



MMGC Monthly Newsletter

June 2018

From thunderstorms in May to wall to wall sunshine in June, we have been playing most of our games in excellent weather—albeit a tad warm. It has been an extremely busy month so if you want a full report of all events, please go the news section of the website.

Ray Smith gets his birthday present on Captain's Day

In hot sunshine and on a well manicured course with some difficult pin positions set by the Captain, 140 golfers made up of both men and women teed off throughout the day in support of Club Captain, Glenn Price, on his special day. The format of the day was a non qualifier individual Stableford competition. With an excellent prize table provided by Glenn and a halfway house manned by the Captain's and Vice Captain's wives to provide sustenance for all the golfers on their way around the course, it was looking to be a good day. There were prizes for best scores in each of the 3 categories, longest drives and nearest the pins for both men and women. There was also a putting and chipping competition set by the Club Professional, Tony Westwood. The overall winner on his 78th birthday was **Ray Smith** on 42 Points and other winners were as follows:

Division 1 **Thomas Haig** 40 pts, 2nd **Philip Curtis** 37 pts, 3rd **Steve Goddard** 35 pts.

Division 2 **Ray Smith** 42 pts, 2nd **David Bentley** 37 pts, **Chris Ward** 37 pts.

Gents nearest Pin par 3 5th **George Boddy**

Ladies nearest Pin Par 3 7th **Janet Bentley**

Gents longest Drive Par 4 8th **Billy Kevan**

Ladies longest Drive Par 5 11th **Sandie Normanton** (Lady Captain)

Ladies putting Comp **Sandie Normanton** (Lady Captain)

Gents putting Comp **Billy Kevan**

Ladies Comp Winner **Bettye Norton** 36 pts, 2nd **Davina Adams** 35 pts, 3rd **Liz Snow** 34 pts

Captains Cup best single handicap Score **Steve Goddard** 35 pts

Juniors Winner **Louis Woodcock**

Runner Up **Spencer Parker**

Following the prize giving the Captain Glenn Price thanked everyone for supporting his day and the evening finished with live music and very good food.



Ray and Glenn



Glenn and Liz

Quarter Final place in the Pro-Am Foursomes for Tony and Sam

Melton Mowbray Golf Club's Golf Professional, **Tony Westwood**, and Amateur partner, **Sam Pollard**, are through to the quarter-finals of the Leicestershire Pro-Am Foursomes Matchplay. They beat the 'B' Team from Birstall on Thursday 21st July in their home match 3 & 1. The match was close, but the Melton pairing were never behind in the match with good golf played by both teams. They now play Lutterworth.

CAPTION COMPETITION!

This selfie needs a caption!

Send your suggestions to the Club

Vice Captain, Gerry Stephens or

enter at the Clubhouse bar.

Best caption wins a bottle of wine!



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LADIES' SECTION

Popular Ladies' Am-Am played out on a gloriously sunny Friday

On Friday 22nd June, 80 ladies from clubs around the area came to Melton Mowbray Golf Club to take part in the very popular Ladies' Am-Am competition. The format was Stableford with two scores to count from the teams of four who were all playing off 90% handicap. One of the highlights of the day was the delicious cakes and refreshments served at the Halfway House with donations encouraged for the Lady Captain's charity, Dogs For Good.



Chris, Alison, Liz and Margaret with Sandie

In third place, with a strong 80 points, were MMGC ladies **Chris Cook, Alison Gatward, Liz Clark and Margaret Samways**. In second place on countback with a very credible 84 points were **Liz Snow, Nancy Denny, Jean Moulds and Barbara Hamston**, also from MMGC. Winners this year with 84 points were the local quartet of Angela Wright, Chris Savage, Ann Whibley and Tracey Watts, who teamed up from different clubs in the area.

Sandie and Pat score highly in the Ping 4ball Betterball

On Wednesday 20th June, ten pairs of ladies played in the Ping Fourball Betterball competition. The top 50 scores recorded will play in the Grand Final and the next 50 scores will play in the Plate competition. Both competitions will be played at Gainsborough on 3rd and 4th September. Our competition was won by **Sandie Normanton and Pat Barnes** with a superb score of 45 points. Their result will go forward to the organisers and we hope that this will be enough for them to qualify for either the Grand Final or the Plate. This would be only the second time in the history of the Club that ladies will have gone through, so good luck to you both!

SENIORS' SECTION

Seniors vs Ruddington Grange 15th June and Stanton on the Wolds 19th June

Two matches in quick succession saw mixed fortunes for Melton Seniors. On Friday 15th June, they suffered their first defeat of the season away at Ruddington Grange by a narrow 4.5 to 3.5 margin. Scoring pairs for Melton were Captain **Jerzy Schmidt** playing with **Tom Eadon** (8 and 7), **Richard Grieve** and **Denis Dayman** (1 up), **Peter Rayers** and **Julian Kisiel** (1 up) and **John Squires** playing with **Ray Stone** (halved). Four days later on Tuesday 19th, Melton returned to winning ways with a solid 5-3 win at home to Stanton on the Wolds. Winning pairs for Melton were **Haydn Snow** and **Ray Stone** (1 up), **Tom Eadon** and **Eddie Cham** (4 and 3), **Richard Haines** and **Denis Dayman** (6 and 5), and Club Captain **Glenn Price** playing with Seniors Vice Captain **Dick Chapman** (7 and 5). Halved matches by **Bob Purkis** playing with **Al Terzza** and **John Squires** playing with **Jim McQuillan** completed the points tally.

