

The seniors played a home match against Wollaton Park on the 30th August and won by five games to one. Winning pairs were: Frank Williams/ Neville Palmer 6 and 5, Tom Eadon/ Bill Robson 6 and 4, Vic Newham/ Malcolm Bryson 1 up, John Parker/ Brian Grommet 3 and 2 Bob Luke/ Denis Dayman 1 up. The **ladies Sunday medal** was won by Leah Radford with a net 75. Wednesday 31st August the ladies played their divisional trophy competitions. Playing a bogey/par competition the Silver Salver, played by handicaps up to 20 was won by Julia Brown 5 down to the course. Second was Fay Hutton 6 down. The Bronze Salver (handicaps 21 to 29) and also Bogey format was won by Denise Waldron four up on the course. Runner up Chris Cook was 3 up. The Evans Bowl Medal (handicaps 30 to 36) was won by Patricia Bloomer net 75 one shot clear of second placed Jenny Platts net 76.

The juniors played their last competition until the October half term on Sunday. Playing a medal the winner was Connor Wilson with a level handicap net 70 closely followed by runner up James Parker net 71 and Aaron Squires Nugent in third place with net 72.

Competitions Report to Monday 30th August

The Ladies who took part in the **Autumn Open on Friday 26th August** deserved a medal for battling through the relentless rain. Despite this the field of 80 ladies, slightly bedraggled, returned good scores.

The winners were Melton pair Kathie Finn and Denise Waldron with 37 points. In second place were Miri Sunose and Pauline Marias (Bourne GC) 34 points, 3rd Dawn Hackshall and D Issitt (Bourne GC) 32 on count back from 4th Myra Landsburgh and Gill Day (Thorpe Wood) 32, 5th Drina Terzza and Lynn Ellis (Melton and Radcliffe on Trent) 31 and 6th Nicky Plumtree and Mo Hopkins (Thorpe Wood) 30 points. Nearest the Pins were won by Dawn Hackshall, Miri Sunose, Nicky Plumtree, and Gill Day.

The Senior Summer Open on the 18th August was held in sunshine and was well supported with 31 four balls taking part. Playing a two division better ball stableford the overall winners, Barrie Caunt (Melton) and Gary Skerritt (Stoke Rochford) were in the first group out and scored a super 44 points.

Young Senior Division (up to 65 years) results were: 1st M Warren and R Thompson (Burton on Trent) 40 points on count back from 2nd Melvin De Camps and Bill Heathergan (Thorpe Wood) 40 points. 3rd placed Clive Durrand and Paul Bennett (Chevin) scored 39 points and 4th John Webb with Chris Lawrence (Melton) scored 38 points on count back.

All four places in the Super Seniors Division (aged 66 and over) were decided by count back, all having returned the same score 1st Paul Blount and Kevin Griggs (Melton) 38 points on count back 2nd Gordon Coulthard and John Marshall (Rugby) 38 points on count back, 3rd D Westwood and M Dance (Breedon Priory) 38 points on count back and 4th R Darlow and J Hullatt, (Rushden) 38 points. Nearest the Pins - 5th John Marshall, 7th Tom Eadon, 14th Kevin Griggs, 16th Chris Netherwood.

The One Lady Two Gents competition was played on Sunday 29th August. Played as a 3 ball Am-Am with two to count on each hole the winners, Lady Vice Captain, Yvette Joyce, Club Vice Captain, John Rawlings and Brian Cole scored 84 points, 46 on the back nine. Runners Up were Sue Millward, Nick Pattison and Phil Millward with 74 points and third were Gay Cham, Eddie Cham and Tony South with 73 points.

