



What's happening this week?

Monday 1st May: Past Captains Day from 10:30

Tuesday 2nd May: Seniors Summer Egg Rnd 2 from 08:00 to 08:45

Wednesday 3rd May: Ladies from 09:00 to 09:20

Wednesday 3rd May: 9 Hole medal - week 3 - Front 9 from 16:30.

Thursday 4th May: Chicksands GS x 12 from 08:00 to 08:30

Friday 5th May: Seniors from 08:00 to 08:45

Friday 5th May: OU GS x 16 (27 holes) from 09:16 to 09:45 & 12:30 to 13:00

Friday 5th May: Lings GS x 12 from 10:30 to 11:00

Saturday 6th May: Ladies Stableford from 10:00 to 10:15

Saturday 6th May: Mid-Handicap team from 11:30 to 12:15

Sunday 7th May: Millbrook Shield from 07:30 to 10:30

& Next week?

Tuesday 9th May: Seniors - Dave Thorne Trophy from 08:00 to 08:45

Wednesday 10th May: Ladies Alternate Day Stableford from 09:00 to 09:15

Wednesday 10th May: 9 Hole Medal - week 4 - Back 9 from 16:30

Friday 12th May: Seniors from 08:00 to 08:45

Saturday 13th May: Ladies - Heather Ivory Trophy from 08:30 to 09:00

Saturday 13th May: Mens Team V's Bedfordshire from 12:00 to 12:44

Sunday 14th May: May Stableford from 07:30 to 10:30

Sunday 14th May: Ladies Australian Spoons from 10:30 to 11:00

Sunday 14th May: Scratch Team A V's B from 11:00 to 12:00

REMINDER:

Every morning, our green staff endeavour to get ahead of golfers in order to prepare the course (greens especially) for ALL golfers. If you play early, please allow them time to prepare the course.

Summer Knockout Championships

ENTRIES CLOSE TODAY, MONDAY 1st MAY!!!!

ENTER NOW!!

The summer knockout competitions have been posted on the shop notice board.

Please follow the instructions for entry:

1. Enter your name on the knockout competition sheet
2. On an envelope (provided) write your name, mobile number, email address the competition you wish to enter and the amount of money inside the envelope.
3. Give this envelope to the professional shop or place in the box opposite the shop.

Please familiarise yourself with the rules of entry, posted alongside the entry sheets.

Dates for the diary:

Lady Captains Day

The lady captain would like to invite all members to play in her Captains Day on Saturday 20th May. This will be a pairs betterball competition with a shotgun start at 08:30.

Steak Night:

Steak night is back again on Friday 26th May....

Please contact us to reserve your table...

events@themillbrook.com / 01525 840252 or reply to this email.

Charity Day 2017:



The Millbrook
01525 840252
manager@themillbrook.com

Captain's Charity Day
Saturday 8th July 2017

Better ball Pairs Competition
Members: £30 (9/10 handicap)
Visitors: £40 (full handicap)

Includes:
BBQ all day
1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes and best 4 ball prize
Spot prizes
Evening entertainment: Shambles Big Band
Buffet
Raffle and Auction

CHUMS
Mental Health and
Confidence Coaching
Services for Children
and Young People

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....



The Millbrook
Members Golf Club

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?

Competition Results:

Saturday qualifier:

22/04/2017 CSS: 72 Par: 74

Division 1 Result

1st Master Aidan Abbott 41c

2nd Mr Andy McLennan 39c

3rd Mr A Avern-Love 38c

Division 2 Result

1st Mr Graham Harrison 46c

2nd Mr Phil Stephenson 41c

3rd MR Colin Jordan 41c

Ladies Saturday/Wednesday Medal

22/ 04/2017 CSS: 72 Par: 73

1st Mrs Julie Davies 40

2nd Miss Linda Humphries 36cb

3rd Mrs Francesca Tate 36

MID WEEK MEDAL

27/04/2017 CSS: 72 Par: 74

1st Mr Rob Impey 84-15c=69

2nd Mr A Avern-Love 79-9c=70

3rd Mr Andy McLennan 80-9c=71

Mens Inter-Club Trophy Round 2

The Men's team were in action again for the 2nd round of the Inter Club Trophy at Overstone Park Golf Club in Northampton, the weather stayed dry, the course was nicely presented but unfortunately the greens had been Verti drained and proved to be very uneven and difficult to play.

Every 4 ball was tightly contested with very few points separating 1st from 4th position, Whittlebury Park arrived with a very strong team and came in 1st, The Millbrook team came in a very credible 2nd. Congratulations to Jamie Jakins for shooting a superb 40 points on a course he hadn't played before to take the overall best score and winning best player, Phil Stephenson had a very good game too shooting 39 points to win his group and get top prize for the Millbrook section with 2nd place going to Vice Captain John Howlett.

