



## What's happening this week?

**Wednesday 15th March:** Ladies from 09:00 to 09:30

**Thursday 16th March:** Ladies from 10:00 to 10:15 (this is correct, unlike last week)

**Friday 17th March:** Seniors from 08:00 to 09:00

**Saturday 18th March:** March Saturday stableford from 07:30 to 10:30

**Sunday 19th March:** Beds County team from 08:30 to 09:30 & 13:30 to 14:30

**Sunday 19th March:** Over 21 handicap & seeded stableford from 10:00 to 10:30

**Tuesday 21st March:** Seniors winter eclectic 08:00 to 09:00

**Wednesday 22nd March:** Ladies alternate day stableford (linked with Saturday)

**Thursday 23rd March:** Ladies from 10:00 to 10:15

**Friday 24th March:** Seniors from 08:00 to 09:00

**Friday 24th March:** Kings Cross GS from 11:00 to 12:00

**Friday 24th March:** Quiz night from 19:00

**Sunday 26th March:** The Spring Foursomes (major) from 07:30 to 10:30

## **Dates for the diary:**

### **Sunday Lunch:**

Roast Dinner will be available this Sunday the 19th March from 13:00.

This will be our last Sunday Roast offering of this style.

We will be changing the menu for April, ready for the golf season...

Watch this space!!

Please book with a member of the team or email: [events@themillbrook.com](mailto:events@themillbrook.com)

### **Steak Night:**

I'm pleased to report that our February steak night was fully booked and well received by all that attended, Emma, Anna and I would like to thank you for your continued support.

I can say without hesitation that the cuts of meat being served are among the best you will find locally.

Our Next steak night is Friday 31st March.... Book early to avoid disappointment!  
[events@themillbrook.com](mailto:events@themillbrook.com) / 01525 840252 or reply to this email.

### **Shop Sale & Re-Launch Night**

Following the improvements made to the shop, Andrew would like to have a grand re-launch event, showcasing his new stock and offering some bargains to help get the season underway!

This Re-Launch will coincide with steak night, meaning the shop will be open later.

Andrew is offering prosecco & canapes to willing shoppers and has promised to dress up like Bruce Forsyth for a game of play your cards right! Giving shoppers the opportunity to win big!!

It would be lovely to see members support Andrews re-launch event and let's face it, this is your only chance to get a free glass of prosecco from a Yorkshire man!

Friday 31st March, 17:30 onwards.

## **Quiz Night**

Our next quiz night will be held on Friday 24th March. £7 per quizzers to include food.

Maximum of six players per team.

Teams should enter as soon as possible by contacting Emma, Bob, Nathan or I.

events@themillbrook.com / 01525 840252 or reply to this email.

PLEASE NOTE: We are nearing capacity for this event, book now to avoid disappointment.

## **Meat Raffle:**

Thank you for your continued support. The meat raffle has helped part fund a new TV system which is being installed in the bar during March. This new TV (CINOS) system will allow competition leaderboards to be displayed along with events information etc etc. My thanks to Emma and her husband Paul for brokering this amazing deal. It has cost us a very small fraction of the retail price....

Unclaimed meat from Sunday 12th March:

David McKears

Andrew Coleman

Mike Baron

## **Subscription Renewals**

Thank you to all those members that have already re-newed for next season, it really does help us plan for next year...

Subscriptions are now past due for the 2017/18 season, If you are yet to renew please contact me prior to using the clubs facilities.

## **Keech Hospice Charity Golf Event - Friday 14th April**

FULLY BOOKED, RESERVE LIST IN OPERATION.

Contact me if you wish to play, [manager@themillbrook.com](mailto:manager@themillbrook.com)

## **Captains Charity Day 2017**

Message from our captain Paul Masters:

Dear Members

Thank you so much to those of you who joined me on my Captains drive in, due to your involvement it was a very special day, I would like to call on your assistance and generosity again as I am beginning to arrange Charity Day on Saturday 8th July and require donations for auction lots and raffle prizes, if anyone would like to sponsor a hole that would be very welcome as well.

In case you were not aware my chosen charity is "Chums" based in Ampthill, they work with children and young adults who have suffered bereavement and loss, also helping them to deal with trauma in their lives.

Please contact me directly as soon as possible so I can get this aspect of the day organised.

You can contact me on Mob: 07796 711073 or email: [pmasters24@gmail.com](mailto:pmasters24@gmail.com)

## Summer Ball 2017

The Summer Ball is booked for the Saturday 30th September, different entertainment this year which promises to get a few of you on your feet and dancing....



**The Millbrook**  
Members Golf Club

*Dominic Kaye's*  
**It's a Swing Thing**  
Hits of the Rat Pack & Swing era  
**FOLLOWED BY CLASSIC PARTY SONGS**

**Ticket price: £45**  
**Includes champagne reception**  
**and 3 course dinner**

**The End of Summer Ball**  
**Saturday 30th September**

# What's been happening?

- Our captain Paul Masters took charge of his first club match last Saturday. It should have been a standard match V's Pavenham however we were invited to alter our home fixture and get involved with a multi inter club match! Played between four clubs, Pavenham, Whitlebury, Overstone and now us, each club host all four teams once per year, meaning 48 golfers at each match.

