



What's happening this week?

Tuesday 28th June: Seniors from 08:00 to 08:45

Tuesday 28th June: Seniors Match V's Mount Pleasant from 08:30 to 09:00 1st & 10th

Wednesday 29th June: Ladies from 09:00 to 09:15

Wednesday 29th June: RAF Golf Day? x 40 from 12:30

Wednesday 29th June: 9 Hole Medal front 9 from 16:30

Thursday 30th June: Mid Week Stableford from 09:00

Thursday 30th June: Hargrave Golf Society x 32 from 10:30 to 11:30

Thursday 30th June: 9 & Dine from 18:00 to 21:00

Friday 1st July: Seniors from 08:00 to 08:45

Saturday 2nd July: Foursomes Pairs Competition from 08:00 to 10:00

Sunday 3rd July: Bedfordshire County V's Essex 08:30 to 09:00 & 13:30 to 14:30

Food will be available following play Wednesday night and be sure not to miss 9&Dine on Thursday from 18:00 to 21:00.....

Date for the diary:

Saturday 9th July: CAPTAINS CHARITY DAY.

Charity day is fast approaching, the entry list is outside the professionals shop and filling up fast.....Please come and support our Captains charity.

In order to maximise bids during the auction, we will accept blind bids for any item. These bids will become the starting price for each lot. You can also provide a maximum bid should your initial bid be out done...

Email me or Adam to place you bids....

So far our auction items and raffle prizes are:

THIS HAS BEEN ADDED TO SINCE LAST WEEK!!!

Raffle:

- Wheel-barrow of Booze
- Childrens Toys
- Bottles of wine (numerous)
- 1 Cornish Seafood Hamper
- 1 hours golf Lesson with Andrew Coleman
- 1 whole 5KG salmon
- Golf Equipment
- 1 box of smoked salmon
- 1 x £50 voucher for John Lewis
- 30 minute massage @ woburn osteopaths

Auction:

- 4 ball at Aspley Guise
- 4 Ball at Trevoise with one nights accommodation
- 4 ball at Silverstone GC
- 4 Ball at Links Newmarket
- 4 Ball at Trump – Aberdeen
- Kids Range Rover Evoque
- 1 Cornish Seafood Hamper
- 1 Weeks Accommodation in Teague's Spanish Villa
- 2 X West End Theatre Tickets
- Free stage school for kids in the St Albans area for a term
- 1 whole 5KG salmon
- 4 Ball at Bed's and County

- 4 Ball at The Surbiton Golf Club – Chessington
- 4 Ball at Chalgrave Manor Golf club –
- 2 x Two Ball at Axe Cliff Golf Course – Devon
- 4 Ball at Askernith Golf Course – Scotland (Old Tom Morris Course)
- 4 Ball at Kingsfield Golf Centre – West Lothian
- 4 Ball at The Rolls Golf Club - <http://www.therollsgolfclub.co.uk/> - this is amazing!
- 4 Ball at Three Locks
- 4 Ball at The Welshpool Golf Club – Wales
- 4 Ball at Camarthen Golf Club
- 4 Ball at Haddington Golf Course
- 4 Ball at Malden Golf Club – Surrey
- 4 Ball at The Belfry
- 2 x pairs of Arsenal tickets (two separate matches)
- 4 Ball at Malden Golf Club – Surrey
- 4 Ball at Great Yarmouth and Caistor Golf Club
- 4 Ball at Caldeoctt Hall – Great Yarmouth
- 4 Ball at Crosland Heath – Huddersfield
- 4 Ball at Tredega Park – South Wales Newport
- 4 Ball at Pontardawe Golf Club
- 4 Ball at Peel Golf Club – Isle of Man!
- 4 Ball at Wern Du Golf Club

New Members Day!

The new members day was well attended, from feedback received we can safely assume it was a worthwhile experience for all those that attended. The next new members day is Sunday 31st July, email invitations will be sent shortly. If you consider yourself an established member, you are still more than welcome to attend one of these events? It's a great way to meet like minded golfers and get a free beer courtesy of the club!!

What's been happening?

- The Saturday Stableford, played in decent conditions, all things considered! was won by Adam Smith, division 1 and Andy Gill in division 2. Both scoring in the 40's and both receiving a nice handicap cut for good measure!! Well played both...

- Andrew our professional and John Howlett played in the regional lombard trophy qualifier at Ashridge GC yesterday, John earned his place in the starting line up thanks to his recent win in the June strokeplay qualifier....

Despite early birdies on holes 1 & 2 from Andrew and some solid play from John a 3 under par better-ball total just doesn't make the grade in these events...You both require the rounds of your life or somewhere near!! 13 under par qualified for the grand final....I'm assured John had a great day out and will be looking to qualify again next year!!

THE ROUGH!!

- It doesn't matter where you play at the moment, the talk of the clubhouse is the rough! We are currently on the receiving end of some perfect growing weather, meaning the grass continues to shoot out of the ground like it's May...

The green keepers and I are very proud of the golf course and its current condition, the excellent playing surfaces you are no doubt becoming accustomed to are a culmination of three years planning and hard work.

The rough being part of that planning. We are not simply letting it grow! We have defined areas during winter and treated said areas, as previously communicated, trying to ensure that the wispy type grasses (fescue) is all that grows. It hasn't quite worked as planned in all areas, but as with all new techniques, it's trial and error sometimes...

I do listen to your concerns and act when appropriate, we will therefore cut some of the problem areas on the course this week in order to ease the strain on your game...!!!

I would like to reassure you that we are not trying to make the course harder, we are trying to make the course better, whilst maintaining its unique character, being an inland / heathland style links course, hence the pot bunkers, sandy free draining soil, wispy rough and double greens.

- You will continue to see the logo below, let it be a reminder that slow play will not be tolerated and will be monitored during the competitions this month..

We have been asked repeatedly if this applies in competition??? As long as all competitors within the group are in agreement and the laws of the game are respected, then yes, it applies in competition play also...



Play Ready Golf

Who is responsible for being **ready to play** the next shot in your round?

The Millbrook is your club. Everyone is responsible for their speed of play and can take steps to ensure its not you hogging the middle lane of the motorway.

Tell your playing partners on the first tee:

Let's Play Ready Golf???

On the Tee box:

Forgo the honor and play when ready.

Mark your previous holes score after your T shot.

Play a provisional ball if unsure.

Let faster groups through.

Tee to Green:

Forgo the honor and play when ready.

Plan your shot and select a club as you approach your ball.

Play your shot before helping others find their lost ball when practicable.

Know your game, if you can't reach the group in front and it feels safe...play

As you reach the green think ahead and leave your clubs near the exit.

Let faster groups through.

On the green

Have your ball marker and pitch mark repairer ready as you walk onto the green.

Call up if you see a group waiting behind on holes 1, 4 & 11.

Read your putt whilst waiting your turn.

If you can't score, in stableford , pick up.

Reflect on the hole as you walk to the next tee or after you have left the course.

Let faster groups through.

Enjoy your game and BE READY!

The biggest topic is the need for speedier play...see what you can do to speed up your game.

More news next week.

Rob