



MMGC Monthly Newsletter

May 2018

The weather is back to normal—ish (less the thunderstorms) and the course is in excellent condition due to all the hard work of the greens staff, artisans and volunteers. Therefore, this newsletter is packed with a round up of some of the main events that took place during the busy month of May. If you want a full report of all events, please go the news section of the website.

TOP MARKS FOR TEACHERS!

Well, the tide was completely turned this year in the betterball Stableford match between Medics and Teachers. With 53 golfers turning out, men and women made up the two sides in a match to raise money for additional course projects. The day was a complete success with good weather, a course in great condition and some excellent golf played. The Club Professional, **Tony Westwood** teamed up with the Teachers' Captain, **Haydn Snow**, against the medics and the Pro demonstrated some exceptional tee to green golf.



Teacher's Captain, Haydn Snow accepting the trophy from Medic's Captain, Steve Middleton.

After the shotgun start, everyone gathered at the 19th hole to continue with their golfing stories and the banter. Nearest the pin on the par 3 7th was won by the Professional and **Nancy Denny**, with her first shot of the day, was nearest on the par 3 14th. The teachers won comfortably with a high score of 548 points to 490 points. Many thanks to Haydn and **Steve Middleton** for organising the competition.



There is only one mystery that remains to be solved after what was a fun and fruitful fundraiser.

Is this a bona-fide player with Paul or a masked intruder on the course?

Playing a blinder in Boston!

A wonderful day out for the Club Captain, Vice Captain, Lady Captain and Lady Vice Captain at the Boston Golf Club Four Ball Am-Am resulted in a astoundingly good score that put all other teams in the shade. The sunny weather and a well manicured course enabled all teams to enjoy their day and return some very good scores and a real scorcher from MMGC—10 points clear of their rivals!



Captains clock up a great score.

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LADIES' SECTION

Another fine win for MMGC Ladies in the Taskers!

On a fine but windy day, the Ladies Team took on Ullesthorpe Golf Club in the second round of the Tasker's Trophy. As this competition was one leg only, the visiting ladies were awarded an away advantage of one point each before the matches started, making an additional demand on the skill of the Melton Ladies.

It was nip and tuck in many of the matches, with the Lady Captain, **Sandie Normanton**, only losing her match on the last hole. However, the Melton team emerged victorious 4 points to 3. Winning players in this matchplay competition were: **Julia Brown** 3 and 1, **Jean Moulds** 3 and 1, **Margaret Smale** 3 and 1 & **Avis Webb** 2 up.

Many congratulations go to all team members and we look forward to the third round.



Ullesthorpe and MMGC ladies gathered for the Taskers match

Breezy Sleaford hosts the Lady Captain's Away Day



Twenty ladies journeyed to Sleaford on a dry, chilly day. Lady Captain, **Sandie Normanton**, organised 6 groups of 3 and a 2 ball with a ghost player and the format was a 3ball am-am with 2 best scores on each hole off full handicap. The day included a nearest the pin on the 5th hole, won by **Joan Allen**, and a longest drive on the 16th, won by **Sandie**. The winners on countback were **Margaret Smale**, **Margaret Samways** and **Denise Waldron**, with 62 points and a lovely day was had by all.

SENIORS' SECTION

SENIORS' OPEN DAY

A large entrant of 128 Senior Golfers, comprising of 52 club members and 76 visitors, turned out for the Melton Golf Club Seniors Open on Tuesday 8th May. The course was in excellent condition, thanks to the hard work of both green staff and artisans working long hours to prepare it. The course condition and pleasant weather set the scene for high standards of golf, which as the results show, included some high scoring.

The Club Captain **Glenn Price** awarded the 1st prize to the overall winners, **Geoff Townsend** and **David Taylor** with an excellent 46 points. In 2nd place were **D Hargreaves** and **G Hallam** (Radcliffe on Trent) with 43 points, 3rd were **Vince King** and **Chris Ward** with 42 points and finally in 4th place on count back were **Phil Curtis** and **Mezz Watchhorn** with 40 points.

The longest Drive for over 70s was won by **Richard Faubert**, and the longest drive for U70s was won by Club Vice Captain **Gerry Stephens**. Nearest the pin for over 70s was won by 86 year old **Brian Street** a member at MMGC and the U70s nearest the pin winner was **Mr Taberner** (Kettering GC).

The whole day was just perfect so an additional thank you must go to the ladies in the half way house, staff in the club house, the office and the Club Professional **Tony Westwood**.