Captains Triumph in Jack Wildman Trophy

On Tuesday 26th June, the Ladies and Senior Men contested the Jack Wildman Trophy on a course that was dry and running fast. This annual mixed competition is hosted by the Ladies' Captain and Captain of the Senior Men's section. The format is Greensomes with half combined handicap to count and scoring Stableford points.

Fourteen pairs took part and the winning pair of Seniors' Captain **Jerzy Schmidt** and Lady Captain **Sandie Normanton** carded an excellent 43 points. **Tom Eadon** and **Jackie Fisher** were second with 41 on count back and **Bob Luke** and **Nancy Denny** were third with three birdies on their card. **Anne Creed**, Jack Wildman's daughter, also played in the competition and was on hand to present all the prizes and to congratulate the winners.



Sandie, Anne and Jerzy



MEN'S SECTION

Narrow loss for MMGC Scratch team at Rutland Water

Melton Mowbray Golf Club visited Rutland Water for their 4th game in the scratch league. They were off to a very promising start with a win from **Pete Poolan** 2&1. Some good scoring saw **Craig Hallam** win 6&5, followed by another comfortable victory from **Duncan Bagshaw** 7&6. **Dave Poolan's** match was in the balance and eventually ended as a draw. Results then swung in favour of the home side who won the remaining four matches, two of which were decided on the final hole. Melton were left to reflect on missed chances as Rutland Water secured a narrow 4 1/2 to 3 1/2 victory.

Petfood's Trophy and Compton Cup - round 3

On Saturday 23rd June in glorious sunshine, 78 players took part in the Petfood's Trophy, which is restricted to handicaps of 20 and under. A further 20 players with handicaps over 20 took part in the third round of the Compton Cup.

The winner with an excellent nett 63 was **George Boddy**, in second place with a nett 66 was **Ian Townsend** and in third place with a nett 67 was **Sam Pollard**. Sam also recorded the best gross of 68 and on the basis of this score, must be congratulated for his new scratch handicap!

The course must also have been playing generously as there were no fewer than 11 twos in the twos sweep. The players who shared in this bonus were **George Boddy, Gary Kitchen, Brian Cole, Ian Plant, Mike Catlin, Adrian Stokes, Mick Wilson, Ian Townsend, Dale Radford, Tim Mortimer and Phil Curtis**.

In the Compton Cup, the winner was **David Bailey** with a nett 70, second was **James Cartwright** with a nett 71 and third was **Sam Wright** with a nett 72. There were no twos for these players so the Twos Sweep was included in the prize money.

Defeat the insects with this new environmentally friendly method!

We are being inundated with small black pollen beetles (*Meligethes*), which are especially attracted to brightly coloured shirts.

But fear not because the Vice Club Captain **Gerry Stephens** has a fool-proof method of getting rid of them—swatting with a conveniently discarded branch! Shame he can't reach the ones on his back!

However, if there is anyone who may wish to help Gerry rid himself of these beasts, he is open to offers!



The 18th pond looks especially inviting in this weather



CLUBHOUSE NEWS

CLASSICS AT THE CLUB

The Club's **Stilton Classic Car Rally** on Wednesday 20th June attracted a record turnout of classic cars, bikes and supercars with close to 80 vehicles on display. Petrol heads of all ages arrived to view an eclectic mix of vehicles from the 30's through to the 80's including a magnificent American Peterbilt truck tractor unit which dwarfed everything else in the car park.

Every exhibitor received a complementary piece of lovely Stilton Cheese kindly provided by our event sponsor **Colston Bassett & District Dairy Ltd** who have generously sponsored this gathering since its inception. The BBQ proved very popular again and had sold out by 8.30pm (more burgers next year please) and the tombola prizes were snapped up with gusto. Overall the event raised **£170** for the Captains Charity Different Strokes and welcome revenue for the club through bar and BBQ sales. Thank you for all your support for this event and see you all again next year.



As you can see, the **back in time competition** scheduled for last month will now be on the **6th July**. Also, we are looking forward to the **Steak and Quiz** night booked for the **21st July**. Put it in your calendars now for an evening of entertainment and great fun.



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UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

5th July Scratch Team vs Humberstone Heights

6th July **Back in Time 9 holes + BBQ**

7th July Ladies Taskers vs Rushcliffe

10th July Seniors vs Ruddington Grange

11th July B Team vs Market Harborough

13th July Past Lady Captains Trophy

14th July Juniors Sam Weller Shield

15th July CROPWELL BISHOP STILTON OPEN

17th July Senior Captain's Day

19th July C Team vs Belton Park

22nd July Goodacre Rosebowl RWS

29th July Gent's and Ladies' Club
Championship day

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

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