

Menzies Welcombe Golf Club

Member's Spring Newsletter



NEW MEMBERS

The club would like to welcome our new members this year. We sincerely hope you have a wonderful year enjoying the excellent facilities at the Welcombe.

The clubs event calendar book is available for collection from the clubhouse where you will once again see an active year ahead both competitively and socially. All matches against neighbouring clubs are arranged so please offer your support to Rob Bernstein who we are delighted to inform has accepted a third and final year as Club Captain.



WELCOMBE PRO AM RETURNS

The annual Pro Am takes place this year on Friday 28th May and with its outstanding success from last year we have already seen excellent interest.

To ensure your team's place please complete the application form as soon as possible.

To download the application, [click here](#).

We are also receiving an overwhelming response from the PGA so if members are looking to enter a team to play with one of the Midlands leading Professionals please return your documents as soon as possible. This is without doubt the clubs showcase event so we really do hope you can support the Pro Am and enjoy a wonderful day out witnessing some great golf.

The Welcombe Professional staff of Dan, Matthew, David and Iain will also be competing in the Midland PGA ProAms throughout the year, so if any members are interested in playing any of the regions best courses please contact them at the club.



COMING SOON - DEMO DAYS

A real coup for the Welcombe has been obtaining the services of both the Ping and Titleist club fitting staff for Demo Days. Titleist will be at the 'Captains Drive In' on Saturday 10th April with Ping attending the following week. Both days run from 12 noon – 4pm where you have the opportunity to try all of the latest equipment and to be advised on exactly what loft, length, lie and shaft flex is best suited you. Please contact the Professional staff to reserve a fitting.



GOLF ACADEMY

More and more of our golfers are seeing the benefits of receiving advice from Matthew Roberts and David Cranage. Whether it is for a quick tip or swing thought to a radical change for the better, we are the experts in keeping you on the 'straight and narrow'!

Both individual and a series of lessons are available so please don't put it off any longer if you've been thinking of a lesson – now is your chance with such perfect practice facilities at your disposal.



ENGLISH GOLF UNION

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For golfers across the country the English Golf Union have informed all clubs that any members wishing to enter club events **MUST** have an **ACTIVE** handicap. For this you must have posted three cards from January 1st – December 31st 2009.

Any members having entered less than three are required to post three qualifying scores to regain their active handicap. This is purely for entry to both home and away events, however an **INACTIVE** handicap can still be used for social golf. For all further information on this subject please contact Matthew Roberts at the club, or view the members notice board.

SUMMER SINGLES AND PAIRS MATCHPLAY KNOCKOUT EVENTS

We are nearing the closing date for this year's Summer Singles and Pairs Matchplay Knockout trophies. Entrants arrange each round with their opponents over the summer months with the winners being crowned champions at the end of September. Joe Harris in the singles and the strong pairing of Julian and Elliot Rance in the pairs promises strong competition as they defend their honour board titles. Please see the notice board for information on all of the year's events.

(Closing date Saturday 10th April 2010)



PRO SHOP NEWS

The Pro shop offers an extensive range of the latest equipment and apparel. Style and comfort are the way forward and our strong relationships with Titleist, Footjoy, Ping, Cutter and Buck, Galvin Green, Srixon, Marbas, Sunderland and Level 4, ensure we have great styles at competitive prices.

We have already started our monthly 'specials' where in association with different manufacturers we will display selected goods at discounted prices.



THE WELCOMBE JOIN THE COUNTY CARD

As from immediate effect the club has joined the County Card Scheme. Members can purchase a card for £10.00 which enables you to play fellow member clubs within the scheme not just in the County but nationwide at further attractive reduced rates. There are currently 993 member clubs. All member club information and cards can be purchased through Dan Hacker, the club's Director of Golf.

TWILIGHT BUGGY HIRE

With the longer days now here we will be once again offering 'twilight' buggy rates to members of £10.00 per buggy from 3pm. Please be aware that you will be asked for a deposit from the proshop when collecting your key. The deposit will be either: £5.00 in cash, a credit card or your levy card.

If the buggy is still out after the pro shop has closed please collect your deposit from the bar.

GOLF COURSE

Without doubt we have seen one of the worst winters on record for golf course growth and maintenance. With the heavy snow and frost this has unfortunately delayed our programmes slightly, however with higher temperatures just around the corner we expect to be back on track very soon.

