

NEW COURSE RECORD

6 birdies and no bogies add up to a 65; a flawless round of golf and a new course record for Shane Andrews. Speaking exclusively to the Mahee Times, Shane explained that he wasn't exactly sure what the previous course record was and when he just missed a birdie putt on the 18th for a 64 he didn't know if the record was his. A few hours later, a phone call from the club secretary brought good news and the celebrations could begin.

"It was great to get the six birdies" (which by the way did not include a birdie at the par 5 16th), "but it's also very satisfying to have a bogie free card," said the New Course Record Holder.

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What's your best finish to a round of golf?

Whatever it is, I'm sure that it doesn't beat the ending to one of the matches in the 1st round of Mahee's Greensomes Matchplay Trophy.

With 3 holes to go the pairing of David Lindsay and Andy Hamilton were one down to Bobby Jellie and Peter Farling.

However with a cricket pitch length putt from off the green by Lindsay for a 3 at the Par 5, 16th; a hole in one also by Lindsay at the Par 3, 17th and finally a superb wedge by Hamilton for 2 at the Par 4 18th, the match was won 2up.

3, 1, 2, (eagle, eagle, eagle) what a finish!!

Captain's Day

It may have been a little damp but this did not prevent Willie Moore's Captain's Day going with a swing. If anyone can't recall the day or in particular the evening festivities, the Captain will be happy to show them his photo album. This is sure to jog a few memories. Winner this year was Andrew Carroll who's getting some what of a reputation of a big event player having won last year's Presidents Day. However (as Tiger knows) a grand slam is holding all the titles in one calendar year. Sources close to the Editor have stated that the odds on Mr Carroll achieving this on the 5th September have been reduced considerably.

Open Week

Open Week once again was a tremendous success with low scoring and great shots being the order of the day. Memorable among these was the hole in one by Darryl Moore in the Open Stableford competition. Rumour has it that the bar takings were also boosted by this event.

Thanks must go to Wilson and Alistair for the pristine condition of the course and in particular the greens which were up to 'The Open' let alone 'Open Week' standard!

Past Captains

20 Past Captains took to the fairway on Thursday 24th July to play for the Boyd Trophy. The inaugural event was won by the 1996 Captain, Mervyn Marshall. The trophy, kindly donated by the family of the late Raymond Boyd (a founding member of the club), will be played for each year by the past captains.

Presidents Day

President's Day takes place on 5th September. This is the first of John Hayes's two years in office. John was Captain in 1982 and has been a member for many years, (didn't like to ask how many). The competition will be run in the normal format with a good helping of hospitality either after 9 or 18, depending on the speed of play and scoring. This will be followed by a dance and prize giving in the evening. So, please come down and support your President especially if you're one of the lucky prize winners.

The Mahee Pro

The Mahee Pro continues his explanation of golfing terms:

Rim - The edge of the hole. A ball that goes around the cup without falling in is said to have rimmed the hole, or to have ringed, skirted, cupped, lapped or looped it. It may also be said to have curled, circled or rolled around it, or to have done a tour, a circuit, a round trip, an orbit, a horse shoe or a buttonhook. There are one or two terms for a ball actually going into the cup, but they are used so seldom that it seemed like a waste of space to include them here.

Fore - The first of several four-letter words exchanged between golfers when a player hits a ball through another group of golfers on the course.

Golf's the Winner

Wednesday 12th August saw the Captain's and President's Teams go head to head in their annual Ryder Cup style match. The two teams, made up of a who's who of Mahee golf, boasted former All Ireland and Ulster Champions, the course record holder, 3 members of the Ulster Cup semi final side of 1972 and potential future champions.

Having won all 3 previous matches, the President's team were full of confidence but a battling performance saw the Captain take a 4 – 3 lead with one match to go.

Fittingly it was left to the ladies who were playing in the competition for the first time to settle the outcome. The deciding match played in a fourball format saw Karen Simpson and Debbie Sweeney hold on at the 18th for a 1up victory over Joyce Grey and Barbara Martin and secure a vital point for the President and a halved match overall.

The event which has now established itself in the Mahee golfing calendar is living up to its founding ideals with competitiveness and good sportsmanship going hand in hand and reflecting the true spirit of golf.

Thanks goes to everyone who took part and in particular to the Captain, Willie Moore and the President, John Hayes, for taking the time to organise the event and for their generous hospitality.

Mahee 9 Hole Sudoku

June's winner – Gareth McKibbin.

Winner receives - **£5.00** golf voucher.

Entries to - The Editor C/O Macaw's Golfing Emporium.

Closing date for entries is Friday 11th September 09.

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