Well done to all the team, we are in a strong 1st position after 2 rounds and I look forward to the next round at Whittlebury Park.

COUNTY FOURSOMES CHAMPIONSHIP

SUNDAY 30TH APRIL 2017, LEIGHTON BUZZARD

Congratulations to Jack Hawksby (Millbrook) and Paul Kenna (who won the County Foursomes in tricky conditions. The wind was blowing strongly across Leighton Buzzard GC and proved tricky to master for all 68 competitors. Consistently low scores were therefore tricky to achieve and Jack and Paul played very well to return 147 over two rounds, 3 ahead of their worth runners up, Luke Charnley and Ben Evans.

Mark Abbott and Andy Avern-Love also came home in the prizes, a very creditable 7th in the gross leaderboard but more importantly 2nd place in the nett trophy.

Another good County competition from a Millbrook perspective!



Ladies County Shield

The Ladies played their first Shield match away at Tilsworth on Thursday. They put up a great fight against the opposition but unfortunately lost 4 and a half, two and a half on this occasion. However, this was the first match of twelve so The Millbrook ladies are just warming up and just getting into their stride.

Thank you to all the ladies who represented us and let's look forward to 1st June 2017 when we will be playing Pavenham Park away.

Car Damage

One of our members (definitely) has driven into a fellow members car and then driven off. The damage has been repaired at a cost of £400. As you can imagine said member is far from happy about the situation which I have tried to appease by sharing the cost of repair. A cost neither the member or the club should have to pay. If you bumped this car, please come forwards and put the claim on your insurance.

Car Parking.

Could we ask all members to park sensibly in the car park, there is enough space for 100 cars if parked with consideration. The most economical use of space is to park at a slight angle (herringbone) to the perimeter and central lines. During really busy periods we are using the large practice ground as an overflow, access is gained near the putting/chipping green. Please do not block this access track.

New Buggies

Our new fleet of buggies should be on the course this week!

Can I please ask members and their guests to respect these buggies and report any bumps or scrapes to either me or the shop immediately, failure to do so will result in the hirer being invoiced for any damage caused.

We hope to purchase this new fleet of buggies at the end of their lease period and I have brokered a deal accordingly, hence my plea to keep them in good order for the next three years.

Course:

Pathway on hole No:1

- Could we ask all members to use the pathway to the left of the 1st hole. Golfers are still walking over the rope and pushing their trolleys straight up the hill. The reason we are trying to stop people walking up the hill is because trolley and foot traffic stops the grass from growing. We require the grass to grow in order for balls to stop when hit into the bank, rather than continually roll back down.

Pathway on hole No:2

- The green keepers have re-furbished the pathway that takes players from the 2nd green toward the 3rd tee. Can we please ask all golfers, including buggy users to take this route. Not only will it speed up play but it will really help improve the 2nd fairway, the rough to the left of the fairway/green and the approach to the 2nd hole.

1st Tee

- The new 1st tee for ladies is now back in play and the new mens tee is set to re-open next weekend for the Millbrook Shield. The green keepers should be congratulated on a job well done, the tee and putting green look fantastic. A really nice first impression for all golfers.

Pitch Marks

Please see the below image, taken following a weekends golf. The tees have been placed in pitch marks that have not been repaired. In excess of 90 marks!!!!

Please fix your own pitch mark and then a further one or two... It takes seconds and improves the green surface.



Membership

- The referral scheme continues to encourage our current members to market the club to friends and colleagues..Thank you to those members that have introduced multiple new members over the past six months.. Enjoy your discounted membership this year!!

We had a good renewal period, experiencing only minor losses across our different membership categories. We budget a 10% loss of membership each year, which is industry standard for all sports clubs.

We ended our membership year on the 28th February 2017 with 519 members. As I type we currently have 490 members, this being the most positive nett result from a renewal period for some time.

The course and clubhouse improvements have definitely assisted in ensuring a positive renewal period, new members continue to comment on ongoing works and constant improvements.

For me however, it's the consistent condition of the course that we have all become accustomed to, which has drastically improved the perception of our club to both current members and those looking to join a local club. Well done to Duncan, Chris, John and Rob M.

Whilst we are all here to play golf, the rest of the business has to compliment the course, which again for me it does! A massive thank you from me to all the staff at the club who continue to go above and beyond on a daily basis.

Referral Scheme:



Introduce New Members to The Millbrook and you could be playing your golf for FREE!!

The Millbrook has launched an Exciting New Member Referral Programme

If you introduce a guest to The Millbrook as a new 7-Day Member, your golf could be half price. Introduce two and your golf could be free. Introduce 4 and you could have 2 years free golf! There is no limit!! Better still: If the guests renew their Membership for a second year, we'll give you a further 25% of that Membership Subscription off your future subscription

