

CAPTAIN'S DAY – 23RD JULY 2011

The start sheet was full with over 160 members entering the competition which was played in 3 ball matches as an individual stableford format off 7/8ths handicap. Conditions were very good in the morning but with the wind getting up later in the day the early starters had a distinct advantage which was to show in the scores. The course was in good shape with the greens fast and true, the pin positions had been set up to be difficult and the resulting 3 putts were inevitable. Along with the main competition there was a putting and also a long drive competition off the first tee during the evening which proved very popular with some of the "so called" big hitters with plenty of long balls being hit on or near the green. The longest ball was hit by Craig Hallam and, much to his surprise, he finished on the back of the green some 310 yards away.

The overall winner of the day was Club Steward and scratch golfer, Colin Mitchell, who shot a 3 under par gross 67 translating to a total of 39 points.

Other winners were:

Putting - Steve Goddard

Men's nearest the Pin on the 7th & 16th - Dave Compton & Richard Haines

Ladies on the 5th & 14th - both won by Catherine Smith

Men's Longest Drive on the 13th - Harry Litt.

Ladies on the 8th - Fay Hutton

Main Competition:

Juniors: 1st - Jamie Graham (33pts), 2nd - Sam Pollard (31pts), 3rd - Nick Pattison (30pts)

Ladies: 1st - Patricia Bloomer (29pts ocb) 2nd - Julia Brown (29pts)

Men (0-12 hcap): 1st - David Poolan (37pts), 2nd - Brian Cole (35pts ocb) & 3rd - Dermot Coady (35pts)

(13-20 hcap): 1st - Shane Walpole (37pts), 2nd - Ken Longbottom (36pts ocb), 3rd - Nathan Cliffe (36pts)

(21-28 hcap): 1st - Paul Moore (37pts), 2nd - Paul Hodgkinson (35pts), 3rd - Wayne Hazeldine (33pts)

Past Captain: Phil Millward (29pts)

Captain's Cup (0-9 hcap): 1st - Colin Mitchell (39 pts), 2nd - Rob Smith - (36pts)

Competitions Report to Monday 25th July

On 13th July the **Melton Mowbray Golf Club Past Lady Captain's** played for the Past Lady Captain's trophy presented to the club in 1999 by former Lady Captain, Dulcie Ward who was in office in 1977.

Playing a singles stableford twelve ladies took part. The winner was Margaret Pedge who romped away with the trophy scoring 37 points seven points clear of runner up Sue Stimson and third placed Julia Brown who both scored 30 points.

Margaret won the trophy in the 40th anniversary year of her captaincy, having been Lady Captain in 1971. The longest serving "Lady Captain" in the club Margaret has been a playing member since 1967.

The day was also special because it included the **inaugural round of the Nine Hole Past Lady Captain's trophy**. This has been donated to the club by current Lady Captain Avis Webb for our more elderly Past Lady Captain's who no longer play 18 holes.

The winner of the trophy was Nancy Aldridge with 14 points. Nancy, Lady Captain in 1990, was also the first winner of the 18 hole Past Lady Captain's Trophy in 1999. The rest of the ladies section played a singles stableford. The winner was Diane Orson on count back from Maureen Stapleford both scored 32 points. Leah Radford was third with 31 points.

The Jol Calder Salver presented to the ladies section by Jol Calder, now an honorary member of the club, was played for on the 20th July. Playing a medal format the winner was Kathie Finn with a three under handicap net 69. In form Janet Hipkin was runner up net 70 and Elaine Shelton came third with a level net 72. The **seniors played for the Frank Williams Trophy** where winner Ray Stone finished 3 shots clear of nearest rival Denis Dayman in second spot net 72. Peter Maine, Scott Moffat, Frank Williams and Ken Dimaline all shot 73 with Peter Maine taking third place on count back.

In an away match at **Ruddington Grange the senior team** didn't fare so well losing by 6 games to 2. The winning pairs for Melton were: Bob Luke and Bill Robson and Alan Terzza with Ray Stone, both pairs winning 1 up.

The **C team met Belton Woods** at home recently resulting in a 3 ½ to 2 ½ win for Melton. Derek Whitehouse with Haydn Snow won 4 and 3, Tony South and Dave Moss were 1 up, Adrian Green with Vic Cooper 2 up and Chris Jones with Brian Wray halved their game.

Competitions Report to Monday 18th July

Although a small field of only 17 four balls took part in the Senior Mixed Open on Friday 15th July. The day went well with everyone enjoying the well presented course and the slick greens. The winners were Alan and Drina Terzza, Tom Eadon and Viv Overton from Melton and Chilwell Manor with 75 points winning on count back from second placed Tom and Linda Jagger and Gill and Alan Tubb from Rushcliffe also with 75 points. Diane Orson, Maureen Stapleford, John Squires and Brendan Boyce were third with 72 points. The gent nearest the pin was won by Richard Hutton and ladies nearest the pin by Jean Markham. The prizes were presented by Club Captain Guy Rayson and Lady Captain Avis Webb.

