

COMPETITIONS REPORT to May 24th

On Wednesday 19th May the **ladies** section played the inaugural competition of a new Trophy, **The Melton Mowbray Macmillan Cancer Support Group Trophy**, donated by the group to the Ladies Section. Having donated two trophies the competition was played in two divisions as a singles stableford. Golf Club member Diane Orson is the Chairman of the Support group and presented the two trophy 's to the divisional winners on the day, also present were Margaret Ryder, President of the Support Group and Eric Bryant both helping with fund raising events. The theme of the day was "**Green**" with the ladies taking part, all wearing something green to signify the connection to the Melton Mowbray Macmillan Support Group colour of green. Many other ladies took part on the day by helping with the fund raising events and by making cakes, jams and preserves and providing prizes for the **green tombola** where all prizes were wrapped in various shades of green paper which looked tremendous on the table. There was also a cake stall, a jams and preserves stall which all received fantastic support.

The competition was well supported with 34 ladies taking part. The competition results were very close with only one point between the top four places in division one. **The Winner was: Anne Creed 37** points, 2nd Lady Captain Julia Brown 36 points on count back from 3rd Val Eastman 36 points also on count back from 4th Pam Parker 36 points.

Only one point separated the top 3 in Division 2 which was won by **Sally Hudson with 36 points** on count back from 2nd Elaine Shelton 36 points and 3rd Kullike Dempster 35 points. Anne and Sally were presented with their trophies by Melton Mowbray Macmillan Cancer Support Group Chairman, Diane Orson who was amazed and delighted at the support given for the day.

Lady Captain, Julia Brown thanked everyone for the support and announced the day would be an annual event.

The **gents** played a **midweek medal** on Thursday 20th May. The glorious weather enticed 55 members to take part the course in superb condition. The winner was Junior Captain, Sam Pollard having shot a net 66 on count back from second placed Steve Tagg also net 66. Richard Grieve was third net 67 and Brendan Boyce fourth net 68. Best Gross of level 70 was shot by Colin Mitchell. There were only 3 two's, Mick Wilson, Dale Radford and Matt Handley.

The foursomes medal trophy **The Clarke Cup** was played on Saturday 22nd May. The Winners were Gary Glover and Dave Pritchett net 68.5, 2nd Martin Wheeler and Mick Guy, net 70 and 3rd Tony Robinson and Bev Blake net 72 on count back. The pairings of Mick Wilson and Guy Rayson and Gavin Baxter and Robert Smith shared the two's sweep.

The **C Team** played a home match against **Scraptoft** returning a friendly win of 3 ½ to 2 ½. The teams of Tony South and Joe Carrington, Billy Kevan and Chris Carmichael both won 4 and 3, Ian King and Don Benzie won 7 and 5 and Hayden Snow with Ray Catton fought to the end to get a half.

The **Ladies v Leicestershire** at home resulted in a 3 ½ to ½ win for Melton. The partnership of Maureen Stapleford and Julia Brown and also Avis Webb with Gay Cham won by 4 and 3, Sally Hudson and Jane Berry won 1 up and Pat Skelton with Jean Moulds halved.

COMPETITIONS REPORT to Monday 17th May

The Ladies County Foursomes Team had a tremendous first round +3 victory away at Humberstone Heights on Monday 17th May. The team of Catherine Smith partnered by Leah Radford and Lady Captain Julia Brown partnered by Drina Terzza fought a tough Humberstone Heights ladies team to earn their win. Julia and Drina won 4 up with Catherine and Leah finishing 1 down which resulted in the +3 aggregate win. Well done ladies!

On Saturday 15th May the gents played the Club qualifying round of the **International Pairs Competition**. The winners, Nick Pattison and Neil Eaves, having beaten 47 other pairs will represent the club at Belton Woods on 6th September in the regional round playing for the chance to go to the UK finals at Wychwood Park on the 26th and 27th September. The International Pairs is played in 30 Countries and the UK Final top three will go forward to the World Final at The Carrick on Loch Lomond in October. Neil and Nick scored an impressive 43 points to secure their victory only one point ahead of runners up Gavin Shilham and Stuart McNeil and third placed Kieran Foster

and Matt Hatton who lost out on count back both having scored 42 points. Six two's shared the two's sweep, Nick Pattison, Gavin Shilham (2) , Cyril Kenzie, Steve Goddard and Peter Poolan. We wish Nick and Neil good luck in the next round.

