

CAPTAIN'S DAY

It's hard to believe that we're already gearing up for the biggest day of the year. Yes, Captain's Day is on the 7th June and as usual a full timesheet is expected. Speculation is growing as to what the Captain's Prize will be. However I can confirm that an almost new motorised buggy with low mileage, a few dents and one careful owner is not the coveted prize.

Personally I'm taking no chances and am heading off to my training camp in the Algarve to prepare myself for the 2nd Major of the year after the Masters.

So please come down and support your Captain, Colin Commander. If you haven't got a starting time for the competition please contact Colin Macaw. But if you're not able to play you can still call down, wish the Captain well and sample his hospitality. And don't forget you can boogie the night away at the evening dance and presentation of prizes.

Captain's Comments

Winter seems to have been with us for longer than usual, but at last Summer seems to be on its way.

The course is in great condition and a great credit to our green keepers Wilson Gaw and Alistair Smyth.

Our new website is up and running at www.maheegolf.com and, as you will see from the calendar of events, everyone will have plenty of opportunities for competitive golf and to support club events. Keep looking for updates and new events.

I hope to enjoy the company of as many of you as I can during the season and especially at Captain's Day on 7th June.

Colin Commander
CAPTAIN

The Inner Game

How many times have you had thoughts of starting with a birdie at the 1st, only to end up with a 6 or worse? Then you stand on the 2nd tee filled with anger and frustration and try to knock the cover off the ball in an attempt to make up for your error by driving the green, an achievement that is more than beyond your normal game. This effort of course ends up in another disaster.

So what's going wrong?

Firstly, it's fun to dream of having a great score but it is essential that your thoughts don't turn into added pressure, for example "These are the easy holes, or, I must get off to a good start."

This will only lead to a tightening of the swing and a tweak of the putter.

Secondly, if you do have a poor hole, keep calm and accept what has happened and don't over stretch your capability in trying to recover.

When you stand on the 1st tee you should only promise yourself that you will consider and play each shot as it comes up, accept that you will make errors and that you will enjoy the challenge of recovering from them.

High expectations and anger are the enemies of a fluid golf swing.

Winter League Review

The Winter League may have been held over fewer Saturday's this year but this still didn't prevent it being as hotly contested as ever at least for 2nd place down. Ian Carser showed everyone a clean pair of heels by romping home with 103 points; 5 clear of the field. With only 1 point separating the next 5 placings, count back was required to separate the contenders: 2nd R Jellie (98pts), 3rd L Boyd (98pts), 4th I McCann (98pts), 5th R Hiles (97pts) and 6th G Montgomery (97pts). The team competition was won by Team 3 ably captained by Geoffrey Stevenson on 497 with Roy McDowell's boys 2nd on 494. Roy continued his good form with a hole in one in the first Open Seniors competition in April.

Tales from the Mahee Pro

The Immediate Past Captain met the Mahee Pro on the way to the 1st tee.

"Tell me, what way do you hit the ball to get backspin?" the Immediate Pat Captain enquired.

The Mahee Pro frowned and said, "Before I answer that, tell me, how far do you hit a 5 iron?"

"About 130." The Immediate Past Captain replied

The Mahee Pro sighed "Then why in the world would you want the ball to spin **back!**?"

The 19th – An Editors View

All golfers agree that slow play is a problem. They will also tell you to a man or woman that they are not the cause. Indeed many will wax lyrical about the subject while they meander down the middle of the fairway seemingly oblivious to the fact that their ball disappeared 100 yards off into the trees to the left. Now don't get me wrong, golf should be a sociable game but please keep play moving by following these simple rules.

1. Be at the 1st tee 10 minutes before your time to start.
2. Be ready to play when it is your turn
3. At the putting green, leave your bag in a position that will allow quick and easy movement to the next tee.
4. Study your line of putt while others are putting, avoiding any distraction to other players.
5. Mark scores on the way to the next tee.

Mahee 9 Hole Sudoku

Congratulations to Brian Clarke winner of March's competition. There's another £5.00 voucher up for grabs this month so why not have a go. As usual please leave your completed entries with your name on the back marked for:

The Editor C/O Macaw's Golfing Emporium.
Closing date for entries is Friday 6th June 08.

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