The **second round of the gents Presidents Putter** was won by Tony South with net 65. Cyril Kenzie was runner up net 66 on count back from third placed Ken Longbottom also 66. Fourth was Mick Curtis net 67. Best Gross was Robert Smith 73. The twos sweep was won by 7 players, Dr. John Harvey, Billy Kevan, Robert Smith, Owen Cook, David Stroud, John Shelton and Richard Hutton. **The overall winner of the Presidents Putter was Cyril Kenzie with an aggregate score over the two rounds of 133 (68+65) just beating week one winner Chris Radford into second place with an aggregate 134 (62 + 72).**

The fifth round of the **Compton Cup** was won by Jon Baxter net 67 followed by Paul Hodgkinson one shot behind net 68 on count back from third placed Keith Tomblin, net 68. Phil Newton was fourth net 69. Jon Baxter took the best gross 90. John Swayne and Brian Shilham shared the twos sweep.

The gents stableford on 17th August was won by Tim Buxton with 41 points, 2nd Mick Wilson 40 on count back from 3rd Chris Carmichael 40 and 4th Phil Newton also 40. Oliver Duley came 5th with 39.

The twos sweep was shared by Colin Mitchell (who shot two two's), John Squires and Chris Carmichael.

The Gents divisional trophies were played for this weekend **The Gerard Leigh Bowl** (handicaps up to 12) was won by Mick Wilson net 68 and is the fourth time Mick has won the trophy. Runner Up Jack Inguanta scored net 69, third placed Simon Palmer net 70, in form Chris Radford was fourth net 71 on count back and fifth Gavin Baxter net 71. Two's winners were; Adrian Forks, John Squires, Mezz Watchorn, Haydn Snow, Colin Mitchell (2), Les Stroud and Peter Poolan.

The **Hayes Cup** (handicaps 13 to 20) was won by Tim Buxton net 66, second Steven Keast net 67, third Graham Keast net 68, fourth Brendan Boyce net 69 and fifth David Guntrip net 70. Kenneth Kirk, Tim Buxton, Bev Blake and Tony Petersen shared the twos sweep.

Darren Pick won the **Wally Hill Cup** (handicaps 21 to 28) with a net 72 one shot clear of Steve Plaistow in second place net 73. Sam Wright was third net 75 on count back from fourth John Rigby net 75 and Dave Harris fifth net 76.

The Juniors played for the **Sam Weller Shield**, the winner was George Boddy with net 67. Runner Up was Connor Wilson on count back from Matt Kuzmic, third both with net 69. Sam Pollard won best gross with a gross 71. Harvey Braime won the 24 to 28 handicap competition with net 69 from John Wallace net 72. The 9 hole medal produced a tie between Chris Moule and Sam Calver. **The Captain's Trophy** played as a stableford format was won by Matt Kuzmic with a superb 43 points but only one point better than runner up Jon Uttley on 42. John Wallace was third with 39 points. Will Newton won the rabbits Cup nine hole medal and runner up was Will Fairbrother. The Junior's success in Open competitions continues with Jake Mogg winning the best net prize at Kilworth Springs shooting a net 66.

An extremely close competition took place for the **Ladies Muir Cup** with the top five places decided by count back all having scored net 71. The winner was Pam Parker, second Denise Waldron, third Jeanette Holland, fourth Chris Cook and fifth Alison Gatward.

The second round of the **Ladies Presidents Putter** was won by Janet Hipkin net 68 and Maureen Stapleford second net 69. In third place was Catherine Smith net 70.

The overall winner of the Ladies Presidents Putter was Catherine Smith with an aggregate score over the two rounds of 143 (73 and 70) on count back from runner up Chris Cook 143. The senior ladies played their last match of the season against Scraftoft. Played in good conditions they came away with a 3 games to 1 win. Winners for Melton were: Avis Webb/ Alison Gatward 7 and 5, Barbara Hamston/ Sue Bennett 1 up and Val Eastman/ Lindy Dane 3 and 2.

The 16th August stableford played by the **seniors** was won by Mike Huggins 37 points. Runner up was Bob Stark 33 on count back from Scott Moffatt in third place. The 23rd August saw Ron LeCoyte win again with 37 points. Bob Parkinson took second place 36 points and Ron Middleton was third 35 points.