The bogey format of the **Ludlow Bowl** on the 9th May attracted 43 players who took on the course and the strong wind of the day. First was Adrian Whalley with +2 on count back from runner up Andy Westwood also +2 Third was Sean McAuley +1 and fourth placed Steve Tagg was all square with the course. There were four gross two's scored by Andy Westwood, Ray Smith and Sean McAuley (2). The Gents division four players played the first round of the **Compton Cup** on the 9th May in the same format as the Ludlow Bowl. In a tight competition the top three places were only decided by count back all three having shot +1 and finishing 1 up on the course. 1st was Matt Handley, runner up David McKain and third Mick Guy.

The 2009/10 Winter Betterball and Winter Foursomes knockout competitions have been decided during the last week. The **Betterball** knockout was won by Phil Curtis and Steve Goddard having beaten runners up Tim Graham and Ken Longbottom. The losing semi finalists were: Ian Solloway with Mark Goodwin and Bill Hurrell with Stephen Draisey. The **Winter Foursomes** was won by the partnership of Alan Hodgkinson and Brian Kirkup having beaten father and son team of Geoff and Ian Townsend in the final. Alan and Brian will represent the club in the national rounds of the 2011 Daily Mail Foursomes competition. The losing semi finalists were Peter and David Poolan and Andy Westwood and Chris Jones.

Melton played host to Humberstone Heights in their 3rd game in the North Leicestershire B Team League. A close affair with five of the six matches not being decided until the 17th or 18th holes Melton getting the better of these tight games finishing with a satisfying 4 -2 victory. Winning pairs were: Stephen Draisey and Bill Hurrell 2 and 1, Terry brown and Andrew Smith 1 up, Phil Millward and John Shelton 2 and 1, Guy Rayson and Gavin Baxter 4 and 3.

The **Seniors** played the fourth round of the George Houghton Trophy on May 11th. The winner was Owen Cook 37 points, Runner Up Tom Bates 35 points on count back from Tony Houghton, also 35 points.

The **Ladies** played the **Coronation Foursomes** last Wednesday, the wind and rain not deterring the competitors. The winners were: Mavis Newham and Anne Creed with 36 points and runners up Diane Orson and Maureen Stapleford 3 points behind on 33. Mavis and Anne will represent the club in the regional round of the competition.

The Australian Spoons winners were Maureen Stapleford and Diane Orson with 38 points and runners up Joyce McLaren and Sheila Rowson scored 33 Maureen and Di will represent the Club in the regional round of the competition. The Silver Foursomes won by Julia Brown and Kathie Finn 31 points the runners up, Fay Hutton and Dorothy Jaggars scoring 28. Well done ladies!

The **Mixed Team** played host to Whetstone on Sunday securing a good win with a 4 games to 2 margin. Winning pairs were Team Captain, Alan terzza and Lady Captain Julia Brown 3 and 1, Chris Cook with Malcolm Bryson 6 and 5, Drina Terzza and Owen Cook 5 and 3 and Frank and Brenda Williams 5 and 4.

COMPETITON RESULTS TO 10TH MAY

On Saturday 8th May the gents played in **The HALL OF FAME QUALIFIER** to play at Lincoln Golf Club in the regional round of The Hall of Fame Charity Golf Tournament in August. The competition was won by Tony Robinson with a level handicap net 70. Entry numbers were slightly down on last year but the poor weather conditions deterred members from playing with only 62 entering. Runner Up was Billy Kevan with a net 71 with Sean McAuley in third place on count back from Geoff Townsend and Marcus Twidale who all returned with a net 72. All monies paid are donated to Cancer Research. We would all like to wish Tony good luck at Lincoln.

The Gents Mid Week Stableford on Wednesday proved to be a closely fought contest with only 2 points separating the top 5 places. Playing in sunny weather and the course in excellent condition the winner was David Wells with 39 points on count back from runner up Dave Hall. Karl Yates was third on count back from fourth placed Les Stroud both with 38 points. Mark Muggleton was fifth with

37. There were only five two's achieved by Mick Wilson, Greg Woolley, Karl Yates and Robert Smith scored 2!

The B Team had a busy week having played 3 matches on the 1st, 5th and 8th May. All home matches the team won the first match against Rutland County by a margin of 4 and a half to 1 and a half. Successful pairs were: Terry Brown and Sean McAuley 2 and 1, Mark Goodwin and John Squires 3 and 2, Matt Hatton with John Webb 3 and 2 and Tim Hackett with Brian Cole 3 and 2. Brian Geeson and Ian Solloway got the half. On Wednesday 5th May the B Team played their first Leicestershire League Match result to be notified.

