

## What's happening this week?

Wednesday 1st March: Ladies from 10:00 to 10:30 Thursday 2nd March: Ladies from 09:44 to 10:00 Friday 3rd March: Seniors from 08:00 to 09:00 Sunday 5th March: March Sunday stableford from 07:30 to 10:30 Sunday 5th March: Roast Lunches served from 13:00 Monday 6th March: Mr Letley Group x 6 from 11:00 to 11:15 Tuesday 7th March: Seniors from 08:00 to 08:45

#### **Members Please Note:**

If you wish to play prior to any competition this year, you must start prior to 07:00. We leave a 30 minute gap prior to the start of all competitive play. Due to the increased number of players starting prior to tee times being available at weekends we have had to change our relaxed policy. From this weekend onwards we require you to register in advance with the professional shop, reserving your place on the tee. Failure to book with the shop might result in other groups being given priority or even a reduced number of holes for your group. If starting prior to 07:30 on weekends, members are reminded that green staff have priority.

# **Dates for the diary:**

#### **Sunday Lunch:**

Roast Dinner will be available Sunday, from 13:00. Roat Beef, stuffed rolled pork and lamb chops served with all the trimmings are available this week. Please book with a member of the team or email: events@themillbrook.com

### **Steak Night:**

I'm pleased to report that our February steak night was fully booked and well received by all that attended, Emma, Anna and I would like to thank you for your continued support.

I can say without hesitation that the cuts of meat being served are among the best you will find locally. Our Next steak night is Friday 31st March.... Book early to avoid disappointment! events@themillbrook.com / 01525 840252 or reply to this email.

### **Quiz Night**

Our next quiz night will be held on Friday 24th March. £7 per quizzer to include food. Maximum of six players per team. Teams should enter as soon as possible by contacting Emma, Bob, Nathan or I. events@themillbrook.com / 01525 840252 or reply to this email.

#### **Meat Raffle:**

Thank you for your continued support of the meat raffle.

- We have some meat in the freezer from two weeks ago that belongs to:
- Tony Dicker.

The winners that need to collect from cold storage asap from Sunday 26th Feb are:

- Steve Small
- Paul Leckie
- Ian Short

### **Subscription Renewals**

Thank you to all those members that have already re-newed for next season, it really does help us plan for next year...

Subscriptions are now past due for the 2017/18 season. If you can pay by Sunday this week we will continue to offer the re-joiner discount which equates to £46 for a full 7 day member.

You should have received your re-renewal request via post? If you haven't ?? please contact me. It might be that the address we have on file is incorrect.

Members that currently pay via direct debit are reminded that their payments will automatically renew for 2017/18 as per the invoiced amount and advice from premium credit.

Contact me urgently should you either wish to pay via direct debit or cancel your payments. email: manager@themillbrook.com or telephone 01525 840252 option 2 or 4.

#### VIP Pro-Am – DATE TO BE CONFIRMED

As per last year we are hosting a winter pro-am. Organised by VIP Golf. Members can enter in singles for this one pro / one am better ball format. The cost for Non-Members is £75.00 and for members £40.00. VIP provide the pros for you to partner. The entry fee includes a two course meal following play.

#### Keech Hospice Charity Golf Event - Friday 14th April

We have once again agreed to host the above event on Good Friday (14th April 2017) This is a really fun day out, played in teams of four, starting with a buffet style Full English Breakfast followed by 18 holes of golf, best 3 scores from 4 to count. In order to encourage members to participate, the much reduced entry fee of £17.00 will hopefully encourage your participation. Please see the notice board or tables in the bar for an entry form.

Alternatively, email: alberonpro@aol.com to register your entry.

#### Summer Ball 2017

The Summer Ball is booked for the Saturday 30th September, different entertainment this year which promises to get a few of you on your feet and dancing....



Dominic Kaye's It's a Swing Thing Hits of the Rat Pack & Swing era

# FOLLOWED BY CLASSIC PARTY SONGS

**Ticket price: £45** Includes champagne reception and 3 course dinner

The End of Summer Ball Saturday 30th September

## What's been happening?

#### **Captains Drive In**

- Congratulations to Paul and Helen Masters, our first husband and wife captaincy duo! May I take this opportunity to wish you a successful and enjoyable captaincy year. I'm confident you will be great ambassadors for our club.

My thanks and best wishes also go to Patrick Elkins-Daye and Fred Anstee who will lead our Junior section and Seniors section through the 2017/18 golfing year.

Results from the very sociable Texas Scramble Event were:

1st Paul Masters, John Howlett, Patrick Elkins Daye and Jay Shah 55.8 2nd Danny Lang, Mike Waterton, Mike Baron and Dave McKears 56.9 3rd Jack Hawksby, Aidan Abbott, Josh Mead and Mark Abbott 58.7

Sweepstake guess the drive distance winners Ben Abbott. Mark Tait Malcolm Freed

- Let us not forget the wonderful roles played by our captains of 2016/17.

Adam Smith our youngest ever captain, had a successful year despite changing personal circumstances which resulted in a move to Lincolnshire! Adam maintained a presence at the club and helped with both the golfing and social side of the club. He will also shortly be handing over a cheque for circa £5000 to his chosen charity Parkinsons. Thank you Adam.

Sandra Gallacher and Peter Hudson both led their sections through the season with relative ease! Sandra has been instrumental in arranging inter club matches for our ladies and subsequently our inclusion in the county shield, a real move forwards for the ladies.

Peter has advanced the thinking of our seniors section. Peter managed (somehow) to get the seniors section to play later in the winter, which has really helped our green staff. He has also encouraged the seniors section to be more inclusive as a group. Thank you both....

Like many of you I'm sure, our junior captain Aiden Abbott has made me smile this year. He plays golf (very well) with a smile on his face which is very very nice to see. Aiden has managed to grow the junior section this year, encouraging social games at weekends and most days in the school holidays. This has created a competitive but healthy golfing environment for many of our junior members. Well done Aiden.

#### **Seniors Section Update & Charity Donation:**

The Seniors Section's golfing year draws to a close with the Section's AGM on Tuesday 28th February.

Throughout the year a number of events have been held to raise funds to support the Seniors Section Captain's chosen Charities. These are the RNLI and the East Anglian Air Ambulance Service.

The final fund raiser was held on Tuesday 21st February with a Senior's Captain v Senior's Vice-Captain Team Challenge. The result was a very narrow victory for the Captain's team: 404 points to 397 points!

However the real winners were the RNLI and the East Anglian Air Ambulance Service with donations on the day taking the total raised above the £2000 mark which will be shared equally by the above charities.

A magnificent achievement and I extend my sincere appreciation to those who so generously donated throughout the year.

Peter V Hudson. Seniors Section Captain.

#### **Free Group Golf Lessons**

The club would like to offer all members the opportunity of some more free golf lessons from our professional Andrew...(due to the snow affected weekend/club closure)

Meet on the warm-up area (near the ball machine) from 12:00 this Saturday.

#### **Competition Rules 2017/18**

A new rule has been introduced for the 2017/18 competitive season. Members entering our major competitions must have played in three standard strokeplay or stableford competitions (monthly qualifiers) to be eligible to compete for the prizes.

The three qualifying competitions must have been played in the 12 months preceding the day of competition. Non Returns do not count as a qualifying score.

Example:

The Spring Foursomes is the first mens major competition this season, due to be played on the 26th March 2017. Competitors must have played three qualifiers since 26th March 2016.

#### **Referral Scheme:**



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