



# MMGC Monthly Newsletter

October 2018

## Scary Scramble: A Howling Success!



Friday 26th October saw Melton Mowbray Golf Club host their annual Ladies' Scary Scramble Open with more than 90 players booked in to take part. The day stayed mostly fine although chilly and the one short downpour did not dampen the competitive spirit. Pumpkins on every tee showed visitors their route through the course and starters and volunteers in the clubhouse and at the halfway house made everyone feel very welcome (despite some quite ghoulish costumes).



*A helper at the  
Halfway House!*

The winners were 'No Bones', from Belton Woods consisting of **Jackie Wilson, Carole Stothard, Wendy Stewart and Kylie Blackmore** with an excellent nett 61.8. In second place, also from Belton Woods, were the Belton Coven – **Jackie Francis, Jen Hallett, Yvonne Walker and Chris Reynolds** with 62.6 and in third place were the Mexican Maidens from Melton – **Liz Snow, Barbara Hamston, Jean Moulds and Nancy Denny** – with 65.1.



Finally, a special mention must go to 'The Brides of Dracula' who not only won the best costume prize, but also played the entire competition in fancy dress. Count Dracula and his coffin were looked after by kind volunteers in the clubhouse!

A great day was had by all and many thanks must go to everyone who worked hard to make it such an entertaining and enjoyable event, from front of house volunteers to those who decorated throughout the club.

## Great turnout for Autumn Trophy Round 1

On an almost dry Sunday (weather-wise at least) 64 players met in the clubhouse at 8am to take part in the first Autumn Trophy challenge of this year. A shotgun start at 8.30am saw the teams set off and the format was a Stableford competition with two scores to count on each hole, three on a couple of the par 5s and all four scores on every par 3.

Winners on this day, receiving 10 points each, with a superb 101 points were **Steve Goddard, Anthony Halls, Julien Kisiel and Vic Sproul**. Runners up on count back with 95 points and gaining 9 points each were **Rob Smith, Kevin Robertson, Dave Timbrell and Pat Lee**. Also gaining 9 points each with the same score were **Pete Poolan, Bob Luke, John Mair and Avis Webb**.

Round 2 will be on Sunday 18th November.

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## LADIES' SECTION

### Hi-Low triumph for Jeanette and Alison

On Wednesday October 10th, the postponed Hi-Low competition took place with new pairings of available players. The format was a greensomes Stableford team event style competition, playing to par 72. First place was secured with an excellent 42 points by **Jeanette Holland** and **Alison Gatward** who dovetailed exceptionally well and played steady and accurate golf. In second place, on count back, were **Margaret Samways** and **Nancy Denny** with 37 points and in third, also with 37 points, were **Liz Clark** and **Janet Bentley**.

### Fine win for Sandie at Women & Golf Magazine Reader Event



On Monday 8th October, Women & Golf magazine held an event at the challenging par 75 Lindrick Golf Club and 8 ladies from Melton Mowbray decided to join in the fun. The day was busy and included a presentation by Di Horsley, Chairman of England Golf Trust, a competitive round of golf with individual and team winners and a rolling champagne reception and food in the Ryder Cup Room. Lady Captain, **Sandie Normanton**, won the individual prize and came away with a new Ping bag and a bottle of bubbly!!

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## MIXED SECTION

### Breadsall Priory Away Weekend Washout!

The Mixed Away weekend to Breadsall Priory took place on the 14th and 15th October. All participants arrived at the hotel by 9.40am for a welcome chat and the draw. The first day was due to be a fourball betterball followed by a three ball waltz on day 2. However, due to the poor weather on day 1, buggies were not allowed on the course and the moderate rain meant several players decided not to go out.

Unfortunately, day 2 fared no better and, again, no buggies were allowed. Although both courses were open, a steady downpour was expected. Some players decided to brave the weather anyway whilst others headed home. However, we had all been thoroughly well looked after the evening before and the three course meal was delicious. Some prize money was spent on wine for the meal—a welcome decision.



A big thank you to **Haydn** and **Liz Snow** for their hard work in organising the event and the 32 players who participated.

