



Menzies Welcombe Golf Club

Summer Newsletter 2010

HARRIS DEFENDS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Joe Harris, playing off a one handicap, successfully defended the Club Championship with rounds of 71 and 74 resulting in a 5 over par hole total. With the wind swirling on day one and the greens looking and rolling the finest they have in years, scoring on day one was superb. With 2008 winner Adrian Clifford (7) alongside Dave Whittingham (6) carding +3 rounds of 73 pressure was firmly put on pre-tournament favourite Harris. Day two saw both Clifford and Whittingham drop back out of contention over the front nine and with Paul Barker (7) carding two steady rounds of 77 Harris strolled to a nine shot victory.



Whilst the battle to find the clubs leading golfer was being fought for at the back of the field, the nett event was being fiercely contested for just in front. 19 handicapper Geoff Winters squeezed to victory by one shot with a stunning final round nett 62, giving a 134 two day total, with Mark McKinney (16) runner up on 135 and Elliot Rance (17) also on 135.

Congratulations to all who took part in what turned out to be a fine weekend of club golf and at a very respectable speed ensuring enjoyment for all. NO late 2 shot penalties or no 'no show' charity donations were given out !!

Prior to the Club Championship the clubs activity soared. We saw Mark Williams victorious in the SPRING CLASSIC, repeating his honour board victory from the 2008 Summer Pairs and Richard Grimston triumphed in the WELCOMBE SALVER, also repeating his major victory from last Winters Pairs league. The Summer Singles and Pairs are very close to being on schedule and are now at the business end at the Quarter Finals stage.

WELCOMBE PRO AM

We would like to thank all of our membership categories who supported the clubs second annual club Pro Am. Over 140 participated in a day playing with the regions leading PGA Professionals. Some superb golf was played throughout the day with Neil Rowlands (Chipping Norton GC) and Nick Soto (Northants County GC) both shooting -4 66's. Leading the team winners were corporate member Mark Stanton and his guests. Dates are already being looked into for 2011 so if you haven't experienced our Pro Am please keep a look out for next year.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST

Saturday 7th – Team match vs The Warwickshire GC (Away)
 Sunday 8th – August Medal
 Saturday 14th – Team match vs Coventry & Finham GC (Home)
 Saturday 21st – August Stableford

SEPTEMBER

Friday 3rd – Team match vs Stratford Oaks GC (Away)
 Sunday 5th – September Medal
 Saturday 18th – September Stableford
 Sunday 19th – Welcombe Mixed Open
 Saturday 25th – CLUB AUTUMN INVITATIONAL

OFFER OF THE MONTH

Throughout August we are offering an amazing deal – purchase a dozen of the Srixon AD333 golf ball and the Srixon Cabretta leather glove for only £24.00 discounted from £42.00!

NOTICE BOARDS

We would like to remind you that all of the latest information, news and results are regularly updated on the club notice boards. The draw for all Medals and Stablefords will be carried out on the Tuesday prior. If you have not been contacted by a member of staff of your tee time please contact the golf shop

THE COURSE

The club is currently getting the course re surveyed and measured, followed by the Warwickshire Golf Union re assessing the Standard Scratch. Once these two projects have been completed the course stroke indices will be amended where appropriate. This will no doubt create a fairer course when competing in all formats of play.



Many of you have commented on the fine condition of the course and how well it is presented and also that the greens surfaces are now rolling much smoother and faster. Our new Head Greenkeeper John Badger, and his team have worked tirelessly over the past few months and worked wonders in what has been a very difficult time growth wise. The worst winter in 32 years followed by a reasonable period of time without rain has really tested their skills – congratulations must go to John and his team producing a golf course for us of ever improving quality. To go alongside the winter course reinvestment by way of new paths and steps, the club have continued in this area with the purchase of a new greens mower.

