

THE MILLBROOK GOLF CLUB



Millbrook Matters

Dear member

What's happening this week?

Tuesday 8th December - Seniors from 08:00 to 08:40

Wednesday 9th December - Ladies from 09:00 to 09:15

Thursday 10th December - Late night Kitchen, last orders at 20:00.

Friday 11th December - Seniors from 08:00 to 08:40

Sunday 13th December - Winter League round 5 - Shotgun Start at 08:30.

Sunday 13th December - Carvery served from 13:00, please book with Emma if you are bringing a large group.

Next Week!

Friday 18th December is night golf evening, please sign up with Emma or Rob.... We have 24 players booked in and can only accept 32 entries due to available glow equipment. So please reserve a tee time asap.

What's been happening:

- The seniors section held their Christmas dinner and presentation on Friday evening at the club. A lovely evening was had by all, good food, nice wine and great company. On behalf of the club, I would like to thank the seniors (EGGs) for their continued support of the club, well done to Martin Westwood, our not so senior, seniors captain! for his efforts this year. Thanks must also go to Peter Hudson for his sterling work as vice captain, Barrie Buckley for his 'very' firm grasp of the purse strings and Dennis Rowland, whom despite not playing this year, continues to attend most Tuesdays and Fridays to assist with administration.

- The Ladies section held their Christmas competition and dinner yesterday, Saturday. This was slightly less formal than the seniors dinner with players being encouraged to come dressed for the festive season, oh dear!! Some of our ladies husbands require little or no encouragement to get dressed up.....or undressed....

Joking aside, good fun was had by all. Sandra Gallacher & Des Christie winning first prize with 37 points. Thanks to Julie Davies for her captaincy of the ladies section so far, the mixed events have continued to go from strength to strength, 14 ladies played yesterday!! that's 80% of the ladies section. The support of the ladies section at all club functions is also appreciated and again well orchestrated by Julie and her team. On behalf of the club, thank you ladies...

- Support for the Sunday carvery and Thursday night kitchen is growing, thank you..... Long may it continue...

- The course has been cut again this week, all areas needed to be trimmed, a first for December!!

-Some tree work around the ladies tee on the 9th hole was carried out this week. This should give the ladies half a chance of hitting the fairway, we hope!!!

- The approaches and greens have been verti-drained this week.

- We will be moving to temporary tees slowly over the next few weeks, as damage dictates, the worst affected tees will be moved first.

- The Annual Handicap Review took place on Wednesday night. We are required to carry out the annual review as members of the EGU. Our handicap system uses the competition data entered during 2015 for each player in order to assess who is/is not capable of playing to handicap.

Based on each player's performance against target (target being 2 to 6 shots more than handicap each round dependant on your category) the system suggests who we, as a committee, should consider for an increase or decrease.

The committee then uses the 'summary of scores' for the year (being each player's best 10 or fewer competitive rounds) to determine who needs to change.

For instance: If a player has played three competitive rounds of golf, one of those rounds was 7 under handicap but the other two were well over handicap, usually said player will have been dealt with by the system. Some players might however play 15 times per year, playing one better than handicap each time but not getting cut to that handicap due to standard scratch. This player is then flagged by the system and we as a committee then take all events at the club into consideration before deciding.

Players that have had their handicaps altered are listed on the notice board.

It should also be noted that any player wishing to be considered for an increase or decrease in handicap may write to the Handicap and competitions committee asking for consideration of change.

- Members wishing to enquire about course status, especially over the winter months, can look at the home page of the web site, the twitter feed (right side of homepage screen) will display daily updates on course conditions. For a live link, follow us on twitter: @themillbrookgc

More news next week

Happy Golfing

Rob