



Mile End News Update

Members' Committee Newsletter

May 2014

Wednesday Social Merit Trophy.

The Mid-week 9 hole social competition is now up and running and ALL members are invited to come and join in. The meeting time is 5.15pm every Wednesday when a draw takes place for those players in the clubhouse at that time. This encourages the social dimension of the competition as you may be playing with different partners each week.

We do understand that many people work and cannot get to the clubhouse for the draw or can only play up until a certain time of the evening. Those members can 'sign-in' either in the shop or the bar where a starting sheet will be available. As with other competitions, you will need to pay the entrance fee of £2 and have a playing companion so that your card can be marked..

At the end of the year the trophy goes to who has the best cumulative score (over a minimum 10 events)

Use of buggies in competitions

A timely reminder about a decision made by the Committee in 2012 with regards to a slight relaxing of the 'use of buggies in competitions' rule. This decision was made due to the increasing cost of obtaining a certificate from a doctor and also took into consideration the fact that that injuries and conditions may only be short term.

The Committee decided that if the cost of a certificate is preventing members seeking permission or if an injury may only be short term, then permission can be sought from the Competition Chairman, Gordon Jamieson directly.

Nb: Buggies must not be used in competitions until permission has been granted by the Competitions Chair.

FOOTJOY MAY MEDAL OFFER— BUY ANY FOOTJOY GLOVE ON THE MAY MEDAL DAY AND IF YOU BEAT YOUR HANDICAP FOOTJOY WILL SEND YOU ANOTHER GLOVE—FREE! (to beat your handicap you have to beat the day's standard scratch)

BRIDGESTONE BALL FITTING DAY—SATURDAY 17TH MAY

10 AM—2 PM BOOKINGS NOW BEING TAKEN IN THE SHOP

CLEVELAND WEDGE DEAL—TRADE IN ANY OLD WEDGE AND GET £25 OFF A NEW CLEVELAND WEDGE

TRADE IN ANY OLD SET OF IRONS AND GET £100 OFF A NEW SET OF CLEVELAND IRONS —THIS INCLUDES FITTED SETS

Clywd and Borders Alliance

Mile End golfers participate in this programme of events most Wednesdays. We have played some excellent courses and enjoyed meeting and playing with members of many other clubs.

March Results: Peter Donaway and Phil Trow were 1st at Wrexham and Ron Pugh and John Hunter were 3rd at Bromborough.

April results: Gordon Jamieson and James Davies were 1st at Hill Valley and Gordon Jamieson and John Hunter were 2nd at Llanymynech.

If any other golfers are interested in playing in the Alliance, the new year will start again in September and there are currently places available.

John Hunter (Alliance Organiser)



Congratulations to Phillip Lee, winner of the Senior Captain's Day individual competition which attracted 72 participants.

Competitions report

Now that the main competition season is underway I would like to thank all those members who have gone out of their way to make this a good start to the competitions year, and to congratulate the numerous winners. There have, unfortunately, been a number of issues which have cropped up and I would like to raise these with members and explain the effect they have:

Entering your name for a competition twice! - this has happened on 7 - yes SEVEN - occasions already this year. On one occasion a member entered their name into TWO ADJACENT slots!! The result of this is that on two of these occasions players were left without playing partners - we can all have "senior" moments but more care please.

Block booking tee times - I know tee slots have been short for some competitions but the practice of entering yourself and 5 other players only works if you TELL THEM! - there have been multiple cases of people not turning up for competitions they knew nothing about. As a result teams played short and others were denied a game because the competition appeared full.

Failure to stick to deadlines/ honour your commitments - the Badger trophy and the Rogers Team Challenge were drawn competitions. An entry sheet with a clear deadline date was published for each. Much time and energy was spent trying to make sure a fair and honest draw for teams took place. The drawn teams were expected to provide an excellent competition in each case - BUT - by the end of the two competitions a total of 31 alterations had been made to the two draw sheets. I know emergencies can happen - but 31 !!!! in one weekend. If we are to continue with the few drawn competitions we have we will need members to take a greater responsibility for their entries.

Card going "missing" I am concerned that a number of score cards are not being returned after a competition round. In order to accurately monitor handicaps and the standard scratch we need all cards returned - even if you have an NR on a hole. I am monitoring this issue this year

Removing your name from the draw sheet the night before a competition - yes you can do so at the moment without penalty - but it gives us no time to re-shuffle the list to fill the slot and make sure everyone has a partner - a little more notice would be helpful.

Mile End is a great place to play competitive golf because it has a real club feeling - where we all try to consider the needs of others even while trying to win ourselves, so if none of these apply to you - thank you. If any do apply to you please help the competitions team to do their job - it is difficult enough without these things happening. Thank you.

Gordon Jamieson-Competitions Chair Ian Thomas-Club Captain

Competitions Updates

Daily Mail Classic - unfortunately the team were drawn away in the 3rd round against Arscott and lost 3.5-1.5.

Daily Mail Foursomes - the second round of the foursomes saw Mile End face a tough draw away against Condover (Shrewsbury) and were eliminated after a 2 hole defeat. Janice Turner and Amanda Ord-Dando are through to the 3rd round after beating Vale of Llangollen. They have a home match against Henlle scheduled for May.

Handicap League - The first match of the season took place away at Lilleshall and the match was lost 5-1. The remaining handicap matches are to be played in the months of May and June. The Ladies team beat Arscott away 3.5—1.5

Seniors Team Classic - Mile End's team of 4 went to Ombersley, Worcestershire for Round 1 and won through 3-1.

Seniors Pairs Classic - Ken Hayman & Ron Pugh used home advantage to see off the pair from The Shropshire in Rd 1. If players are interested in representing the club in any of forthcoming matches please see the match board in the downstairs corridor next to the changing rooms.

Recent Results

Mens Foursomes

1st Ian Beckett & John Bradford **2nd** Colin Aymes & Dylan Jones **3rd** Tony Cartwright & Darren Griffiths

Seniors April Stableford

Div 1- 1st Richard Osborne 2nd Roger Edwards
3rd Paul Walton

Div 2- 1st Barry Lingard 2nd Brian Crutchfield
3rd Terry Horton

Div 3- John Roberts 2nd John Jones
3rd Tony Cartwright

April Stableford

Div 1 –1st John Barry 2nd Darren Roberts 3rd Scott Harris

Div 2– 1st Levin Bennett 2nd Ian Beckett 3rd Jaz Heer

Div 3-1st Mike Eastwood 2nd Terry Alcock 3rd John Parry

Ladies April Medal

Div 1—1st Helen Cawley **Div 2** Susan O'Connor

Rogers Team Challenge

Winners Terry Alcock, Pete Griffiths, Alan Stansbie, Reg Lewis
R/u Brian Dando, Tim Parkes, Alan Hoyles, John Hughes