The **senior team** have played two home matches the first against Sleaford on the 16th which resulted in a win for Melton by 7 games to 1. Winning pairs were: John Parker/Alan Terzza 6 and 4, George Hoskins / Nev Lenton 4 and 2, Peter Maine/John Eastman 7 and 6, John Squires/Denis Dayman 2 and 1, Vic Newham/ Ray Stone 7 and 6, Owen Cook/Brian Grommet 4 and 3 and Tom Eadon/Ken Dimaline 4 and 3. The second match against Radcliffe on Trent was halved 4 games each. Frank Williams/Ray Stone won 5 and 4, John Parker/Bill Robson 6 and 4, Tom Eadon/Alan Terzza 2 and 1. John Squires with Mike Huggins and Peter Maine with Denis Dayman halved their matches.

The gent's C team have played two away matches. The first at Lutterworth resulted in a well earned win of four games to two. Successful pairs were: Brian Wray/ Darren pick 4 and 2, Don Benzie/ Ken Longbottom 3 and 1, Brendan Boyce/ Phil Hewes 1 up. Keith Tomblin/ Dave Moss and Ray Catton/ Haydn Snow halved their games.

MENS COUNTY FOURSOMES:

Melton's best run for some time in the Men's County Foursomes came to an end recently, playing against Longcliffe in the semi finals at the neutral venue of Rothley Park. Melton's Team A: Kieran Foster & Greg Woolley and Team B: Colin Mitchell & Rob Smith: all fought

hard to gain the early advantage, Team A's opponents were playing well and had secured a 3 up lead after the front nine, Melton's team B were playing some inspired golf and were also 3 up, this setting up an exciting and now evenly poised contest on the back nine.

Team B, missed a good chance on the 11th hole to go 4 up, then a run of dropped shots turned the momentum in favour of their opponents and with steady play they took full advantage and squared the match after 15 holes, Team B, then edged ahead again with an impressive long drive and close approach to set up another birdie on the 16th, but despite having produced some good saving pars Team A, had not reduced their deficit and as the match is decided on the aggregate scores of the two games, the game was effectively over. The final result was Team A:- 5 down and Team B:- Level, Longcliffe winning 5 up on aggregate and will play the winner of Forest Hill or Rothley Park in the final at Market Harborough.

L&RGU: BOYS CHAMPIONSHIP:

Melton's county junior player: Sam Pollard was hoping to repeat the success of his fellow club member Kieran Foster, by winning this prestigious competition in his last year as a junior, before joining the senior ranks next year.

This year the competition was held at Longcliffe Golf Club over 3 days, the first day being a 36 hole stroke play event, the top 16 finishers qualifying for the main Match Play competition, the conditions were difficult but Sam qualified comfortably in 7th place.

His first round match was to prove a tight affair being 3 down after 12 holes he battled back to win 5 holes in a row and finally winning a tense encounter 2 up on the last hole. Sam produced some of his best golf in the second round and semi final for relatively stress free 4 & 3 and 6 & 4 victories.

This set him up for the final against 2 handicap and junior county colleague: Jack Merry, from Birstall Golf Club. Jack started quickly with impressive birdies on the difficult par 3 first hole and followed with another birdie on the second, after just a couple of minor errors Sam found himself in the unenviable position of being five down after seven holes. But as he had done in previous matches a well timed and determined fight back helped him win 4 of the next 6 holes and reduce the deficit to just one down after 13 holes.

A poor drive on the short par 4, 14th hole resulted in a bogey 5 and a lost hole, now 2 down with four holes to play, they halved the 15th & 16th holes with pars which meant that Sam needed to win both the remaining two holes to extend the match into extra holes. A long drive on the par 5, 17th put Sam in range of the green, but he pushed the approach shot slightly and then bunkered his pitch shot, this gave his opponent the luxury of 2 putts for a halved hole and the win, Jack duly rolled his first putt close and Sam had to concede, losing a close and keenly contested match by 2 & 1.

