



# MMGC Monthly Newsletter

March 2018

## MONDAY MORNING MINGLES END OF SEASON MEET

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March saw the end of the Melton Mowbray Mixed Mingles season for another year with most of the season's participants getting together for an end of season lunch and prize presentation.

Normally, the Minglers would play an end of season scramble, but with snow covering large areas of the golf course this was not possible. Mingles organisers **Owen and Chris Cook** said that in the fourteen years they had been running the Mingles competition they had never known a year like it, with heavy rains and winds, not to mention the snow. All in all, there were nine weeks when the Minglers just weren't able to play.

The top six pairs in the order of merit (taken from their top six scores) were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> **Haydn & Liz Snow** 53pts
- 2<sup>nd</sup> **Bob Luke & Margaret Smale** 53pts OCB
- 3<sup>rd</sup> **Phil Millward & Sandie Normanton** 52pts
- 4<sup>th</sup> **George Schmidt & Pat Barnes** 52pts OCB
- 5<sup>th</sup> **Owen & Chris Cook** 50pts
- 6<sup>th</sup> **John Squires & Bettyne Norton** 44pts



*Owen and Chris Cook, Minglers organisers and in 5th place this year.*



*Liz and Haydn Snow, 2017/18 Mingle Champions*

**Ann Evans** very kindly provided the raffle prize on the day and **Dee Adams** was the lucky winner.

Finally, enough money was raised by the Minglers to cover the annual maintenance cost of the defibrillator (located in the Clubhouse hallway). Let's hope it remains unused!



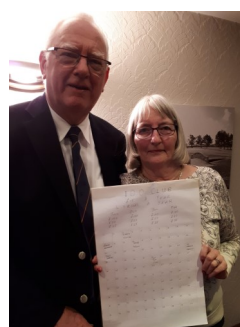
*Raffle winner Dee*

## FINAL WINNER OF THE 100 CLUB FOR 2017/2018

At the AGM on the 22nd March, the draw for the 100 Club fundraiser took place. The lucky winner of the £100 prize was outgoing Club President, Terry Brown. He very generously donated his win back to club funds.

Gay Cham has started a new board and is selling numbers at £15 each. If you would like the chance to win £100, £50 or £25 each quarter, buy a number now.

All profits will go to steam cleaning the clubhouse carpets.



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## LADIES' SECTION

### Traditional Tea Party celebrates 90 years of membership

A traditional tea party was hosted by the Ladies' Section on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March in honour of **Greta Watchorn** and **Di Ward**. It was a wonderful way to celebrate the combined membership of more than 90 years. Both ladies joined in the 1970s, Greta in 1970 and Di in 1974.



The delicious spread included a range of sandwiches, home made quiches and an array of cupcakes and scones. We were fortunate to be waited on hand and foot not only by Angie, but also by Club Chairman **Phil Millward**, who had dressed up especially for the occasion. It was much appreciated by the ladies present.

Although Greta and Di have almost hung up their golf shoes, they hope to pop in for a chat on Wednesdays and a 'quick' few holes if they feel up to it! Being able to play well into your 80s and 90s is no mean feat and long may it continue. To read a full report of this event, click [here](#) or go to the news or Ladies Section on the website.



*Phil and Greta celebrate!*

### Ladies' 9 hole competition 7<sup>th</sup> March

The ladies winter nine hole competition on the Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March and Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March was a 3 ball waltz. Playing off full handicap the competition was very close with winners, **Julia Brown**, **Nancy Denny** and **Avis Webb** scoring 30 points and beating runners up **Pat Barnes**, **Jackie Fisher** and **Margaret Samways** on count back.

For more results, look at the Ladies Section under the News tab on the website or click [here](#).

## SENIORS' SECTION

### Seniors open season with a win!

Melton Golf Club Seniors' first match of the season was played at home on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March against Humberstone Heights. In damp and showery conditions, the course played long, but this did not prevent Melton coming out as convincing winners by 6.5 matches to 1.5 giving new captain Jerzy Schmidt a winning start.

A full report is available on the website or click [here](#).



*Humberstone Heights and Melton Seniors' captains*

The weather has played havoc with one of the major trophy competitions on the Senior's calendar. The first round of the George Houghton Trophy was due to be played on the 27<sup>th</sup> February but had to be postponed until the 6<sup>th</sup> March when the winner was **Julian Kiesel** with 41pts with **Jim McQuillan** second (39pts) and **Bob Luke** third (36pts). The same three players lead the Walter Griffin Eclectic which runs alongside the George Houghton. The second round was due to be played on the 13<sup>th</sup> March but had to be cancelled again due to the weather and the dates for the remaining 4 rounds have been re-arranged to take place in May. They will be qualifying competitions so a good way to getting some qualifiers in for 2018! The Frank Williams Trophy will now be played on the 19th June. Please see the Seniors' Notice Board or the website for details.

