



## What's happening this week?

**Wednesday 14th September:** Ladies from 09:00 to 09:15

**Thursday 15th September:** AutoGlass GS x 30 from 10:00 to 11:00 & 13:00 to 14:00

**Thursday 15th September:** 9 & Dine from 18:00 to 21:00

**Friday 16th September:** Seniors from 08:00 to 08:45

**Friday 16th September:** Alltech Signs GS from 10:30 to 11:30

**Saturday 17th September:** September Saturday Strokeplay from 07:30 to 10:15

**Saturday 17th September:** Electric Open GS x 20 from 12:00 to 12:45

**Sunday 18th September:** Mixed Friendly from 11:00 to 12:00

**Sunday 18th September:** HCN GS x 16 from 12:00 to 12:30

## Date for the diary:

## The Summer Ball

- The new date for the summer ball will be Saturday 1st October. Tickets are on sale in the office or from behind the bar, if you have won a major competition during 2016, you have already secured a free ticket to the ball.....

# What's been happening?

## Vice Captains Day:

A well attended event for vice captain Paul Masters started with a bacon roll and coffee compliments of the handicaps & competitions committee... Thank you very much!!

Following play it was all laughter and smiles which seems to be the case after a texas scramble! perhaps we should encourage this format every weekend!!

It was great to see new members taking part in this event and winning a few prizes..long may it continue! Good luck for the rest of this year and with your captaincy year in 2017/18 Paul.

The prize winners were:

1st = Donna Steele, Jack Hawksby, Andy Kett, Adam Wraight

2ndcb = Carl Packeer, Ben Abbott, Steve Hands, Stuart Kendall

3rd = Liam Cooke, Jamie Cooke, Bill Cooke, Dom Klyen

## Practice Chipping & Putting Green

The chipping green is open for a limited time before we re-close for the winter months. We will be adding artificial hitting areas, steps in bunkers, and generally finishing off. We will also be posting a list of rules which must be adhered to when using the facility.

Next time you see him, I would like you all to congratulate Chris Jones our green keeper for his efforts in building this facility. It wasn't seen as a priority and therefore received little funding. Chris has constructed this area in his own time (with help from Duncan ) for the benefit of us all and I for one think he has produced a fantastic practice area. Thanks Chris.

Please adhere to the following advice when using the facility, your cooperation will mean the facility will be open for longer periods and more importantly the playing surfaces will continue to improve.

1. Where possible try not to take a divot, a chip and run shot does not require a downward hit! More of a putting stroke action...
2. Do not chip from the green surface.
3. Use a tube or pick your balls up, do not hit them off the green with a club.
4. Do not play toward another user unless you can be certain that your ball will not reach them.
5. DIVOTS....See Below:

**To maximize  
the grass on the driving range,  
please place your ball at the back  
edge of your previous divot.**



I have copied this from the internet, it obviously references a driving range not a chipping area but it clearly shows what we would like you to achieve with your divots and I think demonstrates the impact of sporadic hitting and the damage to a large area rather than a concentrated strip. When chipping I would hope your divots do not resemble the above!!!! If they do?? Andrew is available for lessons on 01525 402269.

I am going to be policing this area at every opportunity, please adhere to the above.

## **Pace of Play and Competition etiquette:**

Members of the competitions and handicaps committee have given up their own 'golf time' to help monitor speed of play in both competition and non. Having received verbal abuse, sorry, I meant feedback from members the comps committee have collated the things that annoy you and would therefore like to remind all members:

- Report on the Tee at least 5 minutes before your allocated tee time.
- Check in with the pro shop before going on the range, especially for competitions.
- Reminder that the 1st and 4th are call up holes.
- If you are unable to play in competition ring the club at least the day before.
- From Saturday this week, competition no shows will receive letters, two letters and you will be banned.
- Players should not put other peoples' names on the entry sheets without their knowledge.

## **Mid handicap Team:**

A brief report supplied by Pete Mott:

A brilliant result in the quarter finals for the Mid Handicap Team, coming out winners 3 to 2 on the day, Playing away against a strong team from Beds and County who had only dropped two games in the league stages. The team below did the job yesterday but it has been a squad effort to get us this far. other noted members of the squad are Mark Denman, Gavin Churchman, Mark Griffiths and Dan Hollis

### **Quarter Final team:**

Grant Jewsbury  
Darren Leach  
Ian McMillan  
John Howlett  
David Thomas

## **Scratch B Team:**

Report from Peter Mott: The Scratch B team beat JOG away to ensure second place in Division 2 and hopefully for the first time in Millbrook history we will have 2 sides in the top division. Again many thanks to all who have supported the scratch teams:

Paul Kitching, Adam Wraight, Jack Leek, Jack Hawksby, Duncan Steele, Mike George, Fraser Jamieson, Andy Kett, Mark Abbott, Joe Duncan, David Thomas, Mark Griffiths, Richard Langham, Nick Snelling, Kieran Ashman Also thank you Rob for your support and to the Green Keeper, Bar Staff and Pro Shop Staff.

I will stop smiling soon I'm sure, but for now I'm grinning from ear to ear!!

More news next week, Rob