The poor weather on Sunday didn't deter the mens section from taking part in the Goodacre Rose Bowl, the trophy played in conjunction with the players of the final day of the open at Royal St. Georges. Playing a shotgun start stableford the Melton men were paired with a player in the final day of the Open and their stableford score deducted from their partners medal score. The lowest aggregate net would win the trophy. The winner was Clive Sharpe, paired with Darren Clarke with Clive shooting 38 points, deducted from Darren's 70 to leave an aggregate of 32. Runner up was Greg Woolley and Chad Campbell also 72 but losing out on count back Greg having scored 37 points. Tim Dean and Stewart Cink were third with a net 33.

The actual stableford competition was won by David Poolan with 40 points with Clive Sharpe and Tim Dean second and third respectively on 38 points.

The hot weather on the 9th July enticed 97 entries into the Petfoods Trophy. Only 2 shots separated the top four places with Alan Sleath taking the trophy having scored a superb net 67. Billy Kevan took runner up spot one shot adrift with a net 68 and Chris Shardlow was third on count back from Andy Pedlar both on net 69. Kieran Foster shot a 73 to take the best gross prize. Only seven twos were scored on the day two of them shot by Club Captain, Guy Rayson, and the others by, Geoff Townsend, Tim Hackett, Oliver Duley, Matt Thompson and Steve Roberts.

Played in conjunction with the Petfoods trophy was the third round of the Compton Cup played for by category four men. The winner was Jon Cliffe with a six under net 64. Daniel Roberts was second net 68, Keith Tomblin third net 71 and Paul Hodgkinson took fourth spot with net 72. Jon Cliffe had the best gross with 87.

The good scores continued on Sunday 10th in the singles stableford with the top two places decided by count back, Paul Wade taking the honour with 41 points from Tim Dean as runner up also 41. Two Points behind in third place was Graham Aldridge on 39 and Darren Pick and Paul Lewin took fourth and fifth place respectively both with 38 points. Mick Wilson, Geoff Townsend and James Parker were the only 3 players to shoot a gross two.

The gents C team played a home match against Hinckley and finished with a win 3 ½ to 2 ½ for the team. The successful pairs for Melton were: Darren Pick with Tony South 7 and 5, Haydn Snow paired with Brain Wray 4 and 2, Keith Tomblin and Don Benzie 4 and 3 and Phil Hewes with Adrian green got the half.

The seniors celebrated their Senior Captains Day on the 12th with Senior Captain Frank Williams organising the competition and prize table. 48 seniors took part in the shotgun start stableford and enjoyed a buffet and prize presentation afterwards. In first place was Bob Parkinson with 37 points, runner up Fred Johnson 36 points, third Paddy Doyle 35 points, 4th Mike Dempster 34 points on count back from fifth placed Ray Foster also 34. Nearest the pin on the 14th was won by Bill Robson, and on the 16th Walter Skerritt. The best front nine was won by Neville Palmer on count back from Malcolm Bryson both with a level 18 points.

JOHN JACKSON TROPHY & SENIORS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Kieran Foster won the Club Championship for the third year in succession in what has been a very successful week for the youngster, as following his performance in the England Schools Championship at Belton Park he has again been selected to play for England Schools against Wales in August. This will be his second international cap as he played against Scotland last year.

The Club Championship is a 36 hole gross competition open to players with a handicap of 12 or less and Kieran shot 73 in the morning followed by a 2 under par 68 in the afternoon, making a total of 141. Rob Smith was runner up with a gross total of 151 on countback and Colin Mitchell came third with 151.

The Senior Club Championship was played in tandem but is restricted to players of 55 years and over and this was a closely fought match with Alan Newton winning with a gross 162 over 36 holes with 3 players tying for second 1 shot behind on 163; Phil Millward, Steve Tagg and Richard Grieve.

42 players played in the Club Championships and there were also Net Sweeps for the morning, afternoon and overall. Ollie Duley won the morning round with a net 65, with Alan Newton in second place on 68 and Steve Tagg in third with 69. Rob Smith won the afternoon round with a net 67 with second place going to David Poolan on countback with 68 from Kieran Foster in third place. The overall net competition was won by the Club Vice Captain John Rawlings with 137 net for the 2 rounds. John Harvey was second with 138 on countback and Peter Poolan third with 138.

There were also 12 2's on the day with both Kieran Foster and John Rawlings each getting 2 of them and the remaining 2's by Steve Tagg, Mark Muggleton, Mark Goodwin, Nick Pattison, John Squires, John Harvey, Andy Finn and David Poolan