

Club Competitions Report to May 30th 2011

Lady President, Joyce McLaren celebrated her Lady President's day on the 25th May when the ladies section played an individual medal competition in three divisions. Joyce's prize table consisted of various types of photograph frames with a modern clock for best gross and a crystal bowl for the overall winner.

Played in sunny conditions 32 ladies played for the Lady presidents Salver. The overall winner was Sheila Rowson with a net 69 and Best gross was won by Leah Radford with a gross 85. Division One winner was Drina Terzza net 71 and runner up Fay Hutton net 75. Winner of division two was Mavis Newham net 71 and Pam Parker second with a net 74 on count back from the Lady Captain, Avis Webb. Margaret Hoskins won division three net 73 and Pat Bloomer came second net 74. There was also a nine hole competition which was won by Nancy Aldridge with a net 35. Runner up was Di Ward net 40 on count back. The competition was followed by a meal and prize presentation, Joyce had asked not to the names of the prize winners until they were called out. She was thrilled that her close friend, Sheila Rowson was the Overall Winner and won the Lady President's Salver.

The ladies scratch team had a very wet and windy scratch match at Lutterworth which resulted in a loss for the Melton team by 5 ½ to 1 ½. Playing a tough team Leah Radford led the team out and brought in their only win beating her opponent by 4 and 3. Denise Waldron fought hard to return with a half.

The seniors played a quick step scramble on the 24th May. In first place were Tom Eadon, John Squires, Robin Jones and Owen Cook with a 66.25. Runners up were Vic Newham, Peter Maine, Neville Palmer and John Parker net 70

The Clarke Cup foursome medal played on the 22nd May was won by Jon Baxter and Rob Smith with a net 70.5 an excellent result on the day with the strong winds affecting play. The runners up were Karl Goodacre and Clive Sharpe 6 ½ shots behind with a net 77.

The Stableford Betterball on the 28th May was well supported with 84 players taking part despite the rain and cold wind. The father and son team of Peter and Graham Keast won with 42 points just beating Dan Beadle and Tim Buxton in second place with 41 points. 40 points on count back secured third place for John Harvey and Simon Palmer. Five members shared the two's sweep, Mick Wilson, Jack Inguanta, Shane Walpole, John Shelton and Adrian Stokes.

Tim Buxton was the overall winner in the individual stableford on Sunday scoring 38 points and winning on count back from division two and three winners - son and father - Gavin Baxter and Jon Baxter both also having scored 38. Division One winner was Club Captain Guy Rayson on 33 points and Rob Smith was second with 32. Division two was won by Gavin Baxter 38 and runner up was Tim Bloomer with 34. Jon Baxter won Division three 38 from Kelvin Newman second with 37. Only six twos were scored by: Steve Tagg, Brendan Boyce, Guy Rayson, Mick Wilson, Pete Faulkner and Ben Catlin.

The gents B team continued their unbeaten run when they met Stoke Rochford at Melton on Saturday 21st May securing a win by a 5 games to 1 margin. Winning pairs were: John Rawlings with Gavin Baxter, Rob Smith and Brian Cole, Mick Curtis with Mark Goodwin, Guy Rayson and John Webb and John Squires with Ian Solloway. The team are unbeaten with six wins from six matches played.

Club Competitions Report to May 23rd 2011

Pat Scores a Hole In One

Ladies member Pat Skelton a member since 1975 scored her first hole in one in a recent ladies match at Burghley Park Golf Club on the 16th hole measuring 152 yards she was amazed to see her 3 wood flying onto the green and straight into the

hole. Pat was thrilled and over the moon and still hadn't calmed down by the time she teed off in the next days club competition!

Mixed Fortunes for Men's and Ladies County Foursomes:

Melton were drawn away at Western Park in the first round of the **Mens County Foursomes**, Kieran Foster & Greg Woolley were the opening pairing, the match was evenly balanced at half way, but despite Melton being 3 under par for the back nine their opponents also scored superbly to win 2up for Western Park. The second and newly formed partnership of Sam Pollard & Rob Smith played a solid and steady round and held on to their valuable 4 up lead, securing a 2up aggregate victory for Melton setting up the next round clash against Park Hill or Scraftoft.

Melton Ladies were defending their **County Foursomes** title, won in dramatic style last year: they were drawn in the first round this year away at Kilworth Springs. The pairings were Catherine Smith & Drina Terzza, Peggy Newton & Leah Radford. Both pairs started steadily against their opponents but failed to find the spark of last year and with home advantage against them and the opposition scoring well in the dry and windy conditions, Melton's grasp on their title began to loosen and Kilworth kept up the pressure to secure a comfortable win.

