

THE MILLBROOK GOLF CLUB



Millbrook Matters

Dear Member

What's coming up this week?

Tuesday 21st July - Seniors from 08:00 to 08:40

Wednesday 22nd July - Ladies from 09:00 to 09:15

Wednesday 22nd July - 9 hole medal - back 9 - from 16:45.

Friday 24th July - Seniors from 08:00 to 08:40

Saturday 25th July - July Saturday stableford from 07:30 to 10:30

Sunday 26th July - July over 21 handicap - stableford - from 09:30 to 10:30

Sunday 26th July - Mail on Sunday match from 13:00 to 13:45

PLEASE NOTE:

9 HOLE MEDAL: PLAYERS ARE REMINDED THAT THE STARTING TIME IS OFFICIALLY 16:45. PLAY CAN COMMENCE FROM 16:30 BUT PERMISSION MUST BE SOUGHT FROM THE PROFESSIONAL SHOP.

PLAYERS STARING BEFORE 16:30 WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

What's been happening at the club?

Course:

-General summer time maintenance continues to fill the working week for our green-keepers. All areas of the course have to be cut at least twice per week, whilst the greens are cut daily. The greens are ironed on a Friday morning in preparation for the weekend.

-We developed fusarium disease on the greens last weekend, largely due to weather conditions, wet and warm. Following an application of fungicide we are confident the disease has been treated sufficiently.

-Could we remind members that practice is not permitted on the course.

Club:

- The new coffee machine sited opposite the professional shop is available for use. Take-away cups are dispensed automatically, if you require a china mug, place mug on blue circle before selecting drink.

A better quality coffee will be available and served at the bar. Priced at £1.95 before members discount.

- The texas scramble social event on Friday requires support, please see the notice board or contact us for more information.

- Congratulations to the Mail on Sunday Team for reaching the 8th round, good luck next weekend.....

- There are still some un-claimed raffle prizes from charity day. Please collect by Friday or items will be raffled again at the social night.

- The ladies club championship is scheduled to be played (as per previous years) alongside the mens Championship on Saturday 5th September.

Ideally the ladies championship would be played on a separate day, affording the event much warranted exclusivity. This is however subject to entries! So please ladies, enter the championships.

The draw will be seeded, so you will play with golfers of a similar handicap. Sign-in sheet is on the board.

- The new web-site is nearing completion, we are hoping for an early August go-live. Thanks again to David McKears for all his help.

- Congratulations to Barrie Buckley who won the senior open at Brampton Park with 41 points... It's also nice to see the seniors captain back on the course following his recent back problems.

- Congratulations to Duncan Steele who won the nett trophy in The Ashridge Mid Amateur.

- I've been trying to knock the rust off my clubs this year by playing a few tournaments, which as usual has been a roller coaster of emotions! However..... armed with a partner, Nathan Day, we somehow managed this last week: See next page:

SUMMER CLASSIC WINNERS



PGA England (East) Region

Rob Brightman (The Millbrook) made a birdie on the final hole to apply the finishing touch to his and partner Nathan Day's victory in the Marston's Beer Company PGA Summer Classic.

The duo were in superb form over the two days at Royal Cromer and Sheringham as they racked up no less than 84 Stableford points.

That tally was three better than the runners-up, Christopher Edwards (East Herts) and his father Gavin, who were the leaders after the first day.

The Edwards pairing notched 45 points under the greensomes format at the inspiring Royal Cromer course to lead by one from Brightman and four-handicapper Day.

But it was a slightly different story on the second day under better ball rules. Brightman and 18-year-old Day both holed long-range putts that helped them master blustery conditions at the majestic cliff-top experience that is Sheringham.

They added 40 points to their opening 44 giving the pair a victory remember.

Brightman, now the general manager at The Millbrook, was quick to praise his teenage partner, who has just completed his A-levels ahead of turning professional and starting the PGA's degree course

He said: "I am the steady one and Nathan is the birdie machine! He was a very able partner.

"We played very solid golf for the two days. We only received two shots on the first day and shot six-under gross, which included a double bogey. I think we had nine birdies

"We just played some nice golf and it was much the same on the second day. We putted beautifully, which was testament to the quality of the golf courses.

"We had plenty of chances, including some outside chances that we managed to convert.

"I've been playing these for 12 years, I think, and I've come close a few times but this is the first I've won. I was very pleased to birdie the last and seal it."

Sorry for the self indulgence!

Have a great week

Rob.