

MUNDESLEY GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER



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Development Committee Business and Membership

THE CLUB OF CHOICE

I have the privilege and honour of writing this month's article for the Newsletter, and I start by wishing every one of you a Happy New Year and one which will provide a great deal of contentment for you all.

Having served on your Board for just a year now, I have had the privilege of witnessing at first hand the enormous amount of time and energy that Board Members, and others, have put in during 2018 to improve the Club's financial position. In particular, the provision of attractive membership options and the new sponsored Tee signage have provided significant additional income.

I have been struck by the enormous energy and enthusiasm that has been evident in the Business Development Sub-Committee, which has been led, by example, by Andrew Keates, assisted particularly by Mel Freakley and Jenny Smith. Our Chairman, Donald Stuart, has been a tireless, hands-on visionary throughout this year, and the Club owe him a great deal of gratitude for tremendous leadership.

In addition, John McGuire has done a great job composing and uploading the advertisements for most of our Tee sponsors on our television screens in the Clubhouse and adding the various links on our website.

Many others have also played their part in increasing the revenue to the Club, behind the scenes, and all are to be thanked. But the year has not been about the efforts of a few individuals, rather it has been a year when the Club has built upon the great foundation of its welcoming friendliness to all newcomers, which combined with the superb condition of the course, have enabled such progress to be made in our membership numbers.

I, myself, benefitted from this friendly welcome, becoming a member when David Craske