



MMGC Monthly Newsletter

July 2018

For comprehensive results, check out the News section on the website and look out for press coverage in the Melton Times every week.

Wet and windy weather is challenging on Club Championship Sunday

On Sunday 29th July, golfers with handicaps between 1 and 12 turned out to play 36 holes in the Club Championship, one round in the morning and one in the afternoon. The golfer with the best aggregate score is crowned Club Champion for 2018. There is also a prize for the best senior (over 55 years) and the best lady golfer with the lowest scores. With torrential rain throughout the day and a very strong wind, it made the going very difficult which was evident in some of the high scores returned.

The overall winner and the new Club Champion was **Sam Pollard**, the Senior prize went to Club Vice Captain **Gerry Stephens** and the Lady Champion was won by Lady Vice Captain **Nancy Denny**. The Club Captain, **Glenn Price**, thanked everyone for turning out and a special mention was made to the Professional, **Tony Westwood** and **Doug Woolley** for all their hard work throughout the day. As club champion **Sam Pollard**, as is tradition, then gave a short speech to thank everyone involved.

Full Results:

John Jackson Club Championship
Club Champion Sam Pollard
Runner Up Billy Kevan
3rd Ian Townsend

Senior Scratch Champion (over 55 years):
Winner Gerry Stephens
Runner Up Mick Wilson
3rd Guy Rayson

Jol Calder Club Championship:
Lady Champion Nancy Denny
Runner Up Drina Terzza
3rd Sue Hitchman

Net 36 Hole Sweep
Winner Billy Kevan
Runner up Ian Townsend
3rd Ian Plant



Winners Gerry, Sam and Nancy with Club Captain, Glenn Price

Twos sweep: Ollie Duley, Sam Pollard, Guy Rayson, Jerzy Schmidt, Dave Poolan, George Boddy

Nostalgic Nine back in Time

On 6th July, MMGC members had the opportunity to go back in time and play the golf course as it was up to 1990 as a 9 hole course, all thanks to the hard work of President **Dougie Bryce**, who produced a nostalgic course planner. The Texas Scramble format was won by the team of **Sandie Normanton, Paul Hudson, Anne Evans and Ian Parkes** and a great BBQ was enjoyed by all afterwards.



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LADIES' SECTION

Ladies through to Taskers Semi Finals

On a thundery Thursday afternoon, MMGC Ladies hosted Beeston Fields Golf Club in the quarter final of the Taskers Trophy. In the hot and humid afternoon, the course was running very well and, as the greens had just been ironed, they were slick and true to form. Beeston Ladies fielded their A team and provided excellent competition.

The Melton Ladies played well, despite the very stormy conditions, and won with an impressive 5 points to 2.

Winners were:

Lady Captain, **Sandie Normanton** 1 up: **Nancy Denny** 3 and 2: **'Drina Terzza** 1 up: **Jean Moulds** 3 and 2: both **Margaret Smale** and **Julia Brown** halved their matches.



Melton Ladies in pink and Beeston Fields in blue

'Drina Terzza a comprehensive winner in the Past Lady Captains' Trophy.



'Drina and Lady Captain, Sandie

14 Past Lady Captains from MMGC and ladies who have been Captains elsewhere but have joined Melton were invited to compete for this prestigious trophy. It provided a chance for all past Lady Captains to gather for this event and enjoy a wonderful afternoon tea. There was an in-house putting competition for the Ladies unable to play 18 holes which **Margaret Pedge** won. The other winners were: **Liz Snow**, closest to the line and **'Drina Terzza** closest the pin and overall Past Lady champion.

SENIORS' SECTION

John Rigby takes honours on Senior Captain's Day

On Tuesday 17th July, Seniors' Captain **Jerzy Schmidt** hosted the annual Seniors Captain's day on a bright and warm morning. The fairways were hard, dry and running long, but the greens were in excellent condition. The golfers played an individual Stableford with the over-all winner receiving the Goodacre Bowl.

John Rigby returned an excellent 40 points taking the top prize. Other prize winners on the day were: Handicap pot winners **Haydn Snow** (38 pts) and **Vic Newham** (38 pts)

Best gross scores in each handicap category were **Brendan Boyce** (81), **Ken Longbottom** (89) and **Colin Kitchen** (91). The best team were **Haydn Snow**, **Dick Chapman** and **David Bailey** with a combined total of 109 points.

