

New Captain and Council

It's a new year and a new crew has come on board the good ship Mahee Island. Any questions, queries or suggestions; feel free to drop the Council a line, care of the Hon. Sec. of course.

Office Bearers

Lindsay Boyd	Captain
Trevor Geddis	Vice Captain, Match & H'cap Convenor
Ivan Wilson	President
Mervyn Marshall	Hon. Secretary
Stephen Hewitt	Hon. Treasurer
Willie Moore	Immediate Past Captain

Council Members

Harry McKnight, Darryl Moore, Gareth McKibbin, Robert Wright, Peter Farling, Junior Stewart, Jim Cooke, Adrian Ross, Rodney McCormick and Tom Cleland.

Our new Captain Lindsay Boyd has been a member of Mahee and served on Council for many years. If you're not sure who he is, his photo appears on the inside of the enclosed Fixture List and in the clubhouse.

The 2010 President is Ivan Wilson. Captain in 2000 his handiwork can be seen all around the course. If you spot a stone wall about Mahee there's a good chance that it has been built either by Ivan or St Patrick.

All Captains and Presidents undertake their duties because of their love of the game and the club they represent. During their year they give of their time and on many occasions such as Captain's and President's Day contribute financially, asking nothing in return.

So, if 'Mr Captain' or 'Mr President' is waiting behind you on the tee, ask if he wishes to play through. Golfing etiquette may not help you improve your score but it will help you win a few friends.

Please respect the traditions of the club.

2010 Winter League Kicks off

After the weather at the start of the year it might be more fitting to say the Winter League skated off, as water and ice were the predominate hazards to contend with. Although still with a few weeks to go, it's clear that the current holder, Bobby Jellie will have his work cut out retaining his title. The team competition is also very close and looks as if it will go down to the wire.

NEW PHONE NUMBER

To assist in the flow of enquires a new dedicated members phone number **028 9754 1537** has been installed. Members are asked to use this number when phoning regarding starting times.

028 9754 1234 will still be available but will be used in club correspondence and advertising and therefore will cater mostly for general enquires by visitors.

Saturday Time Sheet

The time sheet for Saturday competitions is currently being reviewed. Requests from new members or from those wishing to change their existing tee off time should be made in writing to the Match & Handicap Convenor by 15th March. Where possible the M&H Committee will try and accommodate any changes.

Web Problems

A few members have reported problems accessing the Competition page on the website.

If you are having this difficulty try typing the web address below which should take you directly to the page:

www.maheegolf.com/Competition.aspx

Then click on the competition to be viewed in the Index Box on the left hand side of the page.

The Mahee Pro

The Mahee Pro continues his explanation of golfing terms looking specifically at putting:

Putt - To hit a shot straight, but to the left, the right, beyond, short of, over or around the intended target.

Central America putt - When a putt needs just one more revolution to fall into the hole.

Lag or Ulster Cup putt - A long putt played conservatively to make sure that the ball ends up near enough to the hole to be sunk with the next stroke. If this next putt is missed, it is referred to as a "X#X#X#!!!!!!"

The 19th – An Editor's View

Start of the Winter League

Having studied the eminent sports psychologists Dr Bob Rotella's books on the great game of golf over the festive period, I felt self assured and confident of a good start to the 2010 Winter League. It was therefore with this mind set that I stood on the 1st Tee for my opening shot of the 2010 campaign.

With a three wood in my hand and three jumpers covering my torso, I prepared to draw the ball into the hillside leaving me with an easy two putt birdie. Well, that was the plan.

What actually happened was that I hooked my tee shot into the trees and fluffed my second. My third ran gently passed the hole, ran gently off the green and gently down the hill side. A misjudgement of a 10 yard chip by about 40 yards; not great golf for a supposed 4 handicaper.

I then proceeded to gently raise my sand iron and not so gently thrust it into the ground. After removing a pound of earth from my club head and repairing the ground from where it came, I walked the 30 yards down the hill to my ball, recovering my composure as I went. My 4th was judged to perfection, pitching on the edge of the green and finishing three feet to the right of the pin. Relieved at my recovery I approached the putt with confidence only to miss the rather large hole by a rather large margin.

With shoulders slumped and with the air of a despondent Colin Montgomery I trudged to the next tee composing a letter in my head to Dr Rotella as I went.

Oh well, there's always next week.

Mahee 9 Hole Sudoku

It's a new year, so get the brain working and have a go at the Mahee 9 Hole Sudoku.

Here's an easy one to start the season, so fill it in, send it in and perhaps you might just win!

November's Winner – Andy Hamilton

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

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

Closing date for entries is Friday 26th March 2010.

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