



MMGC Monthly Newsletter

August 2018

Luckily, the weather has broken this month so that the fairways have greened up and there has not been the need for so much watering. Course maintenance was completed in the second half of the month, so with the wonderful news of a welcome and large investment in course drainage, the Greens Staff are ready to work on improvements which will benefit all members.

PRO'S FANTASTIC AWAY DAY AT BLANKNEY!



Melton Mowbray Golf Club's Professional, Tony Westwood organised an exchange day with the professional from Blankney GC in Lincolnshire. So popular was the event that 47 golfers, both men and women from MMGC, turned out to support this first away day. The format for the day was a Betterball Stableford with teams drawn from 2 pools of high and low handicaps. The weather remained fine throughout the day, with the occasional gusting winds that made the golf a little more testing for all the competitors.

The scores were very close with the top 5 places decided on count back, as all recorded around 41 points. The day was rounded off with a 2 course meal in the evening, speeches and a prize presentation ceremony by Tony who thanked everyone for supporting his day.

Lady Captain vs Lady Vice Captain



On Wednesday 8th August, the team in pink of Lady Captain **Sandie Normanton** took on the team in blue of Lady Vice Captain, **Nancy Denny**. All matches were hotly contested and several were decided on the 18th. The result was a win of 4—2 in favour of the Lady Captain, whose team were definitely 'in the pink' this year!

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LADIES' SECTION

Lady Captain's Away Day at Peterborough Milton a great success

On Tuesday 14th August, 24 ladies travelled to Peterborough Milton for the second Lady Captain's Away Day. We were all made extremely welcome and thoroughly enjoyed the challenge of the parkland course, despite the daunting lake on the first. The greens were soft and ran true and fast, with the fairways retaining a lot of bounce.

With the format of a three ball Stableford with 2 scores to count, the victors were **Avis Webb, Liz Snow** and **Sue Bennett** with a creditable 74 points. In second place with 72 points were **Pam Parker, Alison Gatward** and **Nancy Denny**. Third place went to **Bettyne Norton, Kathie Finn** and **Lady Captain, Sandie Normanton** with 70 points.

A wonderful fish and chip meal rounded off the day in style.



Sandie with winners Avis, Liz and Sue



SENIORS' SECTION

Senior Captain's Away Day at Rutland Water

On Tuesday 7th August, Seniors' Captain Jerzy Schmidt held his away day at Rutland Water Golf Club. In hot, humid and sunny weather, the fairways were extremely dry and hard, which made playing quite tricky and the undulating greens exacerbated the difficult playing conditions. Teams were selected from 3 different handicap divisions and everyone played a Stableford competition with the best two scores counting on each hole.

The winning team of **David Bentley, Julian Kisiel** and **Bill Fisher** came in with an excellent 81 points. In second place were **John Squires, Denis Dayman** and **Bob Lemon** with 76 points. **Owen Cook, Ray Stone** and **Steve Harris** were third on 74 points.



Other prizewinners on the day were **David Bentley** — longest drive on the 9th, **Richard Haines** — nearest the pin in 2 on the third, **Vic Newham** - nearest the pin on the 7th and **Ray Stone** - nearest the pin on the 12th.

David Hirst, Haydn Snow, Julian Kisiel, John Squires, Richard Haines and **Ray Stone** shared a 'birdies nest' for players achieving a gross birdie, eagle or better on any hole.



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MEN'S SECTION

MMGC LEAGUE TEAM victorious vs RUTLAND WATER GC

In the last match of the season on Thursday 16th August, Melton Mowbray League team took on Rutland Water in a must-win match, as the result would put the victors second in the division with the possibility of promotion.

The first match earlier in the season vs Rutland Water was won by Rutland 4 1/2 to 3 1/2 so this second meeting meant there was everything to play for. Melton were playing at home and won the first four matches. However, the 5th match was much closer and was eventually won by Rutland Water. In a finishing flourish, all the remaining matches were won by Melton, giving them an excellent result of 7 wins to 1. Well done to all the individuals this season who have supported the League Team and Team Captain Gerry Stephens.



Members of the Men's League Team

President's Putter and Compton Cup

On Saturday 11th August, 80 competitors entered the second round of the President's Putter. The Club Captain, **Glenn Price**, was winner on the day with a nett 67. This great score, coupled with his 73 from the first round, meant that the Club Captain was overall winner of the President's Putter on count back from Sam Pollard.

The Compton Cup, which is decided on the best four scores over five rounds, was won this year by **Phil Gray**.



JUNIOR'S SECTION

On Sunday 5th August, the L&RGU U16s played host to teams from Suffolk and Cambridgeshire for the Annual Tom Finn Trophy. The competition is played as a three way Matchplay off scratch, rotating around different courses within the counties.

On a very warm and humid day, the competition was fierce and the standard of play exceptional. Suffolk fielded a very strong team and just beat L&RGU to the trophy, which was presented by Tom Finn, a past L&RGU President and current member of MMGC. Yet again, all teams were complimentary about the standard of the course, the catering and the very warm welcome extended by everyone.



U16 players at Melton



CLUBHOUSE NEWS

Work was completed on the greens during the Autumn maintenance. Deep scarification was carried out to remove the thatch to improve growth and later this year they will be top dressed with sand. The large conifers on the right of the 3rd green have also been removed and this has opened up the green and allowed sunlight through for the first time in many years. Further work to deal with the tree stumps and sculpt the area will be carried out in due course.



The sunlit third green - now brighter and better.



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UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2nd Sept Lady Captain's Day

7th—9th Sept Club Captain's Away Weekend

12th Sept Lady President's Day

13th Sept C Team vs Kibworth

16th Sept Melton vs Leicester Tigers

20th Sept Seniors vs Scraftoft

22nd Sept Pro's Day at Melton

26th Sept Ladies' Bronze/Silver Salver

30th Sept RWS TOP 30 Play Off

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

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