



Mile End News Update

Members' Committee Newsletter

January 2014



Captains' Drive-In 2014

Unfortunately the dreadful weather that has been a feature of recent weeks meant that the competition which normally follows our 'Drive-In' had to be postponed. Nevertheless the 'Drive-In' ceremony did take place with our new captains for 2014 each dispatching a ball from the 1st tee. Pictured from the left are new Club Captain Ian Thomas, Lady Captain Moya Holmes and Seniors Captain John Currie.

John Wilson funds were swelled with the proceeds from a sweep in which members estimated the length of the Club Captain's ceremonial drive. This was won by Ian's son Dave Thomas. Perhaps owing to the poor light and difficult conditions underfoot, Ian's drive was a rather modest affair but he did partially redeem himself with a hefty blow down the middle shortly afterwards.

We wish all our new Captains a great 2014.

Competitions Update January 2014

During the winter months of January and February monthly Medal and Stableford competitions are suspended and we shall be running team competitions as follows:

Jan 11 Team of 3 Yellow Ball

Jan 19 Team of 3 Texas Scramble

Feb 9 Team of 3 3-2-1 to score

Feb 22 Team of 3 Multiplier

N.B The Men's yellow tee blocks will be back in their normal weekend positions for these four competitions

For each competition, prizes (account credits) are awarded to 1st and 2nd place teams.

Entry is by the entry sheets on the competitions board – Men & Ladies are welcome.

All competitions are full handicap.

Thanks Gordon Jamieson – Competitions chair.

Shop Offers

**All Men's Polo Shirts Buy One
get One Half Price**

**TaylorMade RBZ Driver was
£229 Now £149**

Shoe Trade-In Deal

**£20 off any AQL Foot Joy
Shoes when you trade in your
old pair**

30% off all Puma Golf Shoes

Better late than never

The old adage 'everything comes to those who wait' seems to have been borne out in December when 2 of our more 'senior' seniors achieved the coveted "Hole in One" for the first time.

Lewis Coleman enjoying his 81st year holed out on our 13th whilst the relatively youthful Ron Wilkinson, a mere 77 years old, secured his first ace on our 7th.

Our seniors section has been one of the club's success stories in recent years with ever swelling ranks and notable team and individual successes being recorded.

The official Seniors Day is Tuesday when, if there is not a monthly medal or stableford, members arrive for a draw that takes place at 9.15am. Many members also turn up on Thursday mornings at the same time, although the tee cannot be reserved for us on that day. If you are male and over 55 then you will be most welcome..

VAT Update

Those golfers that closely follow the golfing press may have noticed that The Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) has ruled that VAT on visitor green fees at British Private Members' golf clubs has been incorrectly applied for several years. Bridport & West Dorset Golf Club (along with many other Private Members Clubs) claimed that the UK government has been incorrectly applying the tax rules for a number of years and, after much legal dispute, the Government has lost its battle. As Proprietors we are in total disagreement with this as it means that traditional "Members run" clubs not only have VAT exempt Subscription Fees but now also do not have to charge VAT to visiting golfers. OUR customers will continue to have to pay VAT at the normal rate. This simply isn't fair on you, or us as a business who are trying to compete with other golf clubs on a level playing field. We shall continue to lobby the government via our local MP reminding it that this is a clear distortion of what should be a 'fair' market but we shall not be holding our breath for the situation to change anytime soon! In the meantime we shall strive to provide best value to our Members & Visitors whilst still having to charge VAT.

Richard Thompson

Thanks from Ron Pugh— Club Captain 2013

It was a privilege to act as Club Captain during 2013 and it was very pleasing to see Mile End develop on so many fronts. The course was in excellent condition for much of the year despite a very cold and snowy Spring and playing, as I did, on many courses during my captaincy year I can say with confidence that Mile End compares very favourably.

After a number of years in which membership numbers declined it was great to see a significant increase in 2013. Many, but by no means all, of these new members joined us following the closure of Chirk and The Bulthy clubs. Hopefully these new members will be happy with their choice of new club and will help us to field more, and stronger, teams in the years ahead.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the tremendous support that I received from the proprietors and all the Club's staff during my year, and in particular to express thanks to all those who served on the Members' Committee. Their efforts go largely unnoticed but without their contributions the members' experience at Mile End would be much the poorer.

Thanks and best wishes to Ian and his team in 2014.

Mile End Members Committee 2014

Chair & Club Captain: Ian Thomas, Lady Captain: Moya Holmes, Seniors Captain: John Currie, Club Vice-Captain: Peter Mader, Lady Vice-Captain: Amanda Ord-Dando, Past Captain: Ron Pugh, Past Lady Captain: Janice Turner, Treasurer: Ken Hayman, Secretary: Anna Pugh, Competitions Chair: Gordon Jamieson, Handicaps Chair: Ian Beckett, Scratch Match Organiser: Gavin Wright, Clywyd & Borders Alliance Organiser : John Hunter, Handicaps & Annual Dinner Organiser: Brian Dando, : Match Secretary: Simon Hayman, Junior Organiser: TBC

Recent Results

Winter 666 Competition

Winners : Kenton Cawley, Artie Cawley, Helen Cawley, Gavin Wright 122pts

Runners Up: Pete Austin, Derek Graham, Derek Newitt ,Mike Yeomans 113pts

Mens Winter Pairs

Winners: Gary Harper & Nick Price 46pts

Runners up : Ben Moody & Mike Eastwood 46pts