Lady Captain's Day

2011 Lady Captain , Avis Webb, celebrated her Lady Captain's Day with the Ladies section by holding a singles stableford competition. However Avis presented a challenge to the ladies by asking them to tee off from the men's yellow tees on four of the 18 holes, the 4th, 7th, 12th and par 5 17th holes. Played in two divisions the ideal weather conditions and excellent course condition led to a close contest with all 32 competitors relishing the challenge of playing from the yellow tees. Refreshments were provided by Avis and her family at the halfway house the Pimms helping the ladies along!

Overall Winner and winner of the Lady Captain's trophy was Leah Radford with an excellent 38 points, the highlight of Leah's round being the 17th hole. Teeing off from the yellow tee Leah put her ball out of bounds and had to play three off the tee; despite this Leah knuckled down and finished the hole with a 6 net 5 a birdie off the second tee shot. The Past Lady Captain's prize was won by Janet Hipkin with a score of 37 points continuing Janet's excellent form this year.

Division One Winner was Catherine Smith 35 points, 2nd Denise Waldron 32 points on count back from 3rd placed Drina Terzza also 32 points. Alison Gatward continued her recent good form to win division two with 35 points closely followed by runner up Beryl Houghton on 34. Margaret Pedge took third place with 33 points, Sally Hudson won the hidden holes with 10 points, nearest the pin on the 5th Janet Bentley and 14th Janet Hipkin. The competition was followed by tea and prize presentation where Avis said how much she had enjoyed the day. The highlight of the **first round of the Presidents Putter** competition on Saturday was a **hole in one on the par three 14th by Guy Fishwick**. Guy's well struck tee shot resulted in the ball taking just one bounce on the green before it dropped into the hole. A costly day for

Guy as a huge entry of 124 players took part in competition. The winner on the day was Chris Radford with a superb eight under handicap net 62 finishing 5 shots clear of runner up Tim Buxton net 67 on count back from third placed Rob Smith net 67. John Squires was fourth net 68 on count back. Rob Smith's gross 72 was the best gross on the day. Half of the two's sweep was paid to Guy Fishwick. The other half was shared by Andy Westwood, Phil Millward, Chris Ward, John Webb, Cyril Kenzie, Rob Smith, Mick Wilson and John Squires. A closely contested competition in the **fourth round of the Compton Cup** also took place with with second third and fourth places all being decided by count back. In first place was Jon Baxter net 66. Runner up Martin Blaza, third, Mick Wheatley and Fourth Wayne Hazeldine all returned net 67. Martin Blaza took best gross on count back with a 91. Chris Boulter shot the only two of the competition.

The ladies had a good win of 3 games to one in a friendly match at Lingdale. Winning pairs were: Denise Waldron with Drina Terzza 1 up, Leah Radford and Sue Bennett 5 and 3, Jeanette Holland with Margaret Hoskins 3 and 2.

Melton juniors competing in the Greetham Valley Junior Open were once again well represented taking the top three positions. Winner of the Silver Salver and best net was Jake Mogg with a net 68, runner up was George Boddy net 70 and third was Matt Kuzmicz net 72.

The seniors played two home matches last week. The first against Toft resulted in 4 ½ to 3 ½ win for Melton. Winning pairs were: Frank Williams and John Parker 3 and 1, Neville Palmer/ Bill Robson 4 and 3, John Squires / Ray Stone 2 up, Vic Newham / Jack Henley 6 and 4 and Bob Luke / Denis Dayman got the half.

The team also won the match against Birstall with a 6 ½ to 1 ½ margin. Frank Williams / George Hoskins 6 and 4, Tom Eadon / Alan Terzza 3 and 1, Bob Luke / Eddie Cham 5 and 4, John Squires / John Eastman 2 and 1, Vic Newham / Brian Grommett 4 and 3, Owen Cook / Denis Dayman 2 and 1 and John Parker / Malcolm Bryson got the half.