It was our turn to host last Saturday and the day went really well for all those involved, well done Paul. I'll include the captains report in my next matters, however and unsurprisingly, The Millbrook won the first event in this years league, and our Captain won the event overall with 42 points! A very good start to the year!

- The scratch foursomes team played Dunstbale downs on Sunday at Millbrook. With home advantage our guys managed a convincing win of 3 points to 1.

This ensures division one golf for our foursomes team next winter. Well done guys....

-We also hosted the Bedfordshire County inter-section tournament on Saturday. Teams of 10 Men V's Junior V's Seniors did battle to ensure bragging rights for the year ahead! The mens team managed to accumulate the most wins followed by the seniors and then the junior team.

All players paid tribute to the condition of our course. Well done to Duncan, Chris, John and Rob M.

## Course:

- We will be moving back on to the main tees this weekend, ready for the competition on Saturday. This means that the competition will be played from the White Tees and should also ensure a sensible standard scratch.

The 1st tee, 11th and 12th will remain on winter tee mats.

-The new chipping and putting green will also re-open this weekend. HOWEVER! We kindly ask you not to chip / pitch or play bunker shots for the next few weeks. PUTTING ONLY!

We need the green surround and insides of the bunkers to grow and strengthen some more before we all start hacking divots out! We require some nice Spring sunshine and improved ground temperatures. Failure to let theses areas grow and strengthen will result in divots and bare patches that simply won't repair.

I'm sure you can appreciate the rationale behind this decision.

-Most areas of the course have been cut and prepared, with only the rough yet to see a mower!

-Some more tree pruning work has taken place on the 1st hole, offering clearer sight of landing balls once we move onto the normal/new tee!

-The greens have been sprayed with an application of Iron to strengthen the grass and kill any moss.

-With the lighter nights, Donna Steele has once again started ( she didn't really stop) filling in any hole she can find with a sand, seed and soil mixture. Please remember to take a divot bag with you and help improve the fairways even more this year. Thank you Donna.

## **Changes to The Rules Of Golf**

The media coverage surrounding the changes to the rules of golf has been impressive! It's the first time I can remember amendments and changes to the rules of golf making the BBC breakfast news! The changes have been marketed by our governing body as "modernising the rules" and "speeding up the game"

I have listed some highlights of the proposed changes below but would like to remind members that all amendments and changes are effective from 2019.....

Please don't adopt these changes during competition play until then!

Feel free to play quicker however!!

### **Highlights of the proposed Rule changes**

Elimination or reduction of "ball moved" penalties: There will be no penalty for accidentally moving a ball on the putting green or in searching for a ball; and a player is not responsible for causing a ball to move unless it is "virtually certain" that he or she did so.

Relaxed putting green rules: There will be no penalty if a ball played from the putting green hits an unattended flagstick in the hole; players may putt without having the flagstick attended or removed. Players may repair spike marks and other damage made by shoes, animal damage and other damage on the putting green and there is no penalty for merely touching the line of putt.

Relaxed rules for "penalty areas" (currently called "water hazards"): Red and yellow-marked penalty areas may cover areas of desert, jungle, lava rock, etc., in addition to areas of water; expanded use of red penalty areas where lateral relief is allowed; and there will be no penalty for moving loose impediments or touching the ground or water in a penalty area.

Relaxed bunker rules: There will be no penalty for moving loose impediments in a bunker or for generally touching the sand with a hand or club. A limited set of restrictions (such as not grounding the club right next to the ball) is kept to preserve the challenge of playing from the sand; however, an extra relief option is added for an unplayable ball in a bunker, allowing the ball to be played from outside the bunker with a two-stroke penalty.

Relying on player integrity: A player's "reasonable judgment" when estimating or measuring a spot, point, line, area or distance will be upheld, even if video evidence later shows it to be wrong; and elimination of announcement procedures when lifting a ball to identify it or to see if it is damaged.

Pace-of-play support: Reduced time for searching for a lost ball (from five minutes to three); affirmative encouragement of "ready golf" in stroke play; recommending that players take no more than 40 seconds to play a stroke and other changes intended to help with pace of play.

Simplified way of taking relief: A new procedure for taking relief by dropping a ball in and playing it from a specific relief area; relaxed procedures for dropping a ball, allowing the ball to be dropped from just above the ground or any growing thing or other object on the ground.

## Competition Rules 2017/18

A new rule has been introduced for the 2017/18 competitive season. Members entering our major competitions must have played in three standard stroke-play or stableford competitions (monthly qualifiers) to be eligible to compete for the prizes. The club championship also counts toward your three qualifying scores.

The three qualifying competitions must have been played in the 12 months preceding the day of competition. Non Returns do not count as a qualifying score.

*Example:*

*The Spring Foursomes is the first mens major competition this season, due to be played on the 26th March 2017. Competitors must have played three qualifiers since 26th March 2016.*



## Referral Scheme:



**Introduce New Members to The Millbrook and you could be playing your golf for FREE!!**

**The Millbrook has launched an Exciting New Member Referral Programme**

If you introduce a guest to The Millbrook as a new 7-Day Member, your golf could be half price. Introduce two and your golf could be free. Introduce 4 and you could have 2 years free golf! There is no limit!! Better still: If the guests renew their Membership for a second year, we'll give you a further 25% of that Membership Subscription off your future subscription

