

Sport ... not an activity that immediately springs to mind when you talk about Port Isaac ... but over the years we have had the best football and cricket teams - there is even a mention in one issue of Trio about forming a women's football team. Plus there was a Boxing Club Looking through the PISCES archives you will find lots about the football teams before 1982. Then there's tennis - lots of noise about starting a club and getting a court. And what about the quiet success of our Billiards players who play in the Snooker Room in the Liberal Club. And did we mention Golf - the PIGS have filled many a page of Trio over the years.



Billiards
The Billiards Team beat the Wadebridge Conservative Club Team in the end of season 'Knock Out' Final at Tintagel Country Club on May 4th, thereby winning the 'Knock Out' Shield.
April 1983

Billiards team success


Billiards
At the end of the season our team ended up third in the league, so not too bad. Our star player, Mr Jack Hill did extremely well bringing home two cups, winning the individual Handicap Cup and the runner-up cup in the scratch play games - very good for an old timer.
May 2007 Jack Rowe

Snooker Room
Port Isaac Billiard team did well in the Camelford & District League by winning the Handicap Cup and Sheild. We just missed out on the Scratch Cup by half a point.
The Snooker Room is there for all to use. It has a full size table and membership is just £10 a year plus 50p per half hour game - cheap as chips, as they say.
May 2009 Jack Rowe

24-HOUR POOL
Two local boys, John Collins and Martin Thomas, with three friends from Camelford School, Derek Nute, Barry McLeod, and Gary Sleep, played pool for 24 hours and have raised £160 for leukaemia funds. John and Martin would like to thank Port Isaac people who gave so generously.
March 1984



PORT ISAAC TENNIS CLUB
A committee has been formed and we have found that it will cost about £10,000 to provide us with an all weather tennis court. We will be able to get 75% of this given to us in grants. That still leaves us with about £2,500 to raise ourselves. We have made a start, but it is going to take a lot of effort. If anybody has any ideas for fund raising or would like to help us, we would be very pleased to hear from you. Why not give us a ring, either Linda Gordon 652, or Sally Pavitt 683. We are having a Lunch in November so come along and meet us. (See 'Diary')
October 1984

Tennis Court. £1000 is to be given to the Tennis Club now in order that they can apply for further grant aid. The total cost will be about £9000 and a definite estimate is being obtained. The Club must raise £2,500, including P.C. grant, and Lloyds Bank will give £1,500 interest free loan if six guarantors for £240 each can be found. 5 members of the Council offered to stand guarantee, but it was felt members of the public might be interested and should be given a chance. A 28-year lease, drawn up by Messrs. Harvey and Sproull, Solicitors, offering the land at a peppercorn rent, is being considered.
February 1985



BOXING CLUB
Mr. Bennett proposes to start a Boxing Club, and any help from adults will be most appreciated. Please contact him on P.I. 704.
[Mr. Bennett and his wife have volunteered to keep the Village Hall clean - thanks to their great efforts it is now looking cleaner and tidier than before. Ed.]
January 1984

ex Port Isaac girl to run in the Olympics



Those of you who knew my granddaughter, Lizzie Talbot, when she lived in Port Isaac and went to Wadebridge School, may not have recognised her as Lizzie Yelling who ran this year's London Marathon in 2hrs28secs, thereby winning herself a place in the team representing Great Britain in the Beijing olympics.
Lizzie was the first Brit home in the Women's Marathon in the Oympics in Athens and won a Bronze medal in the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne.
Watch this space!
Kathie Carney
May 2008

PORT ISAAC CRICKET CLUB
Sunday May 24th. saw the arrival of the North Star Cricket Team from Leytonstone, London, at the Huntsman's Inn! The London team batted first, scoring 124 runs in 25 overs. Port Isaac reached their target with two wickets to spare. Everybody enjoyed their first match of the season.
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If anyone is interested in sponsoring, playing, or helping generally, contact 880563 or 880743. Jerry O'Connor.
January 1984



The catch!
This article does not concern fishing or fish - it concerns cricket. The Port Isaac Cricket Club has this year won the Second Division of the Tintagel & District Evening League - a heady achievement by anyone's standards.

