



Dear Member

## What's happening this week?

**Tuesday 17th May** - Seniors from 08:00 to 08:45

**Wednesday 18th May** - Ladies from 09:00 to 09:15

**Wednesday 18th May** - 9 Hole Medal-Week 5-Front 9 from 16:30

**Wednesday 18th May** - Kitchen Open until 9pm

**Thursday 19th May** - Bedfordshire Past Captains Golf Day from 13:00

**Friday 20th May** - Seniors from 08:00 to 08:45

**Friday 20th May** - NARPO GS x 20 from 10:30 to 11:15

**Friday 20th May** - RJ Roofing Golf Day x 20 from 11:15 to 12:00

**Saturday 21st May** - Lady Captains Golf Day from 10:00

**Sunday 22nd May** - Scratch B Team v's The Bedfordshire from 08:30 to 09:00

**Sunday 22nd May** - Over 21 Handicap from 09:40 to 10:20

**Sunday 22nd May** - Newport Pagnell GS x 30 from 11:50 to 12:45

## Points of Interest:

- In order to cater for those playing in the 9 hole medal, the kitchen is open on Wednesday evenings from 6 until 9. Three special dishes are served each week, and all golfers, guests, family members and non members are welcome to take advantage of the delicious offerings.

- Thursday Night Kitchen, has been re-named '9 & Dine' As you can imagine it took a marketing genius to come up this and thanks must be paid to Andy Gill for his vision in this area! As it happens many members are playing 9 holes and then choosing to eat here at the club, which is great. The food served on a Thursday is perhaps more restaurant style fare than golf club grub....Feedback so far has been very positive. Why not give it a try? Booking is advised, last orders at 9pm.

- Lady Captains Day is open to all. Not just the ladies!!! This Saturday from 10am  
The format is four-ball better-ball stableford and you can play with a partner of  
your choice, male or female. Because the ladies were able to play in the club  
captains day last year, Sandra thought it appropriate that lady captains day should  
also be open to all members. We are a little low on numbers at present and it would  
be lovely to support the lady captain with a good field of players.  
Please phone the shop to enter....01525 402269

## **What's been happening?**

- Our mid-handicap team beat a strong Aspley Guise side on Saturday. It was nice  
to see some new faces in the side. Anyone interested in playing mid-handicap team  
golf should put their name on the list located on the board downstairs.

- Last weeks major, The Millbrook Shield, was won by Peter McCready & John  
Owen with an impressive 42 points. Well played guys. Don't forget you win a  
ticket to the Summer Ball as part of your prize for winning a major!

- Nine ladies competed for the Heather Ivory Trophy on Saturday morning, the  
winner, decided on count back was Donna Steele beating Julie Davies with a better  
back 9. Well played all.... Donna also receives a ticket to the ball in September.

- The course managed to beat all but 5 players in yesterdays stroke play  
competition. Division 1 being won by Joe Duncan with nett 72, Mark Denman 2nd  
with nett 73 and Colin Mead 3rd with nett 75.

For those of you that are not aware, the winner of division 2 this week probably  
won't be in division 2 for long! He's a young man on the the way down ( handicap  
wise ) having already been cut 4 shots since March he's about to lose a few  
more.....

Division 2: Winner Josh Mead with a nett 66, 2nd with nett 72, Derek Tilley and  
3rd Pete McCready with a nett 73. Pete, it should be noted, is also on a hot  
streak.....

- It should be noted that the course for all play not just competition, has been in  
superb condition, thanks to Duncan, Chris, John and Rob M. Never have I received  
so many compliments via email and letter regarding course conditions, well done  
team!!

- The rough as per every year has started to grow rapidly, all mowers (and green keepers) in our fleet are working overtime to keep the playing surfaces in great condition and we will endeavour to cut all areas of the course every week. We appreciate that long grass not only adds to the difficulty of the course but affects the speed of play.

We are not trying to make the course more difficult by growing rough in certain areas, the longer fescue grasses have been used to create definition between holes. For example, standing on the 2nd tee five years ago used to resemble standing in the middle of a giant field, there was nothing to distinguish between holes 2, 3 and 15.

The longer fescue grass areas have once again been treated, meaning you will be able to find your ball should you stray into these areas.

- A suggestion has been placed in the book regarding the inflated price of Sandwiches, apparently this has also been mentioned to the bar staff. The price of a sandwich is £4.20 and has been since last September. The price of a bap is £3.60 which has also been set since September 2015. Members receive 10% discount on this price when using their members bar card during the transaction. This means a sandwich costs £3.78 and a bap £3.24. If you factor in the sandwich filling, the bread, any condiments used, the person to make said fresh sandwich and then the washing up. I feel that the above prices reflect the quality of service you receive. In addition, we are trying to run a successful catering business for the benefit of our membership and visitors to the club.

Having done a little research into the cost of like for like items at our reciprocal clubs, our prices are similar if not identical.

We do however accept that a take away sandwich should be priced differently to one that is eaten in the clubhouse and will adjust our take away pre-made prices.

- A special mention should go to Jack Leek, arguably Bedfordshires best golfer!! Who has just completed four rounds at The South East of England Championships. This historic championship is played over the famous links courses, Royal St Georges and Royal Cinq Ports, two very difficult tests of golf. Jack started with a steady 76 at St Georges and was hovering on the cut line, however a very impressive 68 at Cinq Ports meant Jack qualified for the weekend in 10th place. Jacks weekend was equally impressive, and two more solid rounds of golf at St Georges meant Jack finished inside the top 25, earning some more, well deserved world ranking points....Well done Jack...

- Winter rules are no longer in operation. The ball should be played as it lies. That said, pick and place can be utilised between the 150 marker and the 100 marker, on the first hole, when your ball lies on the fairway.

More news next week, Rob.