



Mile End News Update

Members' Committee Newsletter

March 2015



Winners of the rescheduled Captains' Drive In, pictured with the Captains, are Paul Chandler, Peter Kenyon, Di Bradbury and Gavin Wright.

Career Move

Grant Edwards has been appointed as Senior Golf Coach of the Mid Wales Golf Academy by the Golf Union of Wales. He will be based at their new development at Lakeside Golf Club. Grant has been a valued member of the team at Mile End and many have benefited from his coaching skills and personable demeanour. He will be greatly missed and we wish him all the very best for the future.

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 now has 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

Mile End Match-play Events

It is that time again - Time to think about entering the club knock-out competitions. In case you are new to the club here are some of the things you may want to know:

What can I enter/ How do I enter? - There are knock-outs for men, ladies, men's pairs, ladies pairs, mixed pairs & scratch. If you are a 7 day member with a competition handicap you can enter as many as you want - the shop is the place to ask. Entry fee is £2.50 p.p. (The seniors run a knock out for 5 day members.)

When will I have to play? The draw is usually done in March ready for the first round in April/May. Further rounds happen about every 4 weeks. You arrange your matches by agreeing a date with your opponent. It is usual to offer at least 3 dates/times at least two of which should be at a weekend. (Please note: It is your responsibility to manage your matches - no extensions are given unless the course has been closed for play for some time)

Am I good enough? - of course you are! Every match is different and you have got your handicap to give you shots to use in all but the scratch competition.

Give it a go -enter - and then watch the notice boards for the draw and more details.

Saving Lives On The Golf Course

Every year an estimated 60,000 cardiac arrests occur in the UK outside hospital. Scientific evidence shows that early defibrillation is a major factor in improving the survival rates of sufferers of sudden cardiac arrests. In view of this the proprietors and committee have been looking into getting an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) installed at the club. This is a portable device that safely guides the operator through the process of treatment and will only allow a shock to be given if it is required. We are pleased to announce that we have been allocated one of these devices by the West Midland Ambulance Service and it will be installed as soon as some staff and club members have been trained to use it. We have enough volunteers to begin the training but obviously the more people trained the better. If any other members would like to be trained please contact Richard Thompson. You may just be able to save someone's life.

Quote of the Day!

A true story of one day at the Alliance— by **Gordon Jamieson**

Ron has battled hard all day to keep his column of the better ball score card blank (presumably to re-use the card at a later date). He is now staring at his second shot on the difficult par 4, 18th at Henlle Park knowing his pairing must get a par, or better to have any chance of winning. Facing a 212 yard shot to the green obstructed by trees and shrubs he announces "I am going to hit this under that first branch, miss the end tree by a whisker and draw it 20 yards to the left onto the shoulder of the bunker where it will run down on to the green!" His three playing partners, who, of course, immediately make their way to the out of bounds hedge on the right (in order to tell him how far into the field his ball lands) are staggered to see the ball fly exactly as predicted and land in the middle of the green. Ron now makes his second unbelievable statement of the day. "I am now going to 2 putt!". As he has given a good impression all the way round the course that he had packed a live cobra to putt with instead of his normal putter this statement is greeted with wild laughter at which point Ron lags his first putt to 18 inches, leaving a vicious left to right "tap in". Putting last, he, of course, holes it! His cap goes 15 foot in the air and his opponents jaws hit the ground - even more so when, on checking the score card Ron announces that his pairing has snatched the prize from the small Welsh wizard and his Black Country partner - on count-back - not on the last 9, last 6 nor last 3 but on the last ONE!

What a wonderful game golf is, and what a wonderful advert for the C&B Men's Alliance - open to all. There are games every Wednesday at courses all round North Wales, Cheshire and Shropshire - talk to Ron Pugh if you are interested in joining us.

The Hargrove

The Hargrove team managed to make it to the semi-finals this year and in doing so overcame opposition teams from Hill Valley, Oswestry and Shifnal golf clubs that all had significantly lower handicaps than we could brag. Hill Valley were runners up in last years final of the scratch league so to beat them was tremendous but to go on to also beat the other teams in latter rounds proved that all of the players that took part are not only very good individuals but gelled perfectly with their respective partners.

The semi final was played against Bridgnorth who could boast a team with a combined handicap of 10, ours being 34 so the odds were stacked firmly against us, and although it seems that we were heavily defeated to the tune of 5 and a half / half this does not represent a true picture.

At home we were "up" in all matches at the halfway stage and only suffered defeats on the last hole in the first two and on the 17th in the final match, it was a very close affair which could have been so different!

I would like to thank all club members for their messages of good luck and best wishes, there were quite a number that took the time to enquire but more importantly I would like to say to all of the players who gave up their time to represent the club so very well, thank you all very very much. You should be very proud of your individual efforts, I know I was of the whole team. I now look forward to our scratch matches and hope that we are able to represent Mile End in the same manner.
by Gavin Wright

NB:- The toilet situated next to our Halfway House has suffered problems both with lighting and the solar powered water supply. A window has now been installed providing 'natural' light and the proprietors have agreed to share the cost of providing a mains water supply, both to the toilet and to the Halfway House. This should be completed in the next few weeks. **Committee**