WELCOMBE OPENS

Our Open events continue to be successful with golfers entering from far and wide across the region. The Ladies Open attracted over 40 golfers with a first home victory for the Welcombe, members Jean Clark and Sara Hawkins striding to the podium. Following the Ladies, a month later Brian Matthews from the Welcombe, with his brother David (Stratford GC) were victorious in the Seniors Open defeating over 40 other pairs from the Midlands. This keeps the trophy at the club after Keith Lazenby and Alun Sparrow winning in 2009. This leaves the Mixed Open to be contested for on 19th September. We still have around 10 pairs places available so if you wish to enter or know of any fellow golfers from neighbouring clubs to who want to enjoy a great day out at superb value please collect an entry form from the club.

ROB BERNSTEIN'S CAPTAINS DAY

Over 80 members participated in Rob Bernstein's Day Captains Day on Sunday 12th July. Teeing off shotgun style at 8.30 seems to suit our club perfectly giving our members the chance to mix with friends and family at the club BBQ throughout the afternoon. The Texas Scramble format 'fits the bill', keeping all entrants involved literally on every shot. Many congratulations to the winning team of Martin Oakes, Rachael Smethurst, Ken and Jean Clark. Some great prizes were on offer in addition to a winning fourball at the Marriot Forest of Arden. Over £250.00 was also raised for Rob's Captains charity, the Northamptonshire and Warwickshire Air Ambulance Service.



PGA EURO SENIORS TOUR TICKETS

The club has managed to obtain a limited amount of complimentary tickets for the Travis Perkins Senior Masters to be held on the Duke's Course at Woburn from Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th September. Any members wishing to take this offer up and go and watch some great golf please contact Dan Hacker immediately.

BALFOUR HITS AN ACE ON THE 10TH !!

Our 5 handicap junior golfer George Balfour miraculously holed out on the 325 yard par 4 10th hole!! While playing a round with Welcombe member Allan Gibb, having just about spent five minutes looking for Georges ball they decided it might just be worth checking the cup....low and behold there it was !! George is pictured with his instructor David Cranage, PGA Assistant Professional at the club.



This followed more aces from the Spring by Mike Francis and Dan Hacker on the 168 yard Par 3 9th hole. Both managed to escape through the kitchen on their exit !!

NEW SUMMER SPECIAL OFFERS

Free Fridays and a glass of Pimms

Complimentary meeting room for up to 10 people at the hotel including use of a screen, flipchart and a glass of Pimms for each delegate.

Additional refreshments charged separately. **(Save £250.00)**

Only available on Fridays throughout August, to Golf and Spa members only.



Meeting Packages

24 hour packages from £145.00 per person and day delegate packages from £45.00 per person.

GOLF SHOP AND ACADEMY

Members continue to support the golf shop with the latest equipment and clothing. We are now delighted to offer Powakaddy products. Electric rental carts are available to rent at £ 7.50 to members. In addition we also stock the Touch and Freeway Powakaddy cart and accessories. For further advice and quotations please contact a member of the golf staff.

Soft drinks and chocolate bars can now be purchased in the golf shop with your 20% discount. This is on a cash basis only with the bar continuing the members levy card service.

Congratulations to our PGA Assistant David Cranage who has successfully passed his year 2 examinations. David now moves into his 3rd and final year in his ambition in becoming a fully qualified PGA Golf Professional.

Both David and Matthew Roberts are available for instruction on the Driving Range and golf course. Please contact them to find out their latest offers and reduce your handicap.

CLUBHOUSE

As many will have seen due to our suppliers increase in food and beverage costs we are now offering a 20% discount on all transactions, increased from 10% previously. This can only be received on production of your levy card. Any members who do not have a levy card please contact Erika Jarvis by Friday 20th August when our next order will be placed.

Many congratulations to Simon Walton, a member of our clubhouse bar staff team, who successfully climbed Mount Kilimanjaro, the worlds tallest free standing mountain in Tanzania, East Africa. Simon has so far raised over £2500.00 for Childreach International. Any members wishing to add to this great cause Simon's charity collection polybox can be found at the club.