The third match of the week was a friendly with Greetham Valley. the match was halved . The successful pairing of Phil Millward and John Webb from the Wednesday match once again returned a win by 3 and 2, Mark Goodwin and Pete Rayers were 1 up and the pairings of Gerry Stephens with Ian Solloway and John Rawlings with Tom Eadon both halved.

The C TEAM, led by Derek Whitehouse played a home match against Ruddington Grange. The team lost by 4 and a half to 1 and a half. Winners were; Don Benzie with Billy Kevan 5 and 3, and Tony South partnered by Ken Longbottom got the half. The team have also played a Triella match at Whetstone against Humberstone and Whetstone. Playing individual stableford the triella challenge was shared by Melton and Whetstone with the top six scores returned from both teams each totalling 198 points.

Playing in the spring sunshine **The SENIORS** played an individual stableford on the 27th April. 18 players took part with Fred Johnson winning scoring 36 points. Ken Dimaline was runner up with 34 and Dave Lander took third place with 32 points. The fourth round of the George Houghton Trophy was contested on Tuesday 4th May. The cold breezy conditions didn't deter the seniors with only 2 points between the top three players. Owen Cook won with 37 points the runner up, Tom Bates scored 35 knocking Tony Houghton into third place by count back also with 35 points. **The Senior Team** played a home match against Cotgrave on April 27th and had a convincing win of 6 games to 2. Senior Captain, John Squires and Ray Stone led the way with a 6 and 5 win. Tom Eadon with Ray Foster won by 4 and 3, Denis Dayman and Vic Newham were 1 up as were George Hoskins and Dave Beasley. The partnership of Peter Maine and Neville Palmer won 4 and 3 and Paul Jones with Bob Parkinson won 2 up.

The LADIES had an excellent field of 33 in the May EWGA Medal. The overall winner was Drina Terzza with a net 70 on count back from runner up Pat Skelton. Drina and Pat also took the honours in division one with Dorothy Jagers in third place with a net 72. Division 2 was won by Barbara Hamston net 74 on count back from runner up Sheila Rowson also net 74. Sue Bennett was third two shots adrift with net 76. **The Ladies Team** travelled to Edwalton Golf Club to take on the Edwalton ladies in a friendly match. The team lost 1 and a half to 2 and a half with three of the Melton pairs halving their games. These were: The Lady Captain, Julia Brown with Joyce McLaren, Avis Webb and Elaine Shelton and Jeanette Holland with Val Eastman.

MIXED OPEN AM-AM A GREAT SUCCESS The Bank Holiday weekend has been busy with a Saturday Stableford, The Mixed Open Am-Am and The Junior Invitation all taking place.

The bitterly cold wind on May Bank Holiday Sunday didn't deter the 100 golfers taking part in the club's first Open competition of the year. Playing a stableford Am-Am off 3/4 handicap the scores returned were close up to the last two groups both of these returning a level 72 points, the strong wind adding an extra degree of difficulty to contend with. The winners were: Carol Simpson, Kay Gough, John Thurman and Steve Butt from Ormonde Fields and Chevin Golf Clubs with 72 points on count back from runners up Leah Radford, Avis Griffin, Alan Newton and Bob Griffin from Melton Mowbray and Stoke Rochford also with 72 points. In third place was Denise Waldron and Steve Goddard (Melton) and Sue and John Hitchman (Stoke Rochford) with 69 points. The gents Nearest the Pin was won by Phil Millward from Melton and the Ladies by Gwen Doyle also from Melton. All

the prize winners received various types of M&S luggage presented to them by Club Captain and Lady Captain Terry and Julia Brown.

The Junior Invitation on Bank Holiday Monday was a fun day with 3 ball teams of Junior and adult members playing a 3 ball Am-Am stableford. Junior Captain Sam Pollard and Vice Captain Nick Pattison started all the teams off, with the wind yet again being a challenge to contend with however, only 3 points separated the top four places. Winners were: Steve Roberts, Matt Kuzmic and Catherine Smith with 73 points followed by runners up, John Webb, Paddy Doyle and Leah Radford one point behind with 72. In third place was Bob Luke, Kieran Foster and David Poolan 71 points and fourth Alan Newton, Toby Pendlebury and Drina Terzza. on 70 points. The nearest the pun on the 14th was won by Leah Radford.