

September Results

Melton v Tigers Melton Mowbray men's Team hosted a match against Leicester Tigers on Sunday 26th September. In an enjoyable encounter the team were led out by Club Captain Terry Brown and partner Vice Captain Guy Rayson the pair winning their game 2 up. John Rawlings and Mark Goodwin won 3 and 1, Owen Cook and Ian Solloway won 2 up and David Wells with Brendan Boyce won 3 and 1. Sadly Phil Millward with Alan Newton and Mick Curtis with Gerry Stephens lost their matches but kept the result of a 4-2 win for Melton a friendly one. The highlight of the day was Vice Captain Guy Rayson holing a match winning Ace on the par three 16th hole. This was Guy's 12th hole in one and his second this year! The match was followed by a meal and evening celebrations.

The gents **Midweek stableford** last Wednesday was a battle against the elements reflected in the scores returned. The winner was Peter Keast with 28 points and runner up Alan Sleath on 26. The **Saturday stableford** was played in fair conditions which encouraged 78 players to take part. Results were close only one point separating the top four scores. Mark Muggleton won overall with 41 points. Division one winner was Chris Carmichael with forty points one ahead of runner up Jack Inguanta with 39. Division 2 was won by Tim Mortimer 40 points and Mike Catlin second with 38. Ben Catlin won division three with 40 points and Roy Tomley was second with 39. 11 players shared the two's sweep - Tom Smith, Steve Goddard, Oliver Duley, Mark Muggleton, Matt Hatton, Stephen Draisey, Tony South, Adrian Whalley, Kevin rate, John Shelton and John Swayne,

The Ladies played a medal or 9 hole qualifier last Wednesday. Winner of the 9 hole competition was Jeanette Holland with 14 points followed two points behind by runner Val Eastman on 12 points. The EWGA medal was won by Ladies Vice Captain, Avis Webb with a net 74 one clear of runner up Diane Orson net 75 and Jane Berry was third net 80.

Competitions Report to Monday 27 September 2010

Past Captains of the Golf Club played for the Past Captain's Trophy last Friday. Club captain's from as far back as 1968 - Walter Griffin's year took up to the recent past, Mick Curtis Captain in 2008 took part in the competition, 21 Past Captain's in all.

Playing in tough conditions with strong, cold winds the competitors played an individual stableford. Walter Griffin and Sid Freeman played a nine hole competition with Walter winning with 14 points. The nearly Vets (up to 63 years old) was won by Alan Newton (2000 Club Captain) with a score of 35 points. The young vets (64 to 70) was won by John Webb (2006 Captain) with 33 points and the Old vets (71 and over) by David Compton 32 points. The overall winner to claim the Trophy was John Hitchman (1999 Club Captain) with a level par 36 points. The competition was followed by a meal, prize presentation and merry making.

The ladies played for the Ludlow Bowl this week. A stableford format the winner was Alison Gatward with 38 points, Chris Cook was runner up 36 points and Gay Cham came third with 34 points on count back from Sally Hudson, Julia Brown and Jeanette Holland.

Twenty seven members played in the gents midweek stableford on Thursday with some caught in the thunder storms at the end of the day. The winner was Keith Tomblin with a tremendous seven under handicap net 63. Peter Poolan finished in second place with a net 69 on count back from Cyril Kenzie in third and Bernard McGrath fourth also net 69. There were only 3 twos shot by Peter Poolan, John Harvey and Richard Grieve.

Competitions report to Monday 20 September 2010

On Sunday 19th September the Melton Mowbray Ladies County Foursomes Team won the Final of the Leicestershire and Rutland Ladies County Golf Association County Foursomes Competition.

The ladies played Birstall ladies on the neutral ground of Cosby Golf Club for the title of L&RLCGA County Foursomes Champions, with neither team having won it since the 1970's. Melton Mowbray last won the competition 31 years ago in 1979.

Playing foursome match play format each match had to complete 18 holes and the scores of both pairs representing each team added together.

The pairings of Peggy Newton with Leah Radford and Julia Brown partnered by Catherine Smith represented Melton on Sunday whilst reserves Drina Terzza and Dorothy Jagers caddied for Catherine and Julia. Drina had played in the second and third rounds of the competition with great success when Catherine was unavailable.

