



MMGC Monthly Newsletter

February 2018

GLORIOUS WEATHER FOR THE CAPTAINS' DRIVE-IN

One of the key events of the golf club's year took place on Sunday 28th January when our 2018 Captain & Lady Captain held their "Drive-In".

With a lovely sunny day and the best weather of the week in place, both Sandie and Glenn drove off the first tee at 12 noon. They both hit solid shots even though the recent weather cut out any run on the ball.

Lady Captain Sandie Normanton drove 133 yards whilst Club Captain Price achieved a terrific 194 yards. Over 120 members, friends and family supported and cheered them on, with good natured heckling from golfing friends!



Glenn lets fly

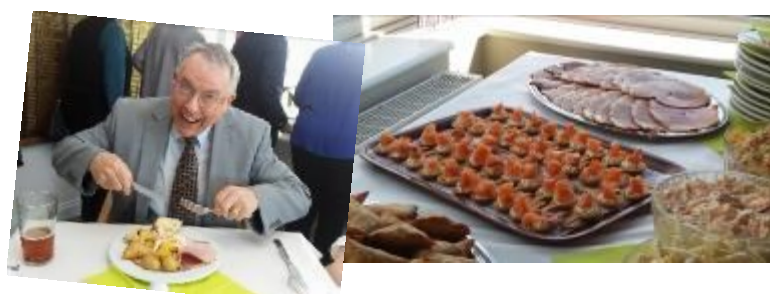


Sandie on the tee

Back in the clubhouse, outgoing Lady Captain, Bettyne Norton, was presented with her club photograph by Lady President for 2017, Chris Cook. Bettyne then presented Sandie, the incoming Lady Captain, with her photograph. Sandie introduced her Captain's charity, 'Dogs for Good' and we were lucky to enjoy the company of Rosie, the black Labrador, a current doggie helper. In fact, she showed off her household skills by removing the new Club Captain's socks!

Club President Terry Brown thanked outgoing Captain Ian Solloway for his hard work in 2017, presenting him with his photograph. Ian wished new Captain Glenn Price a fantastic 2018 and presented him with his photograph and blazer.

Formality over, a superb buffet lunch was served for all to enjoy - it was a fantastic day.



Two relieved captains - the crowd did not put them off!



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LADIES' SECTION

As we move into our new golfing year, very many congratulations must go to Bettyne, the retiring Lady Captain, for all her sterling work in 2017. She managed to raise over £3,300 for the RNLI, Head Trauma and club redecoration. However, she has not escaped the clutches of the club, as she is returning in her new role as Lady President for 2018.

During the Captains Drive-In and at the ladies' AGM, our new Lady Captain, **Sandie Normanton**, introduced her vice captain, **Nancy Denny**. Together, they look forward to building



Nancy and Sandie at the Drive-In

on all the good work that is in place across the club.

Sandie is hosting two away days this year. The first on May 1st is at Sleaford and the second is an exchange day at Peterborough on August 14th. Let's hope the weather is kind to us, although we always enjoy a fun day out whatever challenges await us.



Past Lady Captain, new Lady President, Bettyne, and new Lady Captain, Sandie.

SENIOR'S SECTION

2018 Seniors' Captain George Schmidt, Vice Captain Dick Chapman and the rest of the Seniors' committee are looking forward to hosting a full programme of events this year. The section is open to all members aged 55 or over and there are regular competitions / social golf on Tuesday mornings. Many of the competitions are qualifiers, helping to maintain an accurate handicap, but some are for major club trophies. Major events for 2018 include the Senior Captain's Day on the 17th July, our Away Day on August 7th at Rutland Water GC and a Christmas Competition. We also have a programme of regular friendly matches with other clubs, both home and away, with the first match on March 27th against Humberstone Heights.

The winner of our first major competition of the year, the winter putter, was **Martin Adams** with **Richard Haines** as runner up. Congratulations to them both. Richard also won the over 70s competition with **David Bentley** in the runners up spot.



Vice Captain, Dick & Senior's Captain, George

Details of all our events are posted on the Seniors' notice board in the men's locker room and are listed in the club fixtures calendar.





MEN'S SECTION

After the excellent Drive-In, Club President **Terry Brown** thanked the outgoing Captain **Ian Solloway** for his hard work in 2017, presenting him with his photograph. Ian had thoroughly enjoyed his year and had raised over £1000 for the Leicestershire Air Ambulance. During his speech, he wished **Glenn Price** a fantastic 2018.

New Club Captain, Glenn discussed his plans for the year and announced that he will be raising money for Different Strokes Charity, a very worthwhile cause. One in four strokes in the UK occur in people under 65 years of age and this charity also supports younger sufferers. Money will also be raised to help with course improvements.

His away day on June 1st will be at Coxmoor Golf Club, Sutton-in-Ashfield. His away weekend (featuring the Wyder Cup) is on the 7th, 8th and 9th September, playing three courses—two in Hertfordshire and one in Cambridge-shire.

Glenn also introduced his vice captain for the year, **Gerry Stephens** - a formidable team by all accounts and great news for the club as a whole.

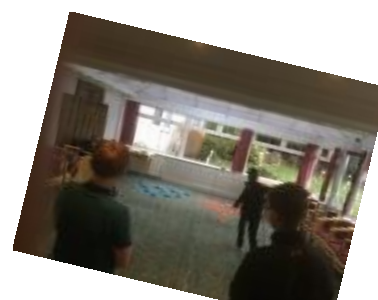


Gerry Stephens, vice captain and Glenn Price, new Club Captain

JUNIOR SECTION

The Junior Coaching Sessions have been well supported across the winter months and we have even used the dining room as an impromptu putting green on a particularly cold and wet day. The aim of the session was to focus on distance and direction. The sessions are held at **12:30pm every Saturday**. Along with the coaching the club also offer **FREE Junior Membership** for the **first 12 months**.

The aim of all of the sessions is to help the young golfer to develop skills relating to golf along with the understanding of how our attitude and behaviour influences how we perform wherever we are. For more information, email Tony at tony@mindfitltd.com



CLUBHOUSE NEWS

After an enjoyable Burns night, complete with piper and a fun Valentine quiz and steak night, make sure you book your tickets for **Italian Night, Friday 9th March at 7pm. Please book at the bar.**

In addition, it is **Mother's Day on Sunday 11th March.** Book now to treat your most special family member to a wonderful Sunday lunch.

All details are on the website and please book at the bar.

Along with many other clubs in this area, the cold weather has affected the playability of the course. However, it has afforded great opportunities for some wonderfully atmospheric photos.



Unbelievably, these photographs are in colour!



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UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

9th March Italian Night 7pm

9th March LADIES Daily Mail Foursomes

11th March Mother's Day—Sunday lunch

18th March Autumn Trophy Final round

19th March MINGLES End of Season Comp

22nd March AGM 7.30pm

25th March Social Golf Player/Non-Player

29th March SENIOR'S Friendly vs
Humberstone Heights

31st March GERRY DAVIES TROPHY 4 ball
better ball stableford comp—open to all

Check noticeboards & our website for a complete list of events.

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