(yes, past him!) before he even saw it. It became darker still. There were four overs to go and one wicket to fall. We were terrified that our opponents would stop for the bad (nay, non-existent) light and that the resulting draw would cost us the title.

We started back in May and have been unbeaten all season. But the final game, which we had to win, was a nailbiter of dramatic proportions.
With the evenings drawing in, each side is limited to 16 overs per innings. We batted first and scored in excess of 140 runs, a total which Tintagel Country Club would do well to even get near. We set out to field and bowl - all that could defeat us was the gathering darkness. We reduced them to 52 for 6 wickets but they rallied. Their two batsmen began to hit our bowlers around. The further they hit the ball, the longer the overs took to bowl and the darker it got. It became hard to see and dangerously impossible to spot the hard red ball against the dark green backdrop. I bruised my fingers taking a catch. Simon split his hand open trying to take another. The ball whistled like a bullet past Bunty

Their best batsman hit the ball high and hard towards the boundary. I turned and blundered towards where I thought it might go. A white blur flashed in front of me. It was Karl Daly. He focused on the ball as it fell from the now moonlit sky. Having run 30 yards he dived forwards and grabbed the ball with both hands as it came from behind him, over his shoulder. As he tumbled forwards it seemed as though he would hit the ground and the ball jar out of his hands. But no, not Karl. He somersaulted head over heels and landed on his feet with the ball aloft.
Catches win matches? Catches like that win wars. Catches like that win Gold at the Olympics. Catches like that make circus performers jealous. If we could all catch like that, Britain would still be great and we'd still have an empire! (Can we all please stand! - Ed.)
October 1999 The PMG

CRICKET CHAMPIONS!
Victory at Bugle
Our heroes entered the final league match of the season, chastened by two consecutive defeats. Below par performances at St. Lawrences, where we lost our second league game of the season (although it was a bonus that we were allowed to leave afterwards), and at Wadebridge in the Knockout Cup semi-final. So, with trepidation, we ventured again to Bugle (where, avid cricket fans will remember, we lost our only other league game). Secure in the knowledge that victory here would clinch us the league title, we steered ourselves to the task. The game itself was of epic proportions. Batting first we were away to a flying start, with our stars Hambly (Richard) and Bishop (Slipway, with thick spectacles) putting on over 50 in less than five overs. Thankfully, for the drama of the occasion was of paramount importance to us, Arthur 'Humbbug Zimmer' Daly was able to slow our scoring rate to such an extent that at one stage he was overtaken by an arthritic tree sloth carrying a hod full of breeze blocks. Thus a tight finish was ensured. Unfortunately for drama lovers everywhere, Steve 'Hey I Care' Appleby and the Humbbug bowled so tightly in the opening stages as to make the game all but won for us. Fear not, I was able to deliberately bowl such unadulterated drivel in my spell that several batsmen managed to hit my deliveries over the claysits and all the way to Texas (Homecare, that is!). The pendulum of fate had swung back to Bugle. The sting in the tail arrived in the shape of our two fast bowlers, Rich Hambly and Karl Daly, who tore through the remaining six Bugle batsmen like they were mere children and old men (in fact, only four of them were - one was a girl and the other an old lady). Victory, and the championship was ours. The first trophy for the club won by a team entirely from Port Isaac. I was going to write the final chapter all about our after match celebrations, but, apart from the 37 renditions of 'We Are the Champions' from the Lion's balcony, I really can't remember much else. Well done lads, you were magnificent!

