The group sessions for Ladies, Men and Juniors that we ran in 2009 proved popular and will be starting up again when the weather allows. The details of the group lessons will be published on the notice boards & Pro Shop.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Geoff Roberts and all the members who have helped to develop the junior section, they've all given up their time and its great to see junior golf once more at Ampfield.

We will look to develop it again this year and I am sure it will go from strength to strength.

Finally, well done to all of you who have won competitions, this is a good time of year to use your vouchers in the shop, as you will get even better value for your money.

Thank you for your continued support and happy golfing, Jon Barnes



This Picture shows the Ampfield Golf Club team at St Enedoc Golf Club on the 17<sup>th</sup> Tee. Pictured from left to right – Andrew Toomer, Paul Hazell, Jon Barnes and John Hazell.

## **THE PRO SHOP**

### **"GREAT OFFERS IN STORE"**

**WE WILL MATCH ANY GENUINE PRICE**



### **CLOTHES**



40 % OFF **GALVIN GREEN** CLOTHING WHILE STOCKS LAST

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BUY A PAIR OF GREG NORMAN TROUSERS AND RECEIVE A FREE GREG NORMAN SHIRT

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BUY A CLEVELAND GOLF 14 WEDGE AND RECIVE A SECOND AT HALF PRICE

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### **SHOES**

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BUY A PAIR OF FOOTJOY REAL FIT SHOES FOR £80 AND RECEIVE A FREE FOOTJOY SHIRT

## **CAPTAINS COLUMN**

*Geoff Roberts*

May I start by giving my own best wishes to all for a happy and prosperous 2010, and hope that everyone continues to enjoy their golf at Ampfield throughout the year ahead. The weather has been testing over the past few weeks, yet the course has remained in excellent condition. If you haven't played yet this year, I recommend that you try to get out there soon and get those golfing muscles warmed up again.

As usual we have a wide range of competitions lined up for members during 2010. The Winter Mixed Foursomes is well underway and the Kelly Greensome Vase has been drawn with the first rounds playing very soon. The next competition to be drawn is the Henry Cotton singles match play knock-out – open to all qualifying members, and the sheet for entrants is on the main notice board. Our first one day competition is the Leeson Fours Cup which is being held on the afternoon of 27th March. It is a foursome format and again it is open to all with pairs being drawn just before the game. It is an excellent way to get to know other members, and enjoy matching your own skills with a partner whom you may not have played with before.

As well as these trophy competitions, we hold both Medal and Stableford competitions every month – weather permitting! Also during February and March we hold a Bogey competition each month as part of the run up to our Spring Cup towards the end of April which is a 36 hole Bogey competition against the course. More of this next time.

One final advanced notice of a date, and that is for our Club AGM which is being held on the afternoon of Easter Monday (5th April) following our Easter Texas Scramble. The scramble is always great fun and is as much a social occasion as an opportunity for some team golf with other members of the club. I do hope that as many as possible will support this event and come along to take part in this one annual meeting to review the life of our club over the past year and to air any views and ideas for the progress of the club in the year ahead.

I hope to manage to meet with you all in the clubhouse or on the course sometime over the next 3 months.

Enjoy your golf!

## **RESTAURANT 54**

THE RESTAURANT IS NOW OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK\*  
FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM

Serving excellent traditional homemade food  
Breakfast, Lunch, Afternoon Snacks, Tea and Cakes.

\*Mondays we will be serving a limited menu of sandwiches, paninis & jacket potatoes

***Coming soon – Opening for Evening meals on Friday nights from Spring  
2010!***

## LADY CAPTAIN'S COLUMN

*Ali Gaskell*

Having recently taken over the Lady Captaincy of our Club, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce our Ladies Committee for 2010. Lady Captain – Ali Gaskell (01962 713962) Vice Lady Captain – Brenda Sidebotham (01794 514008) and other Committee members :- Dorothy Catling, June Coulson, Yvonne Evenett, Greta Jarrett & Mary Jones.

If you are new to the Club, or considering joining, we would be pleased to invite you to join the Ladies on Tuesday mornings when we have a friendly competition followed by a get together.

Matches against other Clubs start at the end of April and continue through until October.

The Clubs we will be playing at Home or Away this year are Avington, Botley, Fairthorne Manor, New Forest, Walhampton & Enichem.

As well as these matches we have many Ampfield competitions including matches with and against the Men.

*Details of Competitions & events are displayed on our notice board in the Ladies cloakroom*

## THE ORIGINAL CLUB LOGO

I am delighted to say that we have managed to obtain the **original club logo**, as below



You can purchase some lovely logo clothes in the Pro Shop, just pop in and speak to Jon, Simon or Andrea and they will be happy to show you what we have in stock!

## VETERANS SECTION

*Colin Jones*

The men's Veterans Section meets every Monday morning, with the 1st. tee reserved until 10.00 A.M. There are currently in excess of sixty members varying in age from the entry level of 55 to many who are still playing regularly, to a good standard, in their eighties.

We play a variety of competitions each week including Medals, Stableford, Texas Scrambles, Greensome etc. In addition starting in April through to September we also play Friendly Matches, both Home and Away, against the Senior Sections of other Clubs. This seasons fixtures include matches against Furzeley & Denmead, New Forest, Bramshott Hill (Dibden), Newbury Race Course, Burley, Fairthorne Manor, Enichem and Andover.

As long as you qualify as a Veteran, any member is welcome to join us on a Monday morning and I look forward to meeting all old and new "Vet's".

## **SATURDAY FRIENDLY**

*Alan Carter*

Soon after Ampfield Golf Club opened a group met to play on an ad hoc basis on Sunday afternoons, they called themselves the Sunday Friendly, this soon grew to over 50 players turning up and then had to be more formally organised. Over the years when the general membership declined the remaining members of the club decided to concentrate on the formal competitions and the Sunday meetings ceased. Since the Hazel family bought the club things finally settled down and it was decided to try and re-create the atmosphere and camaraderie of the Sunday friendly albeit that it was to meet on a Saturday; hence the Saturday Friendly.

It is an ideal opportunity for couples to attend together (although a couple playing together is usually avoided as the Marriage Guidance Councillors usually have Saturdays off!!). We also try to encourage new members (of all age groups) to participate and has proven to be an ideal chance to meet with other Ampfield Golf Club members and have an enjoyable and friendly game of golf. Playing partners are always drawn (usually mixed) and the format varies according to the number of players involved but includes bogies, stablefords, greensomes, bowmakers etc. The emphasis is always on the **friendly** aspect of the society although we have an entrance fee of £1 (all winnings are paid as prizes) it is not for the "win at all cost" golfer. Everyone is expected to meet together after the game in the club house where the winners are announced and any changes to formats, timings etc. are discussed and agreed.

We have had as many as 28 players participating (and as low as 5!) but we have always had a good time. At the moment we are meeting at 12.30 for a 1.00 p.m. tee off but as the days get longer we tend to tee off later. Please feel free to join us, I am sure that you will be made most welcome.

## **AMPFIELD COUNTRY CLUB**



***WEDDINGS***

***BIRTHDAYS***

***DINNER PARTIES***

***WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES***

***& MORE***



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**TO FIND OUT MORE PLEASE CONTACT JULIA HAZELL ON 07747 692826**

***AMPFIELD GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB***



***THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO READ OUR FIRST ISSUE OF THE COTTON TIMES***

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