

Dear member

**What's happening this week?**

**Tuesday 15th September:** Seniors from 08:00 to 08:40

**Wednesday 16th September:** Ladies from 09:00 to 09:20

**Wednesday 16th September:** Intelligence COR from 13:02 to 14:00

**Friday 18th September:** Seniors from 08:00 to 08:40

**Friday 18th September:** Fox Golf Society x 20 from 10:30 to 11:00

**Saturday 19th September:** The Steele Trophy - Major -Blue Tees from 07:00 to 10:30

**Saturday 19th September:** Wootton Golf Society x 20 from 12:30 to 13:00

**Sunday 20th September:** Mens Club Match v's Chiltern Forest from 13:00 to 14:00

## **Points of interest:**

Question from member:

"When playing one of the double greens what happens if the flag stick/cup of the wrong hole is on my line of putt? and what do I do if my ball finishes in the cup of the wrong hole?"

*When playing the double greens, and finding yourself faced with the situation above, the hole and flag stick can be treated as immovable obstructions and free relief can be taken according to rule 24-2b: A player may lift his ball and place it, without penalty, at the nearest point of relief, not in a hazard. The nearest point of relief may be off the putting green.*

## **What's been happening:**

The club championships were held last weekend. Our green staff produced a perfect golf course for the 56 male competitors on Saturday and 13 ladies on Sunday. Whilst the green keepers have been showered with praise since last weekend, I would like to add my congratulations to them on behalf of all those that didn't play in club championships but have remarked on the improvements and general all round playing condition this year. Well done guys.

With quick but soft greens the course was there for the taking, but as we often see on club championship day, the favourites were feeling the expectation and therefore the nerves!!

One man who always keeps a low profile but possesses a golf game to match the course condition, somehow managed to navigate 'the links' in 70 shots.... a new course record and a 7 shot lead at lunchtime....

Last years champion Paul Kitching and new member Adam Wraight were in the chasing pack but a second round 75 for Jack Leek to add to his course record of 70 meant a fairly comfortable victory. Well played Jack, much deserved.

The nett trophy produced the days drama..... A fine nett 73 in the morning from in-form Mark Abbott looked to have sealed the deal before lunch, however last years champion, Mark Denman had other ideas posting a fine nett 70 in the afternoon to finish level par 148 for the championship! Would it be good enough???

Mark Abbott, who plays off 8, has had a great year in all club competitions and continued his consistent form with a nett 74 in the afternoon, finishing on 147 for the championship, winning by one.....Well played....

The ladies championship, played on the Sunday, had a record number of entries and was enjoyed by all. Played over 18 holes in perfect (slightly cold) conditions, Steff Duffy continued her domination of the Ladies Section winning her fourth consecutive championship, well played Steff..

The nett trophy however has a new name on it, new member Sue Swain taking the title with a super nett 76. Well played Sue and congratulations to the ladies section for growth of the championship.

-Can I remind this years MAJOR winners that you automatically receive a ticket to the end of summer ball where we will present you with your trophy and a keepsake.  
Saturday 3rd October.

**- Tickets are on sale for the End Of Summer Ball, £45 per ticket, Fizz on arrival, 3 course meal, live entertainment and trophy presentation. Tickets are selling fast, it's a great night out, please see Rob or Emma to purchase yours.....**

- The new catering team have started as they mean to go on.... Opening early for breakfast and closing later in the evening for those golfers that wish to eat following play. At the moment we are offering a reduced menu, consisting of all the breakfast items and sandwich fillings you would expect and a specials board that changes most days, offering lovely home cooked food sourced from local producers. A new menu will be phased in over the next two weeks.

More next week

Swing with a smile!

Rob.