



MMGC Monthly Newsletter

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SHIRES JUNIOR GOLF TOUR COMES TO MELTON MOWBRAY

A sunny and warm Sunday 22nd April saw Melton Mowbray Golf Club welcome the Shires Junior Golf Tour to the course. This is the first time that a co-sanctioned Junior Open was run for the Leicestershire Golf Union and we were very privileged to welcome 70 players who travelled from Northamptonshire, Leicestershire, Beds and Bucks, Cambridgeshire and Staffordshire.

The course was in excellent condition despite the rain and the clubhouse was buzzing all day with competitors, organisers, supporters and family members. **David Bentley**, Melton was on hand along with other club members and Shires Junior Tour Organiser, **Paul Bull** to facilitate the event, ensuring a very successful day.

Gold Division:

This saw the best gross of the day, a fabulous 71 from 16 year old **Corey Neville** (Northamptonshire County Golf Club) — a future Rory in the making? In first place with a Stableford score of 34 points was **Callum Powell** (Western Terville Golf Club).

Silver Division:

Gracie Murray (Kettering Golf Club) posted the best gross score of 82 in this division with **Aidan Rudge** (Collingtree Golf Club) winning the Stableford competition.

Bronze Division:

This was won by 10 year old **Jadon Pham** (Overstone Golf Club) with a gross 92 and **Ben Atherton** (Kettering Golf Club) took first place in the Stableford with a score of 36 points. Well done to **Louis Woodcock** of Melton Mowbray who finished in the top ten.

Nine Hole Division

Seven year old **Bobby Moore** won with a gross 40 over a shortened course and the best Stableford score of 39 was posted by **Jack Stockton** (Three Hammers Golf Centre).

The highlight of the day was the **hole-in-one** on the 16th by **Jake Sheridan**. This is the fourth hole-in-one in the past four years—a fantastic record for this Junior Tour.

A full report can be found [here](#) or go to the website where it is posted under news.



On the first tee

1	C. NEVILLE	71	34
2	C. BANT	72	33
3	M. GODDE	73	32
4	E. KEECH	74	31
5	L. SOE	75	30
6	J. SHERIDAN	76	29
7	F. JONES	77	28
8	L. SOE	78	27
9	J. HYDE	79	26
10	C. POWELL	80	25



Hole-in-one star Jake Sheridan

L&RVLGA Captain vs Vice Captain

On the hottest April day for 70 years, 2nd team captain **Avis Webb** hosted 32 ladies from 17 different clubs in the annual Captain vs Vice Captain challenge. There was some outstanding play on the extremely well-presented course including an eagle on the 3rd. However, true to the form of the past 5 years, the vice-captain's team won.



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LADIES' SECTION

Tremendous turnover in the Taskers' Trophy!

Each year, our Ladies take part in the Taskers Trophy which involves playing a local club across two legs played home and away. This year our first challenge was Southwell Golf Club in Notts and our second challenge was the unprecedented weather. Fixtures were agreed and then postponed until finally, since all first round matches needed to be played by the 23rd of April, we played our away match on Monday 16th April and our home fixture only two days later on Wednesday 18th April. The overall winning club would depend on the total score across the two days.

Our team of seven travelled up to Southwell on one of the better days in recent weeks. However, the course itself was still struggling to recover from the recent bad weather. The muddy conditions were challenging for everyone, but the lack of being able to play any full rounds recently took its toll and meant that the Melton Ladies came away having lost 6 and 1. Congratulations must go to **Jean Moulds** who posted the only away win.



The Ladies' team at Southwell



Wonderful winners at MMGC

Just two days later, Southwell came to Melton to play the second round on the hottest day of the year so far, with the result hanging in the balance. After the first six matches, (with some scores so good that pairs walked in without completing all 18 holes), the aggregate score was 6 and 7 in favour of Melton. All now depended on team 6 coming in for a final result. If our last lady had lost the match, it would be a draw forcing a play off. However, that wasn't necessary as Melton Ladies recorded a whitewash to make it through to the next round.

To read a full report of this event, and other match results click [here](#) or go to the Ladies Section on the website.

SENIORS' SECTION

Three wins out of three!

The recent wet weather caused three matches for the seniors (two home and one away) to be cancelled.

However, with improving conditions, the seniors took on The Nottinghamshire at home on Tuesday 17th April. On a drying course and in a keen breeze, which made some holes play much longer, Melton came out on top winning 5.5 points to 2.5.