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June 1987

RACE FOR LIFE
Sport Isaac team members
Marion Andrews, Cath Armstrong, Liz Brown, Lisa Brown, Edna Davies, Debbie from Pendragon House, Sian Fletcher, Dee Littlechild, Alyson Lorimer, Kathryn McDonnell and Jill McDonnell
You can sponsor us online by going to: <http://www.raceforlifesporsormo.org/sportisaac>
Alternatively, you can contact any one of the team members and we will quite happily take hard cash from you. Don't forget to 'gift aid' your donation to help us raise even more money for a really worthy cause.
PLEASE SPONSOR US
Walker One: "You're wearing lipstick this early in the morning?"
Walker Two: "Yes, I always do, it goes on with my knicker!"
Walker One: "Well, if we see you one morning with your knickers on your head, we'll know where your lipstick is!"
June 2007

Alan Gaunt Trophy
So to the Alan Gaunt Memorial Trophy at St. Minver, where we traditionally play the North Star Inn from London. Having lost the previous three years, we were able to field our strongest side on this occasion, and subsequently proved too strong for them. Isn't it remarkable that a tiny village side like Port Isaac can beat a side that could pick anyone from London to represent them? Thanks for coming to watch Pat and Cliff, I think you'll agree we did Alan proud this year - he is sadly missed by us all.
Jon Cleave, Victorious Captain.
September 1995

Round Two ... The Second Half ... Final Set ... the last lap ... the final length ... the nineteenth hole

PORT ISAAC FOOTBALL CLUB

The Club is alive again after its closure some years ago. Happily there are still some funds in the kitty from the old club which will help in the re-starting. Mr. Blacke of Homer Park Inn has made a field available to the club which will allow a full-size pitch to be created. Anyone who wants to play or to help in running the team, is welcome at the meeting being held at the Homer Park Inn on Friday 3rd. May at 8.30pm.

PORT ISAAC FOOTBALL CLUB

Boxing Day:
'A' Team - 5, 'B' Team - 2
In treacherous conditions, both teams gave it all they had, with the superior fitness of the 'A' team making the difference. Eddy Flanagan controlled the game well, and the supporters got behind both teams in an entertaining and spirited game.
4th. Jan. 1986. Duchy League:
St. Breward 1 - Port Isaac 0
11th. Jan. Dave Monk Cup:
Port Isaac 6 - Polperro 0
18th. Jan. St. Kew, Away:
St. Kew 4 - Port Isaac 1
Some weak defence work in the first half lost three of the goals and the later improved play couldn't save the day.

January 1986

FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS

RIZ (Belabole Slate) have very generously provided the Port Isaac Football Club with a Porta Building, free, which will be our new dressing room. This building, over 30ft. by 11ft. replaces our former dressing room which has been pulled down to make way for the new building complex at the Huntsman. The Club has lined up a crane and large lorry to move it shortly. Hiring the crane and lorry will cost the Club around £300 and a further £200 for refurbishment such as guttering, seats, gas, showers, paint, insurance, locks, etc. This is a lot of money for a village club to have to pay and any donations from the village, however small, will be gratefully received - a receipt will be given. Well done the boys on beating St. Minver and Ladock, away. Great Football. Les Honey, 880609.
February 1990

LADIES FOOTBALL

Are you interested in forming a ladies football team?

If so contact Sue on 01208 880931



OFF-SIDE

People trying to drive up the hill to the football match at Homer Park last Sunday were frustrated by a huge Telecom van, jacked up at the bend on Church Hill. B.T. thought they had chosen a quiet day in which to replace some telephone poles.
February 1986

FOOTBALL NEWS

Port Isaac Football Club will be hosts to two teams staying in the village over the Easter period. They are coming from Birmingham and London to play matches on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of Easter weekend. The matches will be played on a Round Robin basis and the winners will receive a cup. Come and give Port Isaac a shout! Secretary Brian Richards is also in touch with St. Mary's in the Isles of Scilly where Port Isaac is going in May for a Friendly. The two secretaries have yet to agree the exact date as Port Isaac could be involved in promotion matches.
March 1988

