

July COMPETITIONS

Sat 30 Gents Open (Stroke)
 Sun 1 Open Mixed Greensomes (Stableford)
 Mon 2 Ladies Open (Stableford)
 Tue 3 Gents Open (Stableford)
 Wed 4 Gents Fourball Betterball (Stroke)
 Thu 5 Seniors Open (Stableford)
 Fri 6 Four Person Team Event (Stroke)
 Sat 7 Gents Open (Stableford)
 Sun 8 Open Mixed Greensomes (Stableford)

Sat 14 Monthly Medal (Stroke)
 Sat 21 H C Kelly Trophy (Stableford)
 Thu 26 D & R Trophy
 Fri 27 Mixed Foursomes (Gents Invitation)
 Sat 28 Londonderry Trophy (Flag)

CAPTAIN'S DAY REPORT

What a day! Hot scoring and even hotter weather.

Rab Hiles's 45pts lifted the top prize (Powercaddy & bag), by a clear 3 points from Stuart Glover 42pts. Rab in his speech dedicated his win to his mentor and father-in-law Roy (Leadbetter) McDowell for coaching him to his first Major win. At the press conference held after the Captain's Day Dance, the quiet man of Mahee said, "My coaching technique is simple, I do the talking and Rab does the listening." Flushed with success Rab has entered for this year's Open. Open Week that is.

Other notable performances came from Wilson and Alistair for producing a course befitting the occasion; Mark and his staff for their efforts in the kitchen and Council plus Volunteers who all come together to make the day such a success.

Lastly a word about our captain, Adrian Ross. Resplendent in his official regalia he could be seen as a shining beacon of inspiration moving among his troops. Just shows what happens if you don't use sun cream.

Many tall stories and legends have been associated with the game of golf at Mahee. The day we became All Ireland Champs or when Ronnie Wilson beat Billy McClements twice in the one night; to name just two, but these pale into insignificance compared to the night our Captain stood on the third tee in preparation for hitting the traditional shot for the following day's "Nearest the Captain's Drive".

To set the scene; the evening was calm and there was an air of nervous anticipation as the previous year a helping hand in the form of Lindsay Boyd had to be employed to retrieve one of the wayward shots and place it in a more favourable position on the fairway. However this was another year and a more self-assured man stood on the tee holding his trusty G2 in a vice like grip. There was a smooth back swing and a controlled and balanced follow through (similar to the great golfer whose name adorns the tee), and with his first attempt the ball thundered into the air, coming to rest dead centre of the fairway just short of the green or possibly the fairway bunker. Shocked by what had occurred your Editor could not compose himself quickly enough to take photographic proof of the occasion. However as someone who witnessed the jubilation on our Captain's little face, I can say, "I WAS THERE".

MBE

Congratulations to Raymond Carroll who received the MBE in the recent honours list for his many years of work with the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.

KNOW THE RULES

Ball in Motion Deflected or Stopped

Ball struck by you is deflected or stopped by you, your partner or caddie – in match play you lose the hole; in stroke play you incur a two-stroke penalty and the ball is played as it lies.

Ball struck by you is deflected or stopped by someone else – play your ball as it lies without penalty, except (a) in match play, if an opponent or his caddy deflects the ball you have an option to replay the stroke or (b) in stroke play, if the ball is deflected after a stroke from on the putting green, you must replay the stroke.

Ball struck by you is deflected or stopped by another ball at rest – no penalty and the ball is played as it lies, except in stroke play you incur a two-stroke penalty if your ball and the other ball were on the putting green before you played.

TIPS FROM THE MAHEE PRO.

Dear Pro,

As a schoolteacher I would be interested to know why there is a difference in meaning between PUT and PUTT?

Pro's comments

PUT means to place an object where you want it to go.

PUTT means merely a vain attempt to do the same thing.

Dear Pro,

I noticed recently you're playing with a new putter, why?

Pro's comments

The old one didn't float.

The Mahee Pro is always happy to give advice on any area of the game. Just write your question on the back of a golf voucher c/o the usual address.

Mahee 9 HOLE SUDOKU

Congratulations to last month's winner **W F Wilson**. There's a £5.00 voucher with Mr Macaw ready for you to collect.

Another **£5.00** voucher is up for grabs this month, so why not have a go; it's free. If you're not in you can't win!

Please leave your completed entries marked for:

The Editor C/O Macaw's Golfing Emporium.

Closing date for entries is Friday 20th July.

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