The perfect start to the season continued on Tuesday April 24th with a convincing win over Norwood Park by 6.5 to 1.5 making it three wins in a row. Recent warm weather resulted in lush grass making hitting the fairways important. Winning pairs were: **Bob Luke** and **Al Terzza** (7 and 6), **Tom Eadon** and **Julian Kiesel** (6 and 4), **Jim McQuillan** and **Nick McDonald** (2 and 1), **David Wells** and **Denis Dayman** (7 and 6), **Richard Haines** and **Pete Rayers** (4 and 3) and **Haydn Snow** and **Bob Purkis** (6 and 5). Captain **Jerzy Schmidt** playing with **David Bentley** earned the half point at the last hole.



Norwood Park and MMGC senior team members

Congratulations to all players on a solid start to the season. For all match reports, click [here](#) or go to the Senior results section on the website.



MEN'S SECTION

Gerry Davis Trophy takes place

Saturday 21st April saw 43 pairs out on the course to play in the very prestigious Gerry Davies Trophy, a pairs better-ball Stapleford competition, with all proceeds going direct to charity. The green staff and artisans had taken advantage of the sunnier weather and all had worked extremely hard under the guidance of the Head Green Keeper, **Paul Robinson**, to prepare the course to a very good standard ready for the competition. **Tony Westwood**, our resident professional, made sure that all the cards were prepared in advance and provided a warm welcome to all the golfers. Congratulations on a superb job behind the scenes in making sure that this event ran smoothly.

The early club leaders of **Andy Westwood** and **Andy Pedlar** returned with a very creditable 39 points. However, they would not be top of the leader board for long, as they were beaten into fifth place by some outstanding pairings producing some very good golf. The winning pairs were as follows:

- Danny Raven and Phillip Gray** 46 pts
- Neil Farish and Martin Hall** 41 pts
- John Harvey and Chris Shardlow** 40 pts
- Brendon Boyce and Richard Kendall** 39 pts (ocb)
- Andy Westwood and Andy Pedlar** 39 pts

Congratulations to all who took part - it also was great to see the course in such good shape after such a long winter.

C Team Away Weekend in the Forest of Arden

Twenty four intrepid golfers from the Melton C Team took to the fairways of Forest of Arden as part of their annual Masters Away Weekend. Sunday was a 4 Ball Team Stableford competition rounded off with an evening of Masters golf from Augusta. Monday saw individuals compete in a Stableford competition on the prestigious Arden course. **JP O'Reilly** was the winner while 2018 C Team Captain **Adrian Green** won the Derek Whitehouse Trophy.



B Team close call with Whetstone



The first match of the season on 18th April saw Melton Golf Club B Team travel to Whetstone. After some unrelenting rain over the last few weeks, the weather took a change for the better and gave us one of the hottest days recorded for April.

The result of the match was a close encounter with Whetstone victorious winning by 3 points to 2. The winning pairs for Melton were **Billy Kevan** and **Richard Grieve** 2 up, and **Neil Eaves** and **Steve Wright** 2 up.

MMGC and Whetstone B Team pairs

Finally, congratulations to **Bill Hurrell** and **Steve Draisey** who notched up another win in the Daily Mail Foursomes against Stapleford Park.



CLUBHOUSE NEWS

GRAND NATIONAL RACE NIGHT

The Melton Golf Club race night got under way on Saturday 14th April and a lot of fun was had by all. Although not every one was lucky enough to have a winner, it was obvious that several people had more than their fair share of luck.

Nick Humphries, the House Director, organised the whole event and it was great to get our club members and their friends to meet and enjoy each other's company. Winners were presented with a bottle of Prosecco from organiser, Nick. A massive thank-you must go out to all the race sponsors who supported the evening:



Tote masters at the ready

Purple Bricks, Middletons, Newton Fallowell, B&H Midlands and Melton Mowbray Tyres.

Health Interlink and the Club Captain, **Glenn Price**, sponsored the last race. This proved to be the highlight of the evening, with racehorse names too blue to print here! The money raised on the night provided £100 each for the captains' charities and over £300 was also raised for club funds. The key to the door was held on the night but not won, so an amazing £1250 will be the prize on offer at the next arranged function with only 8 keys remaining!

BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW FOR THE FASHION SHOW, 11th May 7pm



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UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1st May Lady Captain's Away Day Sleaford

2nd May Seniors vs Rutland County

3rd May Down To Earth Radio Show 7.15pm

8th May SENIOR SPRING OPEN

10th May Men's Scratch vs Forest Hill

11th May Fashion Show 7pm

14th May Ladies' Friendly vs Burghley Park

19th May Men's B team vs Stoke Rochford

20th May Mixed Team vs Forest Hill

28th May Teachers vs Medics

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

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