April 1985

FOOTBALL CLUB

Dear Friends of the Club, by now you will likely have heard of the breakup of the Port Isaac Football Club. It has been done after realising that with injured players who might not be able to play again, players who have left to find work away from Cornwall, and players who have found places in higher leagues, we were left in the position of struggling to make up a team, let alone have any reserves. We would like to thank all who have supported us over the 8 years run of the club. Thanks to our President Mark Prout, our first sponsor Mark Provis, followed by Ken Wherry, and Hayes and Hingley. The club has been very fortunate in all the work done behind the scenes, by probably the best officers and committee in the League. The work put in by our manager Peter Rowe, Secretary Bryan Richards, Treasurer Roy Smith, Chairman Steve Bunt, our Commercial Manager Les Honey, and Alf Guard Treasurer, will, I am sure be always linked with the success of our club. I would personally like to say our boys were great ambassadors for the village, and the team and committee were held in great esteem throughout the Duchy League. Finally, thanks to our hosts, past and present, of the Huntsman's Inn, for use of the bar, Quentin and Marlene Black, Mike and Debbie Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Harding and to Longcross Hotel for their hospitality last season.

Roy Berman (Commercial Manager) Now Retired.
September 1993

FOOTBALL CLUB

To all our friends and supporters. We are sure you would have heard by now that we have re-formed the team. On our first practice night we were delighted with the amount of lads who turned up to sign on with us. Practice night is Thursday evenings at 7.00pm. at the Playing Fields. If anyone wishes to play or help the team in any other way, please turn up. We hope to have Bingo throughout the winter months - watch out for notices. Our Annual Car Boot Sale on Thursday August 18th is from 6.00pm onwards. This is, of course, St. Breward Band Night, always a very well attended event. So come on all of you clubs and organisations, grab a car boot or table and come on down to Port Isaac beach. Stalls, Games, Barbecue, etc.
August 1994 Roy Berman.

PORT ISAAC FOOTBALL CLUB

The club already seems to be well established and matches have been held both at home on the ground at Homer Park, and away. It isn't usually possible to print fixtures in Trio, unfortunately, as the dates are fixed according to the results of the matches which are not known in time. On Saturday 10th. December they are playing at home versus Pelynt Res. which will be a Duchy League game. See also the 'Milk Cup' match on Boxing Day in the 'Diary'.
STOP PRESS! Away match 23/11 Polperro nil - Port Isaac 5.
November 1985

Port Isaac Football team of 1947



See who you can spot without looking at the names!

Top left: Mr Jack Collings & Mr L Castle (committee).
Team, top, l-r: Jack Couch, Harold Donithorne, Ray Stone, Fred Bunt, William Spry, Sky Wherry, Roger Hook (committee)
Bottom, l-r: Unknown, Colin Gifford, Jack Sweet, Jim Brown, Mr Stammers (landlord of Pendoggett pub), Ledville Cleave

My 2007 Supplied by Yvonne Cleave

Porto - the champions

A superb finish by Peter Jeffs, ten minutes from time, gave Porto the second division championship for the first time in their history.

Having assured promotion the previous week, Porto arrived at Roche safe in the knowledge that a win would seal it. It was by no means easy, especially with a Roche side that kicked anything that moved. A referee who seemed totally oblivious to it. Porto dug the perfect start. Karl Daly scored after 15 minutes to calm any early nerves and despite a couple of half chances for Roche, Porto remained in control.

The second half began with Roche pushing further forward and eventually they equalised with a hotly disputed goal. A corner, aimed at the far post, eluded Porto defenders and after a scramble, Ian Skinner appeared to have saved the shot. However, despite protests from Porto players, the referee ruled that the ball had crossed the line.

The remainder of the game was very tight and, with the referee losing control, some tackles were nearing 'X' certificate. Porto did well to retain their composure. Then that moment arrived. After a fine series of passes, Peter Jeffs (Bugs) ran through to score from an acute angle with a rasping half volley.



Porto dug in deep for the final ten minutes and, despite the referee adding what appeared to be an age, hung on to clinch the championship. The final whistle sparked the joyous celebrations which carried on into the early hours in the Golden Lion.

