

Who's in Charge?

It's the start of another golfing year and our new Captain Willie Moore is now firmly at the helm backed up by a team brimming with a blend of youth and experience, or perhaps weighted a little more towards the latter.

MAHEE GC COUNCIL 2009

Captain: Willie Moore
 Vice Captain: Lindsay Boyd
 Hon Secretary: Mervyn Marshall
 Hon Treasurer: Stephen Hewitt

Committees

Finance: S Hewitt (*Convenor*), R McCormick, P Farling.

Match & Handicap: T Geddis (*Convenor*), L Boyd, P Farling, J Stewart, A Ross, M Marshall, G McKibbin.

Greens: H McKnight (*Convenor*), L Boyd, D Moore, J Cooke.

House: L Boyd (*Convenor*), K McAlpin, R McCormick, D Moore, Member from Ladies Council.

Social & Bar: C Commander (*Convenor*), J Hayes, M Marshall, G McKibbin, Member from Ladies Council.

Forward Planning: A Ross (*Convenor*), J Stewart, T Geddis, J Cooke, S Hewitt, L Boyd, P Farling.

Juveniles: G McKibbin (*Convenor*), C Commander.

Open Week J Cooke (*Convenor*), House, M&H and Social & Bar Committees.

Club Rules: Captain (*Convenor*), S Hewitt, M Marshall, J Stewart.

If you have a complaint, query or suggestion please drop a note to the Hon. Secretary or the Convenor of the committee concerned, but please don't bring these matters up on the course.

The club council is made up of volunteers who give freely of their time and knowledge in order to keep this club running. They deserve to enjoy their golf the same as anyone else. So please make all enquiries in writing and they will all receive a response.

Winter League 2009

Even at this early stage it's plain to see that the Winter League will be a closely contested affair, with some very familiar faces at the top of the individual leader board.

Individual Leaderboard – 14-2-09

1st R Jellie - 123pts
 2nd A Hoyle - 116pts
 3rd A Kennedy - 115pts

The Team competition is also nip and tuck with Team 3 Roy's Rovers leading the way on 485pts, followed by Team 1, the Junior Giants 473pts and Team 2, Moore's Merry Men 470pts. Close behind are Team 4 Halliday's Heroes, Team 5 Lindsay's Lions and Team 6 The Farling Flyers.

New Saturday Time Sheet 2009

A copy of the 2008 time sheet will be on display on the notice board outside the shop up until the 7th March. The Match & Handicap Committee requests that members place a tick at their name if they wish to remain in their current time slot during 2009.

Those wishing to change their existing time or new members wishing to get a time on a fixed basis should write their name and preferred time on the sheet provided beside the time sheet.

Obviously due to demand it is unlikely that all requests will be met but the committee will do its best.

Members who cannot guarantee a regularly attendance on a Saturday or who vary their starting time should not seek a fixed spot but should contact the Club Steward who will assist in trying to find a suitable spot on a weekly basis.

The Mahee Pro

Over the next 12 months the Mahee Pro will take a look at some golfing terminology. In this issue he explains some terms used to describe shots:

Stroke – Any forward movement of the club that is made with the intention of hitting and moving the ball and is observed by another golfer.

Hook & Slice – To hit a shot that curves sharply left (hook) or right (slice) or vice a versa if you're a leftie. Players who either hook or slice should consider changing the way they stand, hold the club, or swing. Those who do both should consider changing the way they spend their weekends.

The 19th – An Editor's View

Research outlined in the British Medical Journal by doctors at the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital has revealed a possible link between loss of hearing and playing with the new generation of thin-faced titanium drivers. Ear specialists suspect the "sonic boom" the metal club head makes when it strikes the ball damaged the hearing of a 55-year-old golfer they treated.

The Editor naturally laughed at this until he realised that he has obviously been suffering from this disability for some time. How else could he explain the silence he experiences when he putts up to a foot or so of the hole and does not hear the words "That's ok" or "Take it away", uttered by the opposition. Naturally this must have been because of this deafness rather than any form of begrudging acknowledgement! So next time you putt to 12 inches of the hole and hear nothing don't be afraid to ask your playing partners whether they have conceded the putt or are you going deaf. I'm sure their reply will clarify the matter one way or another.

HOLE in ONE –October's Mahee Times reported on Raymond Carroll's hole in one. I only learned recently that Raymond donated his winnings of ½ the TWOs to charity. The money was split between the Cancer Unit at the Royal and research into Epilepsy. A very generous gesture Raymond and also thanks to Colin Macaw for allowing the prize fund to be used in this way.

Mahee 9 Hole Sudoku

The winner of December's competition was Ronnie Baxter. 2nd prize (a souvenir programme from the 2008 Portuguese Masters) was won by Ian Carser.

Both prizes can be collected from the shop.

This is the first chance to win that coveted **£5.00** golf voucher in 2009 so why not give it 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 27 March 09.

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