



# Mile End News Update

## Members' Committee Newsletter

### January 2015

#### Drive In 2015

The first Saturday of 2015 saw our new Captains for '2015 'Drive In' . Pictured (right) are Peter Mader, Club Captain, Amanda Ord-Dando Ladies Captain and Martin Harris Seniors Captain.

As usual a sweep was held where members were invited to guess the yardage of the Club Captain's opening drive. Peter's ball plugged at 194 yards, a number predicted exactly by sweep winner Darren Roberts...

Unfortunately the Team Competition following the Drive-In became a victim of the weather. Hopefully this will now take place on 14 February.



#### Presentation Evening

There was another encouraging turnout by members at our Presentation Evening when the successes of those who took part in competitions in 2014 were rewarded. This was followed by an excellent 'hot pot'. Pictured (left) are the Gross Champions for 2014: Gavin Wright, Amanda Ord-Dando and the Seniors Gross Champion Allan Kerr. As is customary at this event, the proceeds from the various 'John Wilson' fund raising activities carried out throughout the previous year are presented to the nominated charities. It is the task of the club vice-captain to co-ordinate these activities and Peter Mader was able to announce that £7,622 was raised in 2014. The charities chosen were Hope House and the Alzheimer's Society. Peter is pictured (below left) presenting a cheque to Lynsey Kelvert from Hope House accompanied by Samantha Gittins a representative from Barclays Bank, the largest donor last year. In thanking Mile End members for their efforts, Lynsey informed them that the cumulative total raised by Mile End for Hope House now stands at over £44,000!



#### OPENS AND INVITATIONS

Seniors 4BBB Open - Wednesday 1st July  
Seniors 4BBB Open—Wed 2nd September  
Ladies 4BBB Open—Mon 29th June  
Ladies Invitation—Mon 27th July  
Men's Invitation—Sat 18th July  
Team Open Competition—Wed 19th August  
(this replaces the Mixed Open Competition)



## Competitions Update - What's new for 2015

The competition season starts on March 1st 2015 - some of the changes this year include:-

- 1) We have adjusted the diary a little - to play more team and stableford competitions at the start and end of the season leaving the better weather (hopefully) in the summer for, mostly, individual and medal comp's. Some majors have been moved but the most obvious change is to eliminate the March and November weekend medals - replaced by "extra" stablefords - with the reverse happening in June. In making these changes we have, also, tried to improve the balance of the season with regard to gender specific competitions.
- 2) The Walker Tray will revert to being a bogey competition and the Rogers Team Challenge will become a shotgun start.
- 3) We have reviewed the use of alternate days - these will continue for medals and stablefords (where the diary permits) but we will discontinue this system for the three individual board competitions (Whitmore, Des Pugh & Walker Tray) Competitions Committee

## Annual Dinner Dance and Captaincy Change Over

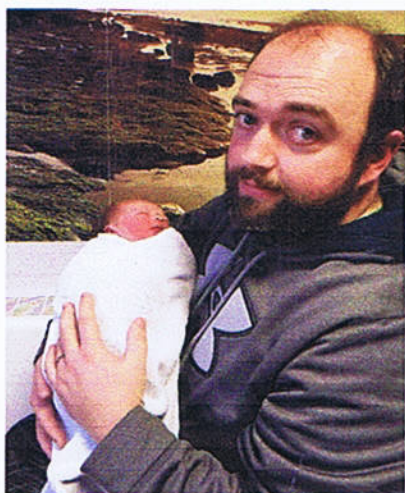
Although those who attended our dinner-dance last November had an enjoyable evening the turnout by members was very disappointing. This followed a trend developing over several years. In reviewing this situation, the Members' Committee took the view that the formalities concerning the transfer of Captaincies that have been a feature of the dinner-dance in recent years should be transferred to the Presentation Evening in early January as this event enjoys a much better member attendance.

With regard to the Annual Dinner Dance, it has been suggested by the Committee that perhaps it could happen at another time of the year or take on another form. If anyone from the membership has any thoughts and ideas on this matter please contact Peter Mader [petermader@hotmail.com](mailto:petermader@hotmail.com) or any member of the Committee.



## Our New Trophy Cabinet

A huge thanks goes to our 2014 Club Captain, Ian Thomas, who has generously donated our new trophy cabinet which stands proudly in the foyer.



Congratulations to James & Gemma on the birth of their new son, Clark. 7lb 15oz  
Born 31 Dec 2014.

## Mile End Social Scene

The Members' Committee is aware that over the last few years the number of social events organised for club members has diminished. We would like to re-start a social calendar but need your help to do so. Firstly, if you have any suggestions of social events that you think would be supported by members please let us know. Secondly, if you would like to help set up some social events, the committee would welcome any assistance you can give. In either case speak to me, or email me ([petermader@hotmail.com](mailto:petermader@hotmail.com)) or drop a note in my pigeon hole. Or contact any member of the Committee. Thanks for your support.  
**The Captain**

## Ding—Dong

Club Member Dylan Jones has kindly donated the signs which reminds members and visitors to the club that a bell to indicate the clearing of the 16th green is in place for everyone's safety. Whilst it is important that golfers wait until the bell is heard, it is equally important that the bell is sounded as you leave the green.