Watch out Division One, Porto are coming.
Kevin Grills

YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

Training for the Youth Team started back in October of last year and was held weekly at the Village Hall. Enthusiasm was evident throughout, and general footballing ability has shown a steady improvement. The age of the boys ranges from 9 to 17 and I must say that the younger primary school boys were never outdone by their seniors. Because the boys were so keen, we decided to arrange some friendly local matches. Our first one was away to Delabole on 13th. March where we lost 7 - 1. Although Delabole fielded the same 'mixture' of age as ourselves, I feel I ought to point out that several of the older boys have been regular players for Delabole's main football team and play in the same league as Port Isaac A.F.C. We played St. Breward at Homer Park on Saturday 11th. April where we won 5 - 0. The following day we had the return match against Delabole. We had obviously learnt some lessons from the previous game because this time we gave a most creditable team performance, losing only 4 - 3, conceding the winning goal in the last five minutes. On the 26th. April we played Camelford away, winning 4 - 3. The following Sunday, away to St. Breward losing 4 - 0, and finally the home match against Camelford last Saturday where we won 3 - 2.

Summary: Played 6, won 3, lost 3. Goals for 16, goals against 20. Goal scorers: Richard Fisher 13, Russel Shaw 2, Karl Daly 1.
There is no doubt that all the boys have enjoyed their Monday evenings and I must say that since we started playing matches, apart from the hiccup at St. Breward, the team performances are improving with each match. It is our intention to round off the season with a tournament at Camelford sometime in the near future (the date will be widely publicised when known) where we would appreciate as much help and support as possible. Finally our thanks to the parents who have consistently helped with transport at away matches.
Trevor Hayne.
May 1987

THANKYOU



Thank you to everyone who supported me in my efforts to raise funds for the football festival on the Isle of Wight when I played for the East Cornwall Under 14 team (pictured above),

Despite the Arctic Easter weather (it was snowing when we kicked off in one game!) we had a very enjoyable time, playing against teams from Barnsley, Manchester, East Riding and Coventry.

I did get very busy with the car washing so thank you to those who had to be patient and I am still trying to catch up with some!

Harry Hambly
May 2013



November 1985

May 1987



BIG SWIM

What a brilliant event the Big Swim turned out to be. Huge crowds watched the competitors leave Port Gwenn and followed the swimmers, kayakers and paddle boarders round along the coast path and down into Port Isaac harbour. It's not sure who took first and second place but Port Isaac's Ben Andrews came in third. Prizes were generously donated by local and not so local businesses.

The day raised over £200 for Port Isaac Rowing Club and a big thank you to Sarah and Andrew for organising it. Said Andrew, "Thank you to everyone who was involved in the event in any way, you all contributed to its success. We now hope to make it an annual event, so here's to next year."

The event ended with the Heads and Tails raffle - what was that all about?
Right: Ben Andrews comes in third
Below: Coming into the finishing line at Port Isaac



The Locals Big Swim



Sunday September 20th saw the first run of The Locals Big Swim. This event was designed as a thank you to all volunteers, locals and families who help support and make the charity event happen. It gave people the chance to swim, who can't take part on the day, including me!
We jumped from Top Pit into choppy waters to swim to Port Isaac. The water was rough and challenging! There were some who had never swum a mile before, let alone in the sea and they took on the challenge and completed with great results against the odds.
Sam Bootyford, the youngest swimmer aged 11, swam the mile for the first time and was amazing. Many people came to enjoy the BBQ on the beach afterwards.
Thank you to everyone who supported on the day including Robert Cook, Richard Sanders, Jane Mills, Sally Stratton, Nicola Williams, Wendy Shipley and Andrew Hillman.
There are definitely some new recruits for next year.
Photos: Sally Stratton
Sarah Coates