The **ladies handicap league** match at the Leicestershire resulted in a loss for the team, however they all fought hard and didn't let the Leicestershire ladies off lightly particularly Jean Moulds who took on her opponents single handed and made them fight to the last hole. The **ladies scratch league team** were also away for their first match of the season at Lutterworth. Meeting a strong Lutterworth team our ladies didn't fare well but Leah Radford, leading the team out well returned with a 4 and 3 win and Denise Waldron halved her match.

The ladies section played for the **Macmillan Cancer Relief Trophies** last Wednesday. Played in two divisions the Division One winner was Ladies Vice Captain, Yvette Joyce with 35 points and runner up Diane Orson scored 32 points. Division two was decided by count back with Janet Hipkin winning the trophy from new member Pat Bloomer both with 35 points.

The **mixed team** travelled to Greetham Valley on Sunday and had a closely fought tussle with their opponents. The team lost by 3 ½ to 2 ½ . team captain, John Webb and his partner, Lady President Joyce McLaren led the field with a superb 6 and 5 win. Neville Lenton and Chris Cook won 4 and 3. the Lady Captain, Avis Webb with Malcolm Bryson returned with a half.

The **seniors** played round 4 of the Geroge Houghton Trophy where John Parker had a resounding win with 41 points 2 clear of runner up Malcolm Bryson 39 points. In third place was Denis Dayman with 37. On the 19th May the **senior team** visited Humberstone Heights for a friendly match and returned with a not so friendly 5 ½ to ½ win. Senior Captain, Frank Williams and John Webb won 2 and 1, the pairings of Peter Branch with John Parker and John Squires partnered by Denis Dayman both won 6 and 5, Neville Palmer with Malcolm Bryson won 1 up and Vic Newham and Ken Dimaline won by 3 and 2. Senior Vice Captain Owen Cook and Bill Robson halved their game.

Club Competitions Report to May 16th 2011

The **Senior Spring Open** on Tuesday 10th May was a great success. 144 players took part in a 4 ball Am-Am stableford with the best two scores on each hole to count. The prize table of Dickinson and Morris hampers with a combination of spirits wine and beer were well received. The strong wind and cooler weather played it's part on the scores but the winners Alan Tubb, Les Hopewell, Tom Jagger and George Cliffe from Rushcliffe Golf Club returned with 81 points one point ahead of runners up from Melton Mowbray, Owen Cook, Alan Newton, John Squires and Tom

Eadon with 80 points. Third were Paul Blount, Kevin Griggs, Les Stroud and Cyril Kenzie with 79 points on count back from fourth placed G Colman, E Chambers, P Bonser and M Richardson also 79 points. Frank Williams, Bill Robson, Bob Purkis and David Wells were fifth with 78 points. The prizes were presented by Club Captain Guy Rayson.

The popular trophy **Family Foursomes** competition took place on Sunday 8th May. The winning team were father and son Peter and David Poolan with a net 69.5 followed by another father and son team Mick and Connor Wilson in second place net 76.0. In third place were grandmother and grandson Pam and James Parker with net 76.5

The gents played the club round of the **EGU Gold Medal** for the chance to represent Melton and Leicestershire in the regional finals later in the year. The overall winner was Billy Kevan with a net 68 on count back from Alan Terzza and Bill Hurrell. Billy will now have to wait to see if he qualifies as one of the best scores returned from participating clubs in Leicestershire to play at Woodhall Spa in the next round. Division One winner was Robert Smith net 69 and Tim Hackett second net 71. Division two winner was Alan Terzza net 68 on count back from Bill Hurrell net 68. Adrian Stokes won division three with net 70 and Bernard Jamieson second net 71. Best gross was returned by Robe Smith gross 75.

The twos sweep was shared by 15 players with Peter Poolan scoring 2. The other players were: Mark Pedge, Jack Inguanta, Mick Wilson, Dougie Bryce, John squires, Ian Plant, Robert Smith, Steve Brown, Ian Stockdale, Richard Kendall, Brendan Boyce Gianfranco Vignati and Jon Baxter.

The ladies played the **Coronation Foursomes** last Wednesday. Playing a foursomes stableford the winners were: Diane Orson and Maureen Stapleford with 40 points two points ahead of runners up Jean Moulds and Barbara Hamston 38 points and third were Jeanette Holland with Joyce McLaren 34 points.

