



Mile End News Update

Members' Committee Newsletter

March 2013

Nature Watch

All Mile End golfers would surely agree that we would like to see more 'birdies' on the course. To that end additional bird boxes funded jointly by the Members' Committee and our Ladies section are being installed. In order to maximise the chance of occupancy, advice was sought from ornithological expert Graham Williams pictured 4th from the left. It is hoped that a variety of our feathered friends will be taking advantage of the new facilities during the coming months. These boxes are not the only nesting opportunities the club provides. Each spring a family of blue tits set up home in the box provided for cigarette butts outside the main entrance!



The Members' Committee are pleased to announce that the Entry Fee for competitions in 2013 will be held at £2.50p. whilst entry to the 2's competitions will remain at £2.

Early Success in Inter-club Competitions!

Each year, the club enters the Daily Mail Mens and Womens Classic and Daily Mail Mens and Womens Foursomes knockout competitions. The format of the Classic competition is teams of 5 individuals Matchplay. Traditionally, the club try to select the players who were successful in the Matchplay knockouts during the previous year. Following this tradition in Round 1 our mens team comprised Gordon Jamieson, Mark Manson, Adam Turner, Kieran Davies and Kenton Cawley. In a home tie against Hill Valley played on a not so sunny Sunday in February our team triumphed in a closely contested 3-2 victory and now progress to the next round. Well done! In Round 2 our team has drawn Newtown based St Giles Golf Club. Scheduled to take place on March 10th this will be played at St. Giles' tricky 9 hole course. Best of luck guys.

In the Womens Classic draw, Round 1 saw a victorious Mile End Ladies team of Janice Turner, Janis Jones, Sue Robson, Amanda Ord-Dando and Anna Pugh beat Llangollen Ladies 3-2 at home. They now go on to meet Llanymynech in the second round also at home. This match has to be played by 17th March.

In the Mens Foursomes Competition in Round 1 draw Mile End received a bye, so are safely through to round 2! In Round 1 of the Womens Foursomes we have been drawn at home to Hawkstone Park. Every year the winners of a Ladies Foursomes match during the previous season are selected to play and this year it is Sue Robson and Anna Pugh who represent the club. This match will be played on 21st March. Good luck to all the teams.

Nearest the Pin Shootout 2013

The Nearest the Pin Shootout has been moved this year to Saturday 9th November to enable more qualifiers to be found. We will also be increasing the number of 'Qualifying Events' and the prize money available to win on the day has been increased to £130.

Winners will be notified by letter as soon as possible after each qualifying competition.

Allan Kerr—Competitions Chair



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Course Marshall and Starter

In an attempt to reduce the incidence of 'slow play' the Members Committee have decided that for a trial period comprising 5 'Board' competitions a Starter and a Course Marshall will be operating. Further information regarding this exercise will be posted on our noticeboards prior to the first competition which will be the Whitmore Trophy on Sat. 23rd March.

Captain's Corner

Mile End recently hosted an event organised by Clwyd and Borders Golf Alliance. We were invited to enter a team and though the results have yet to be published I haven't made space in the trophy cabinet! Our club has now joined the Alliance and this means that 16 of our members, for a fee of £13 each, can join as individuals. The Alliance organises competitions at its 20+ member clubs on most Wednesdays and this represents a much cheaper way to play these courses. The normal fee is about £14 and this covers green fees, competition entry and prizes. A list of member clubs and entry forms will be available in the shop shortly.

Ian Thomas, my vice-captain, has announced the names of the charities nominated to receive the proceeds from our 'John Wilson' fundraising in 2013. They are, Hope House, Barnardos and Nightingale House in Wrexham. Last year we were able to donate over £7,500 thanks to the support of members. I hope that Ian will receive similar support this year in order that we can support these very worthy causes.

Ron Pugh—Captain

The Spring Cup 2013

This is a Mens Scratch Foursomes Competition. In response to concerns raised about the difficulty of fitting in the number of matches required at this time of year, the Competitions' Committee have decided that the Spring Cup will only have semi-finals and a final. The qualifiers will be the pairs recording the best 4 scratch scores in the Mens Foursomes (Engraving Plus) competition scheduled for Sat 13th April. Semi-finals will comprise 1st v 4th and 2nd v 3rd. Allan Kerr—Competitions Chair

Suspension of Play

To date the club has not issued formal guidance regarding suspension of play, relying upon 'common sense'. During a severe electrical storm last autumn some members demonstrated that this 'sense' is not as common as we had hoped. Shortly, clear instructions will be posted that will inform members what they should do if play has to be suspended. This will also mean that competitions can be resumed in an orderly fashion if conditions improve.

Recent Results

Captain's Drive In

Winners: Dylan Jones, Roger Edwards, Jamie Stokes, Jaz Heer

Runners Up: Gavin Wright, Anne Bailey, Gary Turner, Aaron Griffiths

Sunday 1-2-3 Competition

Winners: Di Bradbury, John Turner, Ron Pugh
Runners Up: Anna Pugh, Neil Exton, Dave Smith.

Winter '666' Competition

Winners: Kieran Davies, Richard Millar, Pete Austin, Mike Yeomans

R/U: John Barry, John Northwood, John Dean, Tim Parkes

Sunday 2 from 3 Comp

Winners: Janet Edwards, Dave Smith, Keith Evans

R/U: Angela Eke, John Turner, Gary Turner, Tim Parkes