Winners of spot prizes were: **Eddie Cham** straightest drive and nearest the pin on the 14th, **John Squires** nearest pin on the 7th, **Brendan Boyce** nearest the pin in 2 on the 3rd par 4, and **Tom Eadon** nearest the pin in 3 on the par 5 17th.



Jerzy Schmidt and John Rigby



MEN'S SECTION

Cropwell Bishop Stilton OPEN Competition in its 4th year

On another very hot day, 160 competitors entered into the annual Cropwell Bishop Stilton Open and the format for the day was a fourball AM AM Stableford. The course was in excellent condition, especially the greens which were running true. The fairways encouraged a lot of run on the ball, necessitating a correct choice of club to stop the ball on the greens. The top 10 team's scores were very close with only 10 points separating them all.

Winners were:

1st with 100 pts **Gary Baxter, Michael Barnett, Glyn Dennocks and David Stevenson**, a team made up of 3 from Six Hills and 1 from Kirby Muxloe.

2nd with 99 pts MMGC Captain **Glenn Price**, Vice Captain **Gerry Stephens, Eddie Cham and Bob Luke**.

3rd with 98 pts MMGC **Geoff Townsend, Danny Raven, David Taylor and Kris Owen**.

4th with 95 pts MMGC **Tim Mortimer, Sam Pollard, Mick Pollard and George Boddy**.

5th with 94 pts **Chris Budd, Chris Frake, Duncan Spalding and Andy Vernon** (Edwalton, Willesley and Woolaton Golf Clubs).

The winners concluded the prize-giving with a speech congratulating everyone on the day's success and especially the excellent preparation of the course under such hot weather conditions.

Nearest the Pins: 5th Par 3 **Gordan Bruce** and 14th Par 3 MMGC Captain **Glenn Price**

Longest Drive: 11th Par 5 **Rob Hedworth** (Rushcliffe).



Glenn (2nd left) and Brendan (right) present the winning team with their prizes



The 9th Green awaits the first competitors

Brilliant 'Holes in One' for Adi and Peter

During a C Team match at Belton Park, **Adi Stokes** concluded his round with an excellent 'Hole in One' at the 193yard, Par 3 17th.

On the 27th July during an RWS competition, **Peter Poolan** hit a superb shot on the Par 3 14th to gain himself a 'Hole in One' and 42 points to win that day's competition.



Adi Stokes



Peter Poolan



CLUBHOUSE NEWS

Glowing Testimonials from our visitors

With well over 35 Societies, group visitors and Opens, the Club has been extremely busy in the summer months and the feedback has been glowing. MMGC warmly welcomes everyone who comes to our club, from the moment they walk in the door, to the condition of the course and through to the hospitality they receive at the Halfway House, in the Pro Shop and in the Clubhouse. Thanks to all for a fantastic job—keep it up!

Here are a of the few comments received:

“A great day out at a good venue. I was pleasantly surprised how good the course was bearing in mind the recent hot weather.”

“As a relative newcomer, I would just like to say that the day was fantastic.” “Great course, weather & food. What more could you ask for?” *Belton Woods Seniors*



Belton Woods Seniors

“...the greens were a dream; the best we have played on this year by far.” *Greetham Valley Players*

“Congratulations to the green staff for presenting the course as a real show piece...” *Mapperley Golf Club*

“The efficiency and professionalism of all of the staff we encountered in the administration, pro shop and catering departments was superb and a great credit to the club.” *L&RGU Seniors Team*



UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2nd August Ladies' Handicap vs Forest Hill

4th August SUMMER BALL

7th August Senior Captain's Away Day

8th August Lady Captain vs Vice Captain

9th August SENIOR SUMMER OPEN

14th August Lady Captain's Away Day

16th August C Team vs Cosby
Scratch Team vs Rutland Water

19th August LION'S DAY OPEN

22nd August B Team vs Beedles Lake

23rd August C Team vs Toft

29th August Seniors vs Humberstone Heights

20th-31st August Course Maintenance

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



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