Peggy and Leah were first out and lost the first hole but then settled down, halved the second and won the third to get back to all square. The game then turned into a battle to the end with Peggy and Leah knuckling down against the Birstall ladies and not allowing them to regain the advantage of getting back into the lead. In a nip and tuck tussle with the Melton pair either all square or one up, they fought hard and left the 15th green 2 up. They then halved the 16th and lost the 17th hole to be one up with one to play. They finished the game with a par on the 18th to win 2 up on their opponents.

Julia and Catherine were up against it from the beginning their opponents shooting level par on the first three holes and the Melton ladies left the fourth green four down. However, Catherine sunk a tremendous putt on the 5th to pull one back and by the time the pair left the 9th green they had fought hard to come back to all square. After this they were never behind winning five out of the next six holes on the back nine to leave the 16th green 5 up with 2 to play. The pair lost the last two holes but won their game 3 up on the Birstall ladies resulting in the team having an aggregate score of 5 up for the match and Melton Mowbray ladies reclaiming the County title after a 31 year gap.

Two of the ladies 2010 knockout competitions have been decided during this week. Jane Berry and Jean Moulds have won the Daily Mail Foursomes Match play knockout and will represent the club in the 2011 national competition.

The Lady Vice Captain Avis Webb beat Fay Hutton in the final of the Senior Ladies Match play knockout competition to win the Senior Ladies Trophy for 2010.

In blustery conditions the Seniors played a stableford and also hosted a friendly match against Park Hill. The stableford was a very close knit contest with the top four places all decided by count back having scored 33 points each. The winner was Tom Hall, Runner up Alf Tozer, third placed Henry Coy and Tom Bates was fourth.

The senior match against Park Hill resulted in 6 games to 2 win for Melton. Winning teams were: Mike Dempster / Vic Newham 1 up, Alan Terzza / Paul Jones 4 and 3, John Eastman / John Parker 1 up, Frank Williams / Ray Foster 3 and 2, Peter Branch / Ray Stone 2 and 1 and Bill Robson / Brian Grommet were 1 up.

Melton Mowbray Golf Club Competitions report to Monday 13 September

Melton members **Neil Eaves and Nick Pattison** won the **East of England final of the International Pairs** competition last weekend and will now play in the all England finals to be held at Wychwood Park in Cheshire on 27th September.

Having won the Club qualifying competition in May Neil and Nick qualified for the East of England regional final held at Belton Woods. Playing a better ball stableford the pair excelled returning 43 points and winning the competition. Nick came in one over gross and 4 under his handicap whilst Neil played 3 under his.

The reward is to play in the All England finals on the 27th September with a practice round on the 26th. Success will result in a visit to Loch Lomond Golf Course to play the winners from 25 other countries and the chance of being seen on television as Sky are covering the event.

ROB WINS MUIR CUP - The final of the clubs main knockout competition the Muir Cup was contested on Sunday, between Rob Smith and Guy Rayson. The match was all square after 7 holes with steady play from both players, Rob using the first of his 2 shots to good effect on the 8th and was 1 up at the halfway point. Guy squared the match after 11 holes, but lost two of the next three holes to be 2 down, Guy won the 15th and 16th with pars to square the match once again. Rob's second shot on the par 5 17th rolled just off the green into the semi rough but the hole was halved in par, this set up a dramatic 18th hole which was playing very long into the wind, Rob's long straight drive put him in ideal position for a 6 iron approach which he struck well to 15 feet from the pin. Guy's do or die chip from 20 yards looked to be going in but lipped round the hole to give Rob the 2 putts he needed for par and a 1 hole victory.