AUTUMN INVITATIONAL

This event is to be played on Saturday 25th September. Due to previous successes we have decided to stay with the Shotgun style format teeing off at 08:30, followed by a superb buffet and prize presentation. This is a 2 ball pairs event played off $\frac{3}{4}$ handicap where the best score per hole Medal play counts. Teams MUST be made up of one member and one guest and both players MUST have an active handicap. This is your chance to showcase your club and offer the guest of your choice the opportunity of a great day out at the Welcombe.

NEWS

Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the hotel included in all conference packages.

Please contact the Sales office for more information on **01789 413824**



August Beauty offer

Why not treat yourself this summer holiday with....

Summer Pack 1:

Mini Facial
Mini Manicure
Eye Brow Shape
SPECIAL PRICE £35*
TREATMENT TIME -1hr

Summer Pack 2:

Back Massage
Mini Facial
Leg Massage
File & Polish
SPECIAL PRICE £70*
TREATMENT TIME- 1hr 45min

Please call **01789 413810** to make a reservation

**Offer available Monday-Friday only until 31st August 2010*

September Beauty offer

Back Massage & Express Facials
Special Price **£22.50** each!

Please call **01789 413810** to make a reservation

**Offer available Monday-Friday only until 30th September 2010*



Summer Retreat

Enjoy a Spa day at £30 per person
Includes light Lunch, towelling robes and full use of the following Spa facilities: Gymnasium, indoor swimming pool, external vitality pool, four thermal experience rooms, tropical and polar storm showers. 10% off any pre booked Treatments.

To book call the Spa on **01789 413810**

Offer valid 1st August – 30th September 2010. Terms and conditions apply.

Captain's Corner

Captain's Day

Thank you all for supporting me and my chosen charity, The Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance on Captain's Day. Even though some folks were away on holiday the turnout was excellent, the weather superb and the barbecue first class. I hope you found this year's format, a Texas Scramble enjoyable.



Many congratulations to the winning team of Ken & Jean Clark, Martin Oakes and Rachael Smethurst who played some unbelievable golf and who were unbeatable on the day.

I hope you would all join me in thanking Dan and his team for putting on such a great day. I am conscious that some people had to wait for food and the queues were long. However, it would really help the catering team if they had an idea as to how many people to expect on the day, so please could I encourage you all next year to book tickets well in advance (as Dan requested) so they know how many people to cater for.

As always it was lovely to see so many family/members attending both young and old and to feel such a buzz of energy at the club.



Club Matches

As I write this Captain's corner our season goes from strength to strength and we are still undefeated. We had fantastic wins against Leamington & County both home and away within a 5 day period and a special mention should go to John Gardner & Roy Hubbard for a 6&5 win at home and to Andrew Burton & Dave Beese winning 7&6 in our away match.

Thanks also to Jay Mills, an up and coming Junior who carried Granville Campbell to a 2 up victory! We have tough matches coming up against The Warwickshire (A) and Coventry Finham (H) so fingers crossed.

Recent Match Results:

Welcombe v Hearsall	Win	5 - 1
Welcombe v Leamington & County (H)	Win	4 ½ - 1 ½
Welcombe v Leamington & County (A)	Win	5 - 1

Results to date: Played 9 Won 7 Drawn 2

County Card Scheme - Play Great Courses at Discounted Rates

Dan took the decision to join the prestigious County Card scheme in order to raise the profile of the club and enable members to get discounted green fees at some of the best golf clubs in the country. For a membership fee of only £10.00 this enables you to go and play any of the 990 County Card affiliated clubs with up to 50% discounted green fees.

The County Card scheme is not just limited to clubs within Warwickshire but across the country. I would really encourage you to take advantage of the scheme for a minimal fee and play fantastic courses such as Burnham on Berrow, Longliffe and Tadmorton Heath at highly reduced rates. Common guys for a tenner it has to be worth it!

Good golfing and see you at the club soon.

Rob Bernstein
Club Captain