

THE MILLBROOK GOLF CLUB



Millbrook Matters

Dear member

Happy new year to you all.....

I hope you enjoyed the festive period, it has certainly been busy at the club, in fact we were fully booked from 08:00 on Monday 28th December to 10:30 on Thursday 31st, which has to be a record!

Whilst it has been wet, the course (up until today) has performed very well considering. It is also worth mentioning that there are very few courses open today...

Lets hope 2016 brings good health and happiness (including on the golf course) to us all.

What's happening this week?

Tuesday 5th January - Seniors from 08:30 to 09:00

Wednesday 6th January - Ladies from 09:00 to 09:15

Friday 7th January - Seniors from 08:30 to 09:00

- The THALI (curry) night scheduled on the 15th January is nearly full!!! We have 5 places left.... Please book with Emma, Bob or Nathan behind the bar or email me: manager@themillbrook.com

What's been happening?

- For the first time that I can remember? We hosted a wedding reception on New Years Eve, congratulations to the happy couple Alan Stupple and Charlotte Steele. As scripted the reception turned into a NYE party come midnight which ended what was a very enjoyable day for all involved. I would like to thank Duncan & Donna Steele for having faith in us to host the event, Emma our bar

manager who worked 19 hours straight and Nathan Day working 17 hours to ensure the event was a success. Our fabulous catering team, who provided, canapés on arrival, a three course wedding breakfast and evening buffet also require a round of applause. Needless to say, I'm very proud of the team here at the club.

- It seems an opportune moment to remind members that the clubhouse is available for you to hire and able to cater for functions of all sizes.

- Some patch work to the drive was carried out over the winter break, I hope you agree its dramatically improved the entrance road. The steep slope near the village hall and areas of the car park will be addressed shortly.

- One of our members asked me for a ruling: "when your ball comes to rest up against the newly planted rhododendrons on holes 4 and 10, what do you do? The answer is, play it....(our local rule only mentions relief from young trees) However, said member was quite right to point out that this would destroy the new plant. Therefore, should the rhododendrons mentioned interfere with a players ball stance or swing, free relief may be taken, dropping the ball at your nearest point of relief, not nearer the hole.

WINTER GOLF

- The course remains in very playable condition but is now saturated in the usual areas (around the ditch on holes 2,3,4 and 15) If possible we would like members to consider carrying their clubs rather than using a trolley.

The following points would also improve the playability of the course during January, February and March:

1. During social golf, do not play from a wrong tee box, drop to one side please.
2. During social golf, do not play from a wrong fringe, drop away or outside the white ropes.
3. During social golf, do not attend the flag, have it IN or OUT.
4. During social golf, award putts inside an average putter length, this avoids people trampling around the hole.
5. Do not take practice swings, or ensure you don't hit the ground when doing so.
6. Use the divot bags provided.
7. Keep trolleys on paths, where provided.

Perhaps the organisers of swindle groups could adopt the above and communicate to their regular members, it would really help....

More next week..

Regards

Rob.