October 2014

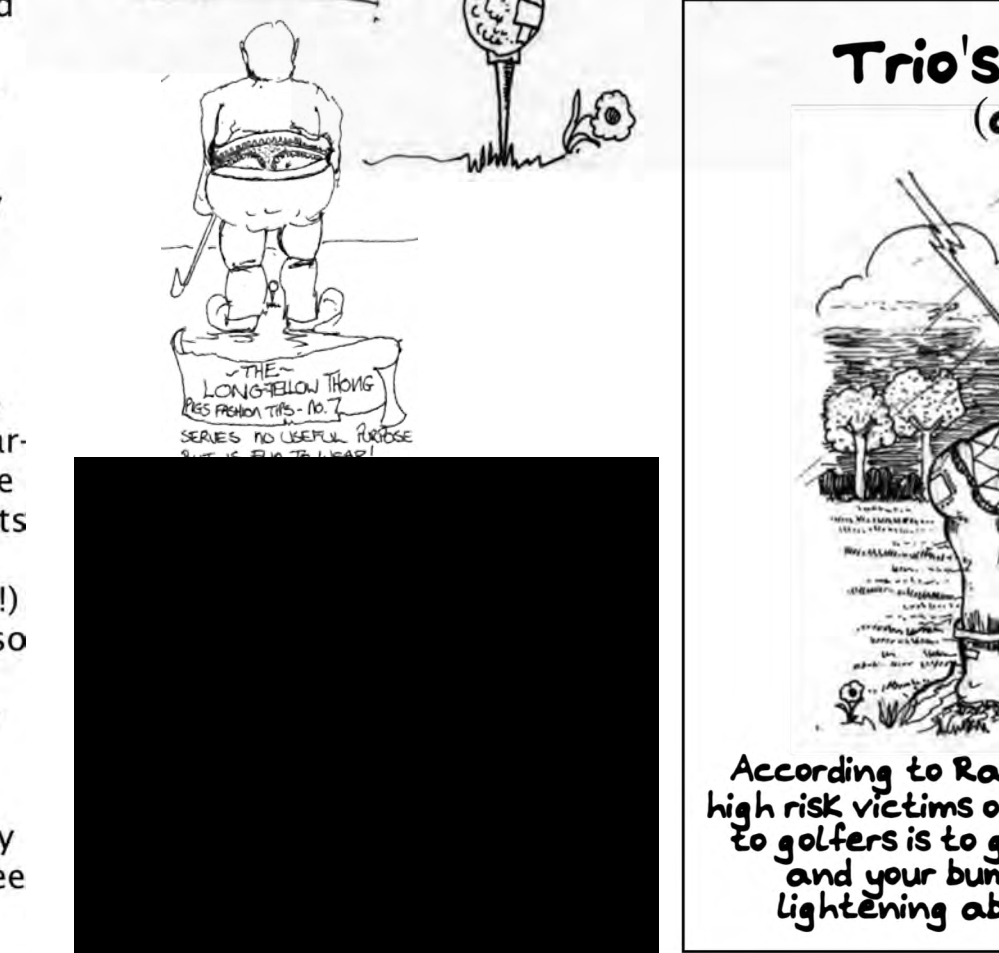
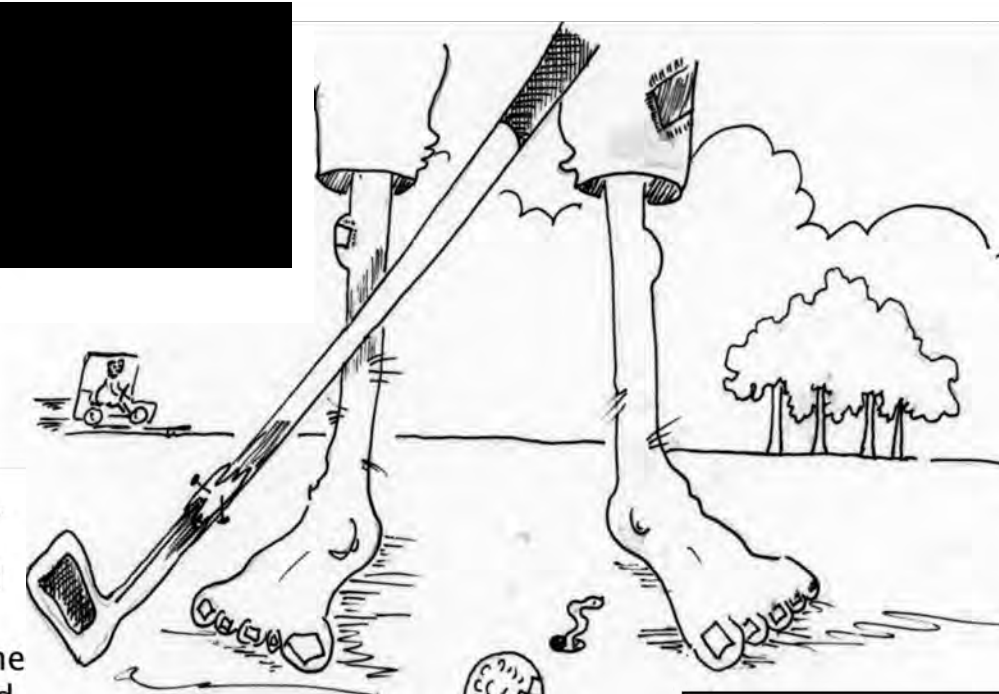
Ryder Cup Day