### Monday Morning Mingles

Monday 1st October saw the start of the Mingles again, which was well supported by Melton Golfers. The winners on the first day were as follows:

1st **Denis Dayman** and **Alison Gatward** with a nett 33.8

2nd **John Squires** and **Bettyne Norton** with a nett 35.0

3rd **Tom Eadon** and **Liz Clarke** with a nett 37.4

Best fourball on the day: **Denis Dayman**, **Alison Gatward** with **Mike** and **Gill Hoggan** with a nett 73.6





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## MEN'S SECTION

### Ian Townsend wins RWS title in tiebreaker



The Gent's competition season at Melton Mowbray Golf Club came to a thrilling conclusion on the world famous Hotchkin Course at Woodhall Spa on Saturday 21st October.

The Race to Woodhall Spa (RWS) competition saw **Ian** and **Geoff Townsend**, **Kevin Robertson**, **Ray Catton** and **David Taylor** join Order of Merit leader, **Sam Pollard**, in the final after qualifying from the shoot out event. In perfect playing conditions, the competitors played a Stableford format and enjoyed a formidable test of their golf. Nerves played a big part over the early holes and the leader board was tightly packed at the turn. Kevin on 16 led by a single point from Sam and Ian.

Sam then birdied the 11th and 14th to take the lead before a bogey on the 15th pulled him back. On the 17th tee, Sam, Kevin and Ian were all on 30 points – the closest scoring in the lead up to the finishing holes in the 5 year history of the competition. Unfortunately, Kevin hit trouble in the bunker on this hole to fall out of contention. A brilliant birdie from Ian gave him the lead with one hole to go. In yet another twist, he fell back on the 18th allowing Sam to even the score – meaning both were tied on 34 points.

A tiebreak was needed to decide the 2018 Champion and Ian's par on the first allowed him to collect this accolade. He is the fifth different player to win in the five years – what a terrific finish to a great season. Congratulations to all.

### Mick Curtis lifts Past Club Captain's Trophy

From a field of 24 players ranging in age from 60 to 88, **Mick Curtis** carded 38 points in this Stableford competition to secure the trophy for 2018. The 'other club' trophy was won by **Ken Kirk** and **Phil Millward** snatched both nearest the pin prizes. A black tie dinner was hosted in the evening by Club Captain, **Glenn Price**, to round off an enjoyable day.

## SENIOR SECTION

The annual match between the Senior's Captain and Vice-Captain was held on October 23rd. Thirty-six seniors drawn between the two teams played a fourball Stableford matchplay format. In the first match on the course Vice Captain, **Dick Chapman** and partner **Haydn Snow** convincingly beat Captain **Jerzy Schmidt** and **Al Terzza** 6 and 4. By the time the fourth pairings came in, the Vice-Captain's team was ahead 3 to 1. However, the remaining matches went the way of the Captain 3.5 to 1.5, leaving the final score an honourable draw at 4.5 to 4.5.

## CLUBHOUSE NEWS

Events have taken off in the Clubhouse and the diary is very busy in the run up to Christmas. Don't forget the **Prize Presentation Evening** on **Thursday 22nd November** and there are still places for the **Captain's Last Supper** on **Saturday 24th November**. One of our Lady members has organised a **Christmas Festive Flower Demonstration and Lunch** on **Thursday 29th Nov**. This has limited places available so book early to avoid disappointment.

The **Fish and Chip supper** and **quiz night**, held on Saturday 6th October was a great success and Andy continued to show off his culinary skills in the **'Round the World' dinner** on Saturday 27th October. Diners enjoyed a sharing platter to start and then a choice of dishes which included Lamb Tagine, Sweet and Sour Chicken and Vegetable Provencal and an assortment of side dishes, chosen to complement each main course. An enjoyable evening was had by all.

Finally, don't forget to check out the new bar menu—full of new ideas and club favourites.



*Andy hard at work during the 'Round the World' dinner.*



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### UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 3rd Nov**      **Bonfire Night—Function Room**
- 4th Nov**      **Interteam Challenge**
- 6th Nov**      **Seniors' Presentation Supper**
- 18th Nov**     **Autumn Trophy Round 2**
- 21st Nov**     **Ladies' 3 Clubs and a putter**
- 22nd Nov**     **Prize Presentation Evening**
- 24th Nov**     **Captain's Last Supper**
- 29th Nov**     **Christmas Flower Demonstration**

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

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