Where feasible course improvements have continued. With the reshaping of bunkers on the 6th and 15th holes, much needed sleeper steps to the 16th tee and a new path running from the 17th green to 18th tee we will continue to develop the Welcombe course with careful consideration.



GOLF CLUBHOUSE

We are delighted to welcome Michael Bell as the Golf Clubs new head chef. Michael has worked for many years both locally and overseas and will be looking at refreshing the menu and offering different 'specials' for you to enjoy. I am sure you will join us in welcoming Michael to the golf team.

For those members who are not receiving their members food and beverage discount please contact Erika Jarvis, our Clubhouse Supervisor and she will arrange a new card immediately for you.

Our clubhouse function suites are now available for small meeting rooms with wireless internet connection. They are also open to any members wishing to host evening birthday or anniversary celebrations. For information on your members rates please contact Dawn Bell, our events co-ordinator on **01789 413843** or at welcombe.sales@menzieshotels.co.uk

GOLF QUIZ

Answer the following question to win a Celtic Manor 2010 Ryder Cup leather holdall

Question:

Can you name the USA Ryder Cup Captain for 2010?

Please send your answers by email to [Dan Hacker](mailto:Dan.Hacker@menzieshotels.co.uk) by 14th April.

The winner will be notified by email and placed on the club notice board

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

10th April – Captains Drive In Medal
10th April – TITLEIST Demo Day
17th April – PING Demo Day
19th April – Commencement of Summer Singles and Pairs Matchplay knockouts
25th April – April Stableford
27th April – Club match away vs Hinckley Golf Club
1st May – Club match home vs Tadmarton Heath Golf Club
8th May – SPRING CLASSIC honour board event



WELCOMBE SPA

May & June Spa Madness

15% off all Spa Days plus 10% off any additional treatments booked.

Why not pre-book a spa treatment and enjoy 10% discount off the published price.

Offer available during May & June. Monday – Thursday only. When booking quote **'Spa Madness'**

CAPTAINS CORNER

Firstly, I would like to say thank you for the support I had from you last year and to say that I am very honoured and proud to be asked to take on the Captaincy at The Menzies Welcombe for a third and final year. I am excited and pleased that we have a Vice Captain in Martin Sheppard to help me during the year and to take over from me and lead the club going forward.

At last the weather appears to be picking up, spring is trying to break through and we can get out on the golf course without having to be dressed up in 15 different layers unable to move at all.

Home Nations

I hope you would all agree that the Home Nations event was a real success. It was great to see so many people support the event and enjoy the day. For those that missed it, make sure you get your name down next time as I am sure England will want to gain their revenge. There were a few tenuous links to the Rest of the World, myself for Israel, Patrick Jordan playing for the Isle of Wight and Martin Oaks representing the Independent Republic of Stokeonia!

Special thanks must go to Dan and his team for organising the day and of course commiserations to the losing Captain – Martin Gisbourne, who was vying for best dressed and most dapper golfer with Scott Deacon (garish, loud American shirt) and Murray ?the Tartan? MacLoed. Oh yes, I nearly forgot the result:

Rest of the World 10 1/2 - England 4 1/2

Club Matches

Club matches are about to kick off with our 1st match away at Hinckley on 27th of April. Last year we had a great turn out with over 59 members representing the club in matches. I will try to ensure that everybody wishing to play gets a chance. Whilst we enjoy the competition and I would love to go unbeaten this year, the primary purpose of the matches is social; creating an opportunity to meet and play with other club members against local clubs.

We have begun to build up an excellent fixture list with matches against such clubs as Tadmorton Heath, Forest of Arden and Coventry Golf Club (Finham). Most matches are played on Saturday but we have some mid-week matches, which have traditionally been harder to get teams for. Any member wishing to be considered for selection during the season please let me know (especially if you are available/ have preference for mid-week matches).

Captain's Away Day:

My away day trip to Forest Pines Hotel & Golf Resort during Sun 12th / Monday 13th Sept is fully subscribed with 48 players signed up. For those still to pay the full amount I shall be collecting the rest of the monies 2 months prior to the event. Should you need/wish to cancel please notify me as soon as possible so we can call those on the waiting list.

Charity

The Menzies Welcombe Club Pro-Am

As Dan has mentioned earlier in this newsletter we shall be holding our second Club Pro Am at the Welcombe on Friday 28th May 2010. I would really like to encourage members to get behind Dan and the Club and support this event by entering a team

My nominated charity for this year is The Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance Service (WNAA).

FINAL WORD

All the staff wish our members the most enjoyable of golfing years with us. Good Luck!