



# MMGC Monthly Newsletter

September 2018

Another packed month of competitions, matches, the final of the men's Race to Woodhall Spa and, of course, the Ryder Cup. What a weekend of nail-biting golf on a superb course in France that provided a great spectacle for all golfing fans. To quote Justin Thomas (not) - Beat USA!

## Pancakes and prizes on Pro's day!



On a challenging autumnal day, 126 golfers braved the cool and damp conditions in **Tony Westwood's Pro's Day**.

Teams of four competed in an AM-AM format, playing to win the overall prize and the new Jocelyn Westwood Memorial Trophy. Scoring was excellent with the top ten teams all scoring in excess of 86 Stableford points, with the best two scores to count on each hole. A big thanks must go to Tony for organising and running the day so well and to his family and friends for their superb hospitality at the halfway house, especially the made-to-order pancakes!

There were 'Nearest the Pin' prizes on all the Par 3s with **Kathie Finn, Geoff Townsend, Sam Parker** and **Russell Freeman** all hitting the target. The difficult 'In the Bucket Challenge' was successfully completed by only one golfer on the day, well done **Malcolm Farrow**.

The Best Mixed Team scored 80 points and included **Nick MacDonald, Jackie Fisher, Liz** and **Haydn Snow**. The winning Ladies' Team scored 75 points, featured **Margaret Smale, Janet Bentley, Margaret Samways** and **Glynis Breward**. The overall winning team was **Alan Parkes, Eric Parkes, Russell Freeman** and **David Stroud** with 89 points – back nine 46

The day was concluded with a prize presentation and a chance to relax, drink and share chilli and chips.

## Dogs for Good receive £1000 from Lady Captain

Sandie Normanton presented her chosen charity, Dogs for Good, with a cheque for £1000 at the end of her Lady Captains' day. The amount was very gratefully received and will continue to support Mavis, our sponsored dog, during her training year.

Thank you to everyone who worked hard throughout this year to help Sandie raise this amount for such a worthy cause.



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## LADIES' SECTION

### LADY CAPTAIN'S DAY—SUNDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER



*Avis and Sandie*

Lady Captain **Sandie Normanton** held her Lady Captain's day on Sunday and was certainly blessed with sunny weather all throughout the day. Everyone was met on the first tee by the starter and ex member Bob Barnes whose wife, Pat, was playing in the competition.

There was an excellent turnout from all club members and a great day was rounded off by a prize presentation ceremony. Overall winner of the day was **Avis Webb** with a fantastic 44 points, resulting in a handicap cut for her of 3.7!

### DENISE DOMINANT ON LADY PRESIDENT'S DAY

On Wednesday 12th September, a huge cohort of Ladies turned out to support **Bettyne Norton** on her Lady President's Day. The format was an individual medal qualifier and ladies played over 18 or 9 holes and across three divisions. **Denise Waldron** secured an excellent nett 68, making her overall winner on the day.

Other winners were in Division 1: **Jean Moulds**, in Division 2: **Gay Cham** and in Division 3: **Sue Bennett**. Winner of the 9 hole competition was **Sue Stimson**. A big thank-you was extended to Bettyne for organising a superb day, wonderful prizes and an excellent buffet lunch.



*Bettyne and Denise*

## SENIORS' SECTION

### Senior Season's Round Up

Melton Seniors had a disappointing end to their season, losing all of their last three matches in a row.

The first was at home to a strong Beedles Lake side on 11th September. This match was close, with Beedles Lake winning 5 wins to 3. Scoring pairs for Melton were **Bob Luke** and **Dennis Dayman** 2&1, **David Bentley** and **Richard Faubert** 4&3 and **Richard Haines** and **Pat Lee** 3&2.

This was then followed by a loss to Scraptoft on 20th September, played in very wet and windy conditions. Melton lost 3 1/2 to 2 1/2. Winning pairs were Seniors' Captain **Jerzy Schmidt** and **Richard Haines** 1 up, **John Squires** and **Richard Faubert** 3&1 with **Bob Purkis** and **Joe Carrington** earning a creditable half.

