

# THE MILLBROOK GOLF CLUB



Millbrook Matters

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Dear member

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

**Tuesday 26th January** - Seniors from 08:30 to 09:10

**Wednesday 27th January** - Ladies from 09:00 to 09:15

**Thursday 28th January** - Late night Kitchen - last orders at 20:00

**Friday 29th January** - Seniors from 08:30 to 09:10

**Sunday 31st January** - 1st Round Knock-Out - Winter League - Times from 08:00 to 10:15

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

- Although the course was closed on Monday, the green staff were hard at work adding the new liners to bunkers on holes 8, 11 and 13 as planned. Both the contractors and our green staff worked with efficiency throughout the week, allowing time for the bunkers on hole 9 to also be lined. Meaning we will have a further 9 bunkers up to standard for the coming season.

- Late night kitchen is back on Thursday nights! Please book with Emma for this Thursday....

- The survey has produced some interesting responses!! There is still time to have your say.... If you complete the questionnaire before the end of January, you could win a £15 voucher to spend in the bar!

The actual end date for the survey is the 14th February. After this date, we will collate the answers and publish the results. (anonymously)

Link to the

survey: <https://www.getfeedback.com/r/EJ9flxFa>

You can also take the survey whilst at the club by using the clubs Ipad, ask Emma, Bob or Nathan and they will assist you.

- A popular comment within the survey so far has been on the subject of slow play....In my opinion this is a golfing epidemic and we do little to help ourselves apart from moan about others. Having played in the Winter League this season, I have witnessed first hand the general disregard for the etiquette of the game and the rules of our club.

A four ball should take no more than 4 hours to complete 18 holes, especially when playing social golf. I will list below a selection of the time consuming habits I witnessed during Winter League:

1. Not calling up, on call up holes. ( holes 1 and 4 )
2. Leaving your bag the opposite side of the green to the next tee. Sometimes this is unavoidable, but not on every hole!
3. Marking your card on the green, or next to your bag that is on the wrong side of said green!!
4. Knowing your hitting distance! If you are the shorter hitter in the group offer to play when longer hitters can't.

5. Play ready golf... Don't walk 100 yards to search for a ball then walk 100 yards back before playing your ball, play your shot then search.

6. PLAY QUICKER! try halving the amount of practice swings or try and reduce the time spent on your decision making. Make your decisions whilst others are playing and be ready to play when it's your turn.

7. Call faster groups through! If you lose ground on the group in front call the group behind through.

Slow play is now sited as a reason for members leaving the club! We can't allow this to happen.

Since it is Andrew and I that take all the flack, from today onwards we will randomly time groups around the course.

On completion of your round you will be given your time. Repeat offenders/groups will be named and shamed on the notice board.

If your group is randomly selected and plays 18 holes in under 4 hours, the club will buy each member of the group a 1/2 pint of lager or soft drink.

- The quiz, held on Friday night, attracted over 50 quizzers.... Another successful social event for the club and a fantastic night had by all. Thank you to Monica Miles-Stanley for her excellent administration and quiz master efforts on the night and Marion Tucker for her help with the score board..... Thanks to Emma for arranging the evening and our caterers for the food provided. Team Stanley took home first prize, which if memory serves me correctly isn't their first quiz victory!!! Watch out university challenge.....

- On the subject of social nights, we have a 60's night planned for the 20th February and a Bingo night for the 26th February. Please see Emma, Bob, Nathan or I to reserve your place....

- Sunday carverys are back and available every Sunday from 13:00 until 16:00.

- The new self service fridge near the bar hatch is a welcome addition to the halfway house / spike bar area. If you take something from this fridge please remember to pay for it..... We have been missing a few items every week, which is costly for the catering ladies.

More news next week

Happy golfing

Rob