A small field of only 32 players competed for the **Family Foursomes Trophy** on Saturday 11th September. The father and son team of Doug and Greg Woolley won the foursomes medal with a net 70.5 half a shot ahead of second Father and son team Peter and David Poolan who scored net 71 on count back from third placed brothers Gavin and John Baxter also net 71. There were only two gross two's on the day shot by Peter and David Poolan and Keith and Michael Tomblin. The **seniors** played a home match against Humberstone Heights winning by 6 games to 1. Successful pairs were Senior Captain John Squires / Ray Foster 3 and 1, Tom Eadon / Ron Smith 4 and 2, Vic Newham / John Parker 3 and 2, Frank Williams / Malcolm Bryson 2 and 1, Alan Terzza / Dave Beasley 6 and 4 and Ray Stone / Denis Dayman 7 and 6. Other seniors played a **3 ball Am-Am** with the best two from three to count on all holes. First place went to Mike Huggins, Walter Skerritt and Bob Stark with 74 points closely followed one point behind by Scott Moffat, Ray Hipkin and Tony Houghton 73 points.

Competitions report to Monday 06 September 2010

The **Junior** section of Melton Mowbray Golf Club played their Doubles competition on Sunday, the format was a greensome stableford. Fair weather and excellent course conditions produced really good scores.

Toby Pendlebury and James Parker were the winners with 44 points, runners up Leah Radford and Jon Uttley had 38 points and in third place Arron Squires- Nugent and Ollie Konarski had 37 points. The nine hole medal was won by Luke Mulla on count back from Harvey Braime with Connor Wilson third.

The **seniors** played a 4 ball Am-Am stableford on Tuesday 31st August. Playing in fair conditions with the course playing long a close competition ensued. The winners were: Senior Captain, John Squires, Owen Cook, Tom Eadon and John Webb with a superb score of 90 points. Runners up, Vic Newham, Neville Palmer, John Parker and Bob Luke were only 3 points behind with 87 points. The **Gents** section played their divisional championships this week with 118 members taking part for three trophies. All three trophies were won with below handicap scores, the favourable conditions and excellent course condition playing their part. 39 Division one players competed for the **Gerrard Leigh Bowl**. The winner was Matt Thomson with an excellent net 64 with senior golfer Les Stroud in second place on count back from third placed Peter Poolan both with net 67. Gerry Stephens was fourth with a net 67 losing out on count back over the back nine to Poolan for third place.

51 players fought it out for the **Hayes Cup** for handicaps 13 to 20. Nathan Cliffe returned a net 66 to take the trophy from runner up Peter Cort net 68. Third, fourth and fifth places were decided by count back, with Steven Keast, Mike Callow and Andy Pedlar all returning net 69 respectively. Division Three's **Wally Hill Cup** was won by Gianfranco Vignati net 69 Dave Harris was second net 73 and Tony Robinson third net 74.

The two's sweep was shared by 13 players: Tony South, Nathan Cliffe, Phil Meade, Richard Hutton, Tim Mortimer, John Rawlings(2), Karl Goodacre, Paul Blount, Chris Carmichael, Paul Gough, Peter Poolan, Ian Hughes and Gianfranco Vignati.

The **ladies** also played their divisional cups this week. Playing a Bogey format the up to 20 handicap players played for the **Silver Salver** in perfect weather conditions. Diane Orson won with a superb +4 on the course result. Runner up was Leah Radford -1. **The Bronze Salver** for handicaps 21 to 28 was won by Pam Parker with a +3 and runner up Dorothy Jaggars +2. It was medal format for the **Evans Bowl** for handicaps 29 to 36 the winner being Sally Hudson with a net

76 and runner up Melita Copley net 78

Lady President, Beryl Houghton Captained the Senior Ladies friendly match at home against Forest Hill. The match was halved at 2 games each. Melton winners were: Sue Stimson and Sheila Rowson 1 up and Sue Bennett partnered by Joyce McLaren won by 6 and 4.

CORPORATE DAY - Club Professional, Neil Curtis and his assistant, Alex Cooper hosted Corporate Day on Friday with ten local businesses entering in this year's competition. All competitors enjoyed a wonderfully sunny day and great hospitality. Each of the companies challenged the pro on the 5th hole with only one person, Ric Landucci, managing to beat the pro! Curtis was 1 under par in total for his attempts.

The overall winners of Corporate Day this year were Callow International on 6 under par. Runners Up were United Pallet Network on 5 under par and in Third Place Bax Work Wear scored 4 under par. William Hitchcock won nearest the pin on the 7th and Chris Allen won nearest the pin on the 14th hole.