The poor end to the season finished with a heavy loss of 7 to 1 at Forest Hill. There were no excuses, as the weather was good and the Melton team looked strong on paper. However, the only pairs to score were halves from Seniors' Captain **Jerzy Schmidt** and **Vic Newham** and **Bob Purkis** and **Joe Carrington**.

Over the season, Melton Seniors played 21 matches winning 8, losing 7 and halving 6.



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## MEN'S SECTION

### RACE TO WOODHALL SPA SHOOTOUT

Sunday 30th September saw the climax to the Race to Woodhall Spa (RWS), when the top 30 golfers in the competition went head to head and from which 5 golfers would join Sam Pollard, already the Order of Merit leader, to play at Woodhall Spa on 20th October.

With the Melton course in excellent condition and very receptive greens, each golfer set off with his own caddie in tow for some moral support and golfing advice. This year has seen 26 competitions which started way back in April and only concluded on the 15th September.



*Winners off to Woodhall Spa*

The winners who are selected to play from the top of the Order of Merit were as follows:

**Geoff Townsend** and **Ian Townsend** on nett 70 level par, **Ray Catton** on nett 71, **David Taylor**, **Kev Robertson** and **Doug Woolley** nett 72.

Well done to all those who took part in all the competitions throughout the year and good luck to those going on to play at Woodhall Spa on October 20th.

### Team Glenn lift Wider Cup—blazing a trail for Europe!

On Friday September 7th 30 golfers set out on the Melton equivalent of the Ryder Cup. On the first day, the draw was made for the Captain's and Vice Captain's teams and the Betterball format played at Verulam GC ended in a draw.

Day 2 saw the Captain's team edge ahead in the foursomes matches played at Hanbury Manor GC by 9 wins to 7. The final day played at Brampton Park turned in the Captain's favour and produced an overall win of 18 1/2 to 13 1/2. A substantial amount of money was also raised for Different Strokes throughout the weekend.



*Vice Captain's Team vs Captain's Team*

## JUNIOR'S SECTION

Club Professional **Tony Westwood** is working hard, especially hunting out new initiatives to get more juniors into golf—a proactive and positive move for a members' club like ours. Alongside his Saturday Juniors and the coaching taking place in schools (check out the Tweets from Ab Kettleby), he is involving the club in **Golf Access**, an exciting new beginner's golf format which gets them out on the course quickly rather than hitting ball after ball on the range. Golf Access gives every player a goal to strive for and rewards them for reaching targets. We are the first club in Leicestershire to take on this programme and we will keep you updated with its progress.



## CLUBHOUSE NEWS



You may have noticed all the increased activity around the course—you would have been playing with your eyes closed if you hadn't! The work around the 3rd green is progressing very well and the turfed bank already looks very inviting for those stray balls to the right.

The work behind the 8th green and down the side of the 9th fairway will allow easier access for the large mowers and less ditch maintenance, an all round gain in keeping the course looking neat and tidy. Keep a lookout for future projects. The

Greens' team aim to keep disturbance to a

minimum, but apologise in advance for work that will need to be carried out. There is never a good time, but the improvements will make a difference for us all, so please be patient!

Andy, our new chef, is keen to locally source fresh produce and testament to this was the success of the fish and chip supper, an excellent meal followed by Doug's legendary quiz. Come and enjoy the **Round the World Buffet** that he is creating to tempt your taste-buds. Book in the office now!



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### UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**1st Oct** Start of Monday Morning Mingles

**5th Oct** Past Captain's Trophy

**10th Oct** Ladies' Hi-Low Trophy

**14th Oct** Mixed Team Away Weekend

**21st Oct** RWS Final at Woodhall Spa

**26th Oct** Ladies' Scary Scramble Open

**27th Oct** Around the World Buffet

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

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