Competitions Report to Monday 08 August

Melton Junior Open on Tuesday 2nd August was a great success thanks to the hard work of Junior organisers, Pam and Mick Parker and the generous sponsorship by Crown Window Systems Ltd which helped to provide a superb prize table of golf equipment and clothes. 65 juniors took part from as far away as Coventry and Cumbria. The glorious but extremely hot conditions didn't seem to affect the competitors with some superb scores returned. Played in age group divisions the competition was a qualifier for the Daily Telegraph Junior Championships.

Overall Winner best net score was Logie McDonald-Winship from Edwalton Golf Club with a tremendous net 61, 9 under handicap.

Boys' Best gross score was Sam Pollard (Melton) with a gross 73 and Girls Best Gross was Imogen Huxley (Rutland County) gross 86. Sam and Imogen's scores will be sent to The Daily Telegraph.

Under 18 years Division - Winner James Rowe (Scraptoft) net 74, Runner Up Charlie Stanton (Lingdale) net 75, Best gross Nick Pattison (Melton) gross 75

Under 16's Division - proved to be a clean sweep for Melton - Winner John Wallace (Melton) net 65 on count back from runner up Jon Uttley (Melton) net 65. Best Gross Harry Litt (Melton) gross 82

Under 14's Division Winner, Tom Carruthers (Glen Gorse) net 63, Runner Up Ed Thompson (Melton) net 66, Best gross Shay Brennan (Western Park) gross 77.

There were four nearest the pin prizes 5th James Rowe (Scraptoft), 7th Jon Uttley (Melton), 14th Nick Pattison (Melton) and 16th Sam Ewing (Greetham Valley).

The girls best nett score was won by Emily Jefferson (Glen Gorse) net 74, the Best Team Nett was won by the Melton trio Jon Uttley, John Wallace and Ed Thompson combined net of 196.

The Junior good form continued at Park Hill Golf Club on the 3rd August in the Leicestershire and Rutland Golf Union Boys Age Group Championships with Melton boys taking three of the prizes. Jake Mogg was overall runner up with a four under handicap net 69, Jamie Graham also carded a four under net 69 to take runner up in the under 16's division and Sam Pollard's consistent good form continued winning the under 18's Best Gross with a superb one over level gross 74.

An excellent day was enjoyed by all at the Men's Invitation on Sunday 7th August. A shotgun start, better ball stableford was the format of the day with a field of 82 players taking part. Each member had invited a golfing friend from another club to partner them in the competition. The day started with Bacon Cob and coffee before play. With the course

presented in excellent condition the competition was extremely close with only one point between the winning pair and those placed fifth and the first four places decided by count back. Winners were: Richard Haines and G Ewart with 42 points count back going to the score on the last hole. Runners up, Melton Vice Captain, John Rawlings and his partner Craig Hallam also had 42 points on count back from third Steve Goddard and Mick Carr 42 points on count back from Karl Goodacre and Malcolm Williams in fourth. In Fifth place was Jonathan Cliffe and P Killeen 41 points on count back. Members' nearest the pin on the 7th hole was won by Karl Goodacre and the visitors nearest the pin on the 14th hole was won by Geoff Butler.

Melton Scratch team played against League Leaders Park Hill on Thursday. Good wins for Colin Mitchell, Rob Smith, Nick Pattison, Greg Woolley, Richard Grieve and a half from John Rawlings, resulted in a 5.5 - 2.5 win. This now puts Melton second on game difference to the new League Leaders Oadby, Melton play them in a crucial match at home this week. With two games left, if Melton can win both of them then promotion to Division 3 will be guaranteed. Results: Colin Mitchell won 2-1, Kieran Foster lost 1 down, Sam Pollard lost 2-1, Rob Smith won 3-2, Nick Pattison won 3-2, Greg Woolley won 3-2, Richard Grieve won 1 up and John Rawlings halved his match. Result Melton 5.5 Park Hill 2.5.

