



Dear member

## **What's happening this week?**

**Tuesday 24th May**- Seniors from 08:00 to 08:30

**Tuesday 24th May**- Seniors Match from 08:30 to 09:15

**Wednesday 25th May** - Ladies from 09:00 to 09:15

**Wednesday 25th May** - 9 hole medal week from 16:30 (food available following play)

**Thursday 26th May** - Mid Week Strokeplay from 09:00 to 09:30

**Thursday 26th May** - BMSA GS x 28 from 10:30 to 11:30

**Thursday 26th May** - 9 & DINE from 18:00 to 21:00

**Friday 27th May** - Seniors from 08:00 to 08:45

**Friday 27th May** - Raunds Windmill GS x 16 from 10:00 to 10:30 & 13:30 to 14:00

**Friday 27th May** - Private function in the bar and restaurant 18:00 to 00:00

**Saturday 28th May** - May Strokeplay from 07:30 to 10:30

**Sunday 29th May**- Mid-Handicap v's Tilsworth from 10:00 to 10:44

**Sunday 29th May** - Gary Thompson Charity Day x 40 from 12:00 to 13:15

**Monday 30th May** - Bank Holiday Monday.

Can we kindly ask members playing on Friday afternoon/evening to consume drinks in the upstairs room from 18:00 onwards. Thank you in advance.

Remember to book a table for Thursday night should you wish to dine with us....

## What's been happening?

- An omission from the last newsletter to start with.... My apologies to Mick and Steff Duffy.

Mick and Steff won the 2015/16 winter league after beating David Edwards & James Jones in a closely fought final. Steff becomes the first female winner of the winter league. Well done and well played, the winners of the winter league complete at least 10 rounds of golf if not more, consistency is therefore key!

The winter league continues to be the most supported event in our calendar, and will soon be upon us again ( sorry for wishing the summer away ) for those of you that don't know or those that have recently joined, you must have played in three club qualifying competitions throughout the 2016 season ( previous 12 months of the first round to be precise ) in order to qualify for the knockout stages of the winter league. Therefore, if you want to compete this winter? make sure you play a few comps this summer...

- Barrie Buckley & Bob Howell have once again entered numerous open competitions in surrounding counties this year. They normally fare quite well and this year seems no exception, Bob and Barrie finished in 3rd place at Oundle golf club, well played guys...

- Lady Captains Day attracted just short of 50 players, thanks to those that supported Sandra's big day! results as follows:

Mixed pairs first prize won by Karen and Gary Beattie with 41 points.

Second prize went to Donna Steele and Patrick Elkins with 38 points on count back.

Prizes are in the office - the ladies prizes have the score card holders and not the stripe socks.

The men's pair first prize was won by Aiden and Mark Abbott with a whopping 51 points. Second prize went to Pat Pengelly and Mark Giffiths.

Nearest the pin for the men was won by Martin Paine and the straightest drive was won by Bill Barnes.

Thanks to Sandra for allowing all club members to compete in her day, a lesson for the committee at Muirfield!!!



- On a sour note please see the picture below:



Eight identical divots in the centre of the 12th fairway about 100 yards from the green. Not only had the selfish golfer taken 8 divots, he/she had failed to replace said divots, leaving 8 holes in the ground!

This is unacceptable, practice is not allowed on the course. Any member / guest / visitor found destroying the course in this manner will not play golf at Millbrook again.

- The rough is currently being left to grow in certain areas as communicated last week, an application of rescue ( selective grass control substance ) has been applied in these areas which kills the broad leaf grasses but allows the long wispy fescue grasses to flourish, meaning greater definition. The course is not and will not be set up for 'the better golfer' it is a course for all. We have yellow and white tees available to all golfers at all times offering a different challenge according to personal preference.

- We hosted a Past Captains Match last week, Bedfordshire V's Suffolk. The aficionado from Bedfordshire and Suffolk county were full of praise for our course commenting that word had spread following recent county fixtures that Millbrook is the place to play in Bedfordshire. Most comments were directed at us having the best greens and fairways for miles around, which is testament to the hard work of our green staff. Following the match Emma and Ben had planned a beautiful meal for the teams and again comment was passed regarding the quality of the food and service. Well done team....

- Both our A and B scratch teams were in action at the weekend. The A team have some soul searching to do following a heavy 4-1 defeat to The Bedford. Paul Kitching with our only point. The B team were in fine form however, beating The Bedfordshire at Millbrook 3.5 - 1.5, well played guys. Pete Mott, Kieran Ashman, Nick Snelling, Iain Graham and Frasier Jamieson bringing home the points.

- The over 21 handicap stableford played yesterday was won.....wait for it.....

by: Aiden Abbott with 38 points.... Aiden won't be playing in the over 21 handicap stableford many more times, he's on the way down and will shortly be playing off single figures. Rumour has it that he scored 45 points on Saturday!! ( is that the sound of blade sharpening I can hear? )

More news next week

Rob