Details are also on the Senior's notice board of the Senior Captain's away day which this year will be on August 7<sup>th</sup> at Rutland Water Golf Course. Any senior member of the club is welcome to join us; please sign up on the sheet provided.



## MEN'S SECTION

### Stephen & Bill win through to 2nd round of Daily Mail Foursomes

Congratulations go to **Steven Draisey** and **Bill Hurrell** for winning their first round of the Daily Mail Foursomes. Drawn away against Scraftoft, the pair played through Saturday's cold and snow in a closely fought contest to win the match by a 2 and 1 margin and were delighted to finish on top.

They now have a second round home draw against neighbours Stapleford Park Golf Club. This must be played by Sunday 22nd April. Good luck to them both!



*Steve Draisey*

### Weather disruption at MMGC—Gerry Davies Competition postponed

At the risk of sounding like a broken record, the Gerry Davies Golf Competition due to be played on Saturday 31st March was postponed due to inclement weather. It's that rain again! Although some matches were attempted, the state of the course was such that all players decided to retire to the Clubhouse for coffee and bacon instead. Club Professional, Tony Westwood, cajoled players into an impromptu killer putting competition instead with proceeds raised going to the Captain's Charity. The eventual winner was Club Vice Captain, **Gerry Stephens** although Club Captain, **Glenn Price**, **David Poolan** and **Steve Goddard** gave him a run for his money.

Playing for the Club is one way of honing your skills and getting to play several other courses for very little outlay. If you wish to be considered, then please contact the respective team captains to advise them of your availability. You can pop into the office and ask for your details to be passed on to one of these gentlemen:

**League Team - Gerry Stephens**

**B Team - Steve Wright**

**C Team - Adrian Green**

**Men's County Foursomes—Glenn Price**

## JUNIOR SECTION

### Enjoyable Easter Camp

The first #DiscoverGolf Junior Easter Camp was held last week at the club. In all, we had 7 junior golfers attending the three sessions on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We covered all areas of the game from putting through to the long game. The ages ranged from 9 to 15 years and all enjoyed the sessions. The idea behind each session was to help them explore their golf and discover what is possible for them.



*Fun at Frisby Primary School*



*Easter camp on the Practice ground.*

On Saturday we had 9 juniors attending our regular weekend coaching session and the signs are looking good for greater junior participation at the Club. Along with the sessions at the Club, I have also delivered coaching sessions at Bottesford and Frisby Primary Schools. These sessions are run in conjunction with the Leicestershire Sports Partnership and all the children have enjoyed their sessions, many experiencing golf for the first time.





## CLUBHOUSE NEWS

At the AGM this month, **Phil Millward** agreed to remain as Club Chairman for an additional year and **Brendan Boyce** has taken over as Golf Operations Director.

The clubhouse will be transformed into our own equivalent of Aintree on Saturday 14th April for **Race Night**, so book your tickets and study the form ready for an evening at the races!

### COURSE ETIQUETTE

As the course has experienced its fair share of rain and snow, here are some top tips to try to keep the playing surfaces in a reasonable condition:

- ◆ Keep buggies away from greens and hazards—the wheels can cause damage
- ◆ Don't push trolleys between the greenside bunkers and the greens
- ◆ Repair your divots on the fairways—press it back down with your foot
- ◆ Repair your ball marks on the greens
- ◆ Always rake bunkers after hitting out and leave rakes in the bunkers

If we all do our bit, it will make a huge difference to the enjoyment of members and guests alike.



*At least the swans are enjoying the water!*



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### UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**8th April** Men's County 2nd Team vs Staffs

**13th April** FIRST Captain & Pro Challenge

**14th April** Men's RWS First Competition

**14th April** RACE NIGHT in the Clubhouse

**15th April** Mixed Team vs Rutland County

**16th April** Ladies Taskers Trophy vs Southwell

**17th April** Seniors vs The Nottinghamshire

**19th April** Ladies L&RVLGA Captain v Vice

**22nd April** Shires Junior Tour

**26th April** Men's Scratch League vs  
Humberstone Heights