The **gents, ladies and mixed teams** all fared well in friendly matches this week! The **senior ladies** played a friendly match away against the Luffenham Heath ladies. In a very enjoyable match against tough opposition the ladies did well returning with a half. The winning pairs for Melton were Val Eastman and Sally Hudson 4 and 2 and Lindy Dane with Margaret Hoskins 3 and 2.

The **ladies team** also played an away match against The Leicestershire ladies. Unfortunately they lost by 2 ½ to 1 ½. The winning pair was Sally Hudson with Dorothy Jagers 6 and 4. Val Eastman with Barbara Hamston halved. The **mixed team** played away against Whetstone on Sunday which resulted in a win for Melton 3 ½ to ½. Winning teams were John Webb and 'Drina Terzza 1 up, Alan Terzza and Gladys Bryson 4 and 3, Tom Bloomer and Avis Webb won 3 and 1 and Malcolm Bryson and Pat Bloomer halved,

The **B team** still remain unbeaten this season with a good win away at Greetham Valley 4 ½ to 1 ½ in their friendly match last week. Team Captain, John Rawlings with John Webb, Guy Rayson and Brian Cole, Stephen Draisey and Rob Smith and Bob Luke with Bill Hurrell all won their games. Neil Eaves with Nick Pattison halved. The **senior team** met Rutland County away on Monday 9th May but didn't fare as well as the other teams losing by 6 games to two. The successful pairs were: Neville Palmer with Derek Whitehouse 3 and 2 and John Parker with Ken Dimaline 1up.

Club Competitions Report to May 2nd 2011

The **Mixed Open Am-Am** on May Day Sunday was a great success with an almost full entry. The strong wind played a part in the scores returned with playing into the wind being hard work but when the wind was behind players felt like Lee Westwood driving the ball miles!

The winners finished with 77 points, four points clear of the runners up. First place went to the Melton Team of Diane Orson, Maureen Stapleford, John Squires and Brendan Boyce. Runners Up, Pat Haynes, Sue Waldren, Alan Haynes and Chris Haynes came from Belton Woods and returned a score of 73 points. Kay Kearton, Carol Simpson, J Thurmand and Gary Simpson from Ormonde Fields were third with 71 points and in fourth place were Lynda and Graham Bird and Kath and Mick Johnson with 70 points on count back from fifth placed Peggy and Alan Newton and Avis and Bob Griffin also 70 points. The gents nearest the pin competition was won by Gary Simpson and the ladies by Brenda Groves from Old Nene Golf Club.

The Junior Invitation held on bank Holiday Monday was well supported with a full field of players. The junior section had invited adult members to play with them in a 3 ball Am-Am stableford with two from three to count on each hole. The strong winds took their toll on some of the teams but the winning scores returned were excellent, the winners being eight under par with a tremendous score of 80 points. First placed Malcolm and Gladys Bryson with Jake Mogg won on count back from second placed Keith Tomblin, Catherine Smith and John Wallace also with 80 points. In third place were Frank and Brenda Williams with Aaron Squires-Nugent with 78 points and fourth was Chris Radford, Noela Manthey and Jamie Graham with 76. Nearest the Pin was won by Junior Captain Nick Pattison. The competition was followed by a prize presentation with Nick presenting the prizes.

83 members of the **gents** section played for the **Marsh Cup** on Saturday. Playing a bogey format Tim Litt won the trophy returning 3 up on the course. Runner up Peter Keast was one behind 2 up whilst Third, fourth and fifth place were decided by count back between Chris Carmichael, George Boddy and John Webb all finishing level. Only three gross twos were scored on the day, reflecting the tough windy conditions shot Ian Plant, David Taylor and Marcus Twidale. The first round of the **Compton Cup** (played for by handicaps 21 to 28) was won by Tim Buxton 1 up, Dave Harris 1 down and Mick Wheatley 2 down.

The **seniors** played a home match against the Nottinghamshire last week which resulted in a win for Melton by 5 ½ to 2 ½. Senior Captain Frank Williams with partner Ray Foster led the way with a half, John Squires and Bill Robson won 4 and 3, Tom Eadon and Brain Gromett won 3 and 1, John Webb with Bob Parkinson won 3 and 2, Owen Cook with Ken Dimaline won 3 and 2 and Neville Palmer with Denis Dayman and George Hoskins with Alan Terzza both returned with a half

The **ladies** played for the **medal winners rose bowl**. 2010 EWGA medal competition winners were drawn to play for the rose bowl. The winner was Diane Orson with a net 73. Runner up was Avis Webb on count back from Drina Terzza both net 75.