Roserraw - June 2003
Well, it finally arrived, June 9th, Ryder Cup Day for the Port Isaac Golf Society. The teams had been picked, the order of play decided, the advertising sorted, the sponsorship money collected - and a huge thank you to all the local businesses that sponsored a hole.

A magnificent total of £200 was raised and this money has already been presented to a very appreciative Port Isaac Primary School.

The sight of 32 golfers turning up at Roserraw Golf Club, some as early as a quarter past seven (to some golfers who got their Sunday nights and Monday mornings mixed up, yes there are two 7.30's in a day!!!) was truly a sight to behold and also one which might never be seen again - until next year, eh? Bleary eyes, freshly shaven faces and in some cases heads - Mr Greenfingers, the old saying 'beauty is only skin deep' sprang to mind after seeing you at 7.00am - very scary.
July 2003

The Golf Awards went to:
1st Gary Pattenden
2nd Josh Brewer
3rd Andy Penny
Longest Drive, 2's Competition & Hole-in-One - Steve Bunt
Nearest the Pin - Chris 'Strawberry' Witherden
October 2007

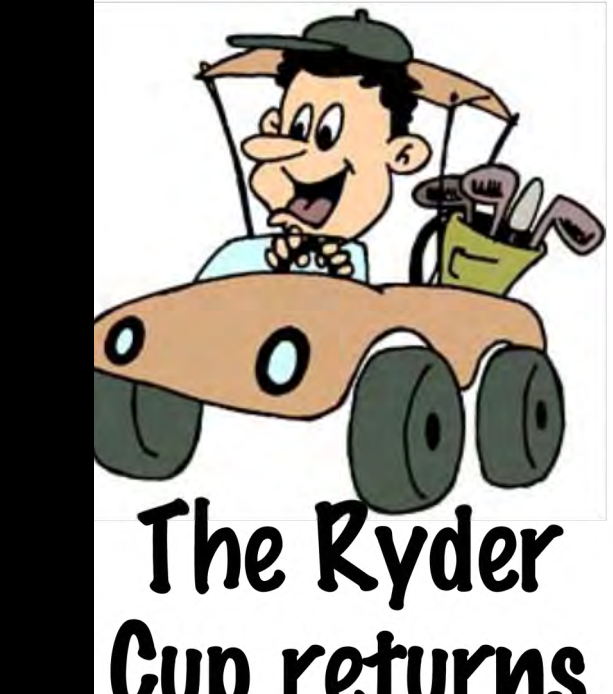


August 2009

Trio's Top Tips for PiGS (and other golfers)



According to Radio 2 (so it must be right), golfers are high risk victims of being hit by lightning! Their advice to golfers is to get into a bunker, put your head down and your bum up in the air - only when there is lightning about, of course, else you'd look silly!



The Ryder Cup returns to all Golfers
Monday October 3rd
36 holes
Breakfast, Lunch, Carvery and Buggies all day - £75

This is possibly the last one so come on boys and girls. let's go out in style!!

To Golf or Not to Golf... What a stupid Question!

September 2016