The **Ladies EWGA medal** on Wednesday produced some excellent results. Alison Gatward won the EWGA competition with a net 69. Division One winner was Denise Wardron net 71 one shot clear of runner up Gay Cham net 72. Three ladies returned net 74, Avis Webb, Kathie Finn and Ealine Shelton. Division Two was won by Alison Gatward net 69 with Pat Bloomer in second place net 70 and third Margaret Hoskins net 72. The nine hole qualifier winner, Isabel Gilland scored 20 points and runner up Jose Jones was three points behind with 17 and third was Joyce McLaren on 16.

The **Melton Mixed team** had a good win away at Market Harborough on Saturday 6th by a 3 ½ to 2 ½ margin. Winning pairs were; Team Captain, John Webb with Joyce McLaren 2 and 1, Terry Brown and Gladys Bryson 6 and 5, Alan Terzza with Julia Brown 2 and 1. Tim and Pat Bloomer got the half.

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The **Junior members** have excelled themselves within the County this week taking prizes at both the **Glen Gorse and Scraftoft Junior Opens**.

At Glen Gorse on Tuesday 26th Sam Pollard won the best gross prize with a gross 68 and should qualify for the Daily Telegraph regional competition. Jamie Graham won the boys best nett with a nett 63 and Aaron Squires Nugent had a net 69. Our juniors also returned with the best team aggregate score trophy won by the scores of Sam Pollard (net 64), Jamie Graham (63) and Aaron Squires Nugent (69). This is the first time since 2005 the first year the trophy was played for that it hasn't been won by the Glen Gorse boys. Oliver Duley also won the nearest the pin prize.

At Scraftoft Aaron Squires-Nugent was overall winner with a gross 82 net 64 and Danny Roberts was runner up gross 86 net 65. Jamie Graham took the under 16's runner up prize with a net 67. Aaron, Danny and Jamie also won the team prize at Scraftoft a successful week for our boys!

The highlight of the **seniors match** at The Nottinghamshire on the 28th July was the **hole in one scored by Bill Robson** on the 190 yard second hole using a driver. This was Bills' second hole in one at The Nottinghamshire in 3 years! Sadly the team didn't have the same success

The Abbots Trophy and medal played on Saturday was well supported by 117 members. The Abbots trophy is for those aged 55 and over. 59 qualified to take part with Nick Baines winning the cup having returned a net 65 one shot clear of runner up Alan Hodgkinson net 66. Jim McQuillan was third net 67 and John Webb took fourth place net 68 on count back from Alan Parkes.

The **medal** was won by Mick Wilson who shot a superb net 63 with Colin Mitchell second net 66 on count back from Rob Smith. Adrian Stokes was fourth net 68. Surprisingly only nine gross two's were shot on the day, Mick Wilson scored two, the others were shot by Colin Mitchell, Guy Rayson, Rob Smith, Adrian Forks, Peter Savage, Alan Brough and Cyril Kenzie. The midweek stableford was won by Rob Smith with 39 points closely followed by Tim Hackett on 37. third was Jon Cliffe on count back from Adrian Stokes and Rob Wild all with 36 points. Dermot Coady, Mick Wilson, Tim Hackett and Mark Muggleton shared the twos sweep.

The **C team** beat Greatham Valley by a 3 ½ to 2 ½ margin. Winning pairs were John Squires and Don Benzie 3 and 1, David Wells with Alan Terzza 1 up and Neil Eaves and Pete Rayers 4 and 3. Ken Longbottom and Dave Moss got the half. The team also had a close game away to Belton Park sadly Melton lost 4 -2. In an exciting match four of the six games went to the last hole. Winning pairs were, Adrian Green and Ken Longbottom 3 and 2 and Haydn Snow with Phil Hewes 2 and 1.

The **ladies** played for the **Christine Lord** trophy this week. This had been presented by Nora Johnson in memory of past member Christine Lord. A better ball stableford format the winners were Denise Waldron and Pat Bloomer with 39 points. Fay Hutton and Jose Jones came second with 37 points