Over-all winners—Geoff Townsend and David Taylor with Club Captain, Glenn Price



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MEN'S SECTION

"Hole in One" for Nick Baines in the Compton Cup

On Saturday 12 May, a strong field of 74 competitors entered the Marsh Cup (Bogey) competition where everyone plays against the standard scratch of the course. The overall winners on the day were as follows:

1st **Ray Catton** 4 up, 2nd **Sam Pollard** 3 up on count back, 3rd **Gary Kitchen** 3 up.

Twos sweep: **Stephen Draisey, Tony Robinson, Keith Tomblin,**

Ben Turner and **Anthony Halls.**

On the same day in conjunction with the Marsh Cup, another bogey competition, the Compton Cup is run, but over 5 rounds for handicaps 21 and over. Congratulations goes to **Nick Baines** for a Hole in One on the Par 3 16th.



Nick — a happy player at the 16th

MMGC B Team vs Stoke Rochford

MMGC hosted Stoke Rochford in their Annual B Team friendly this year at Melton. The team was lead out by Club Captain **Glenn Price** and Vice Captain **Gerry Stephens**. With excellent weather conditions and the course in superb condition, the day produced excellent golf from both teams. The result was a win for Melton 4 1/2 to 3 1/2. Winning teams were: **Brian Cole** and **JP O'Reilly** 5&4, **Jack Iguanta** and **Mez Watchhorn** 2&1, **Kev Robertson** and **Ray Smith** 2&1, **Neil Farish** and **Martin Hall** 3&1 and **Billy Kevan** and **Gary Taylor** a creditable half.



MMGC C TEAM v SCRAPTOFT GC — A GOOD

WIN

Melton Mowbray Golf Club C Team got back to their winning ways after two unexpected defeats, with a good home win against Scraftoft Golf Club. With excellent conditions on the course, it set the scene for some good golf from both sides. Although some games were close, Melton players came out well on top with a 5 points to 1 point win. The winning pairs were: C Team Captain **Adrian Green** and **Colin Kitchen** 4 & 3, **Bill Hurrell** and new C team player **Jim Shaw** 4 & 3, **Ken Longbottom** and **Dave Bailey** 1 up, **Dave McCain** and **Andy Pedlar** 5 & 4, **Ian King** and **Nigel Blunt** 3 & 2.

For a full round up of men's results click [here](#) or go to the website.

JUNIOR'S SECTION

Sunday 20th May saw MMGC play host to the Leicestershire & Rutland Golf Union Under 18's team for a double header Midlands Golf Union League Match against Cambridgeshire and a very strong Nottinghamshire. The format of the match was three-way foursomes in the morning followed by singles in the afternoon. Things were tight at lunch time with the County boys one point behind Cambridgeshire and all square with Nottinghamshire.

Things did not go so well during the afternoon halving the singles with Cambridgeshire and losing heavily to Nottinghamshire. The final results on the day were losses to Cambridgeshire 8-7 and Nottinghamshire 10-5. At the same time Cambridgeshire lost 12-3 to Nottinghamshire.

The course and catering were very well received by both teams who were hosted Past County President, Tom Finn.



Junior County Players at MMGC

CLUBHOUSE NEWS

On Thursday 3rd May, the **Down to Earth** radio show on Radio Leicester was recorded in the clubhouse at MMGC. The “team” of presenters and technicians from the BBC introduced themselves, explaining their involvement with the programme .

There were a good number of members and visitors in attendance and a number of varied questions were posed. It was a very entertaining and well organised evening with lots of useful information and tips for gardeners covering everything from weed control, dying shrubs and insect problems to winter digging of vegetable plots. There was also some useful guidance into what could be planted in our newly built planters at the first tee.



*Planters on the First Tee
a topic of conversation
for 'Down to Earth' radio.*

We are really looking forward to a couple of social events planned for June . Firstly, a **back in time competition** on the 15th where 9 holes of the course will be played as they originally were—sounds very challenging and fun—followed by a BBQ. What is not to like!

Also, don't miss the ever popular **Classic Car and Motorbike Rally** on the 20th. There will be fun for enthusiasts, golfers and families alike. Put it in your diary now!



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UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1st June Captain's Away Day—Coxmoor
Ladies 4 way match—Spalding

5th June Senior Silver Plate

10th June PORK PIE OPEN

12th June Seniors vs Scraftoft

15th June **Back in Time 9 holes + BBQ**

18th June Ladies' H/Cap League vs Kibworth

20th June **Classic Car and Motor Bike Rally**

22nd June LADIES OPEN AM-AM

27th June County 2nd Team vs Staffordshire

30th June Captain's Day

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

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