

## Competition Review

### **President's Day**

President's Day may have been delayed for a few weeks but the sunshine that arrived on 27<sup>th</sup> was worth waiting on. The President made everyone welcome and the Bedouin tent hospitality area reflected the relaxed occasion. Fresh from his training camp in the Algarve, Andrew Carroll picked up the overall prize with 43pts with Lindsay Boyd's 40pts placing him 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. Andrew put his win down to hours of practice and the expert tuition of Big Al, owner of a well known hostelry in Vilamoura frequented by a surprising number of Mahee golfers.

I had the pleasure a few weeks ago of playing with Andrew and his father Raymond who had just acquired a Fred Daly putter. After, shall we say, showing some what indifferent form with the golden wand over the first 16 holes Raymond decided to take putting out of the scoring equation by holing in **ONE** at the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations and may it be the first of many.

### **Captain v President Team Challenge**

Over this side of the pond the Ryder Cup style challenge match took place between the Captain and the President on 20<sup>th</sup> August.

Tactics always play a part and the Captain decided to lead from the front. Unfortunately no.1 for the President's select was Darryl Moore and the Captain found himself back in the clubhouse a little earlier than expected. I have it on good authority that next years Captain has taken steps to ensure that there is not a repeat performance in 2009.

Although rocked by this early set back the Captain's team rallied and it was only when David Coey edged a half against Colin McKeown was the President able to celebrate victory by the narrow margin of 9 – 7.

### **The Inner Game**

I'm sure every one at some stage has watched a programme or read an article whose author claims that their method is the perfect way to stand and strike a putt. Personally (and this may be a little controversial), I believe that there is no such thing as perfect putting mechanics.

There is however many putting styles that will work, depending on the mind of the player who employs them.

One of the best putters I have ever known is our very own Hon. Secretary, Mervyn Marshall. Experts on putting mechanics indicate that your eyes should be directly over the ball in order to see the line properly and stroke the putt along that line. Mervyn's stance leaves his eyes well inside the target line. Experts contend that a player's arms should hang straight down from their shoulders to promote a pendulum strike. Mervyn putts with his arms extended away from his body.

Now don't get me wrong, I'm not suggesting that we all change to Mervyn's style, but it does work for him, at least most of the time.

And that brings me to Mervyn's second and probably his greatest attribute which makes him such a good putter; his attitude.

Mervyn has unwavering belief in himself as a good putter. If he misses a putt, the green, the green keeper or some other outside agency will take the blame. This is usually indicated by a prodding of the ground or a pointing to the mole hill that deflected the ball off its true and traditional route to the centre of the hole.

Therefore just like Jack Nicklaus (see August Edition) he is able to retain his belief in each putt he attempts.

## Tales from the Mahee Pro

The Mahee Pro and the President, Mr Jim Cooke, were playing the 9th hole, when the Pro's tee shot lands close behind the huge trees to the left side of the fairway. The Mahee Pro looks at Jim and says, "How would you play this one? Lay up and take the extra stroke?"

Jim replies: "When I was your age, I'd just play right over the tree."

The Mahee Pro, not wanting to be shown up by 'ol' Jim Cooke' proceeds to hit the ball high, but not high enough. It bounces off the tree and lands back at his feet. The Mahee Pro, really ticked off at this point, asks Jim how he EVER hit a ball over that tree.

Jim replied: "Well, when I was your age, that tree was only three feet tall."

### **Match Play Finals**

Its surprising how often experience comes through in the clubs match play trophies and this year is no exception. Congratulations to:

Bobby Jellie - Coronation Cup

Roy Garrett - Eureka Cup

Shane Andrews and Sam Cranston - Pairs Trophy

For full result details on all competitions please go to our website at [www.maheegolf.com](http://www.maheegolf.com)

### **The 19<sup>th</sup> – An Editor's View**

The Ryder Cup certainly stirs up the emotions. All that yelling and screaming and that was only me venting my frustration in front of the TV. Azinger's captaincy was exemplary and his team played the shots and sunk the putts when it really mattered. And YES it was a team, not 11 individuals and Tiger. However, away from home players like Bo Weekly whose golf is purely USA based may not have it all their own way.

At least in Wales the 13<sup>th</sup> man should be more tuneful with less of the BOOoos and more of "Land of my Fathers" to cheer our boys on.

### **Mahee 9 Hole Sudoku**

Congratulations to August's winner David Kennedy

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Closing date for entries is Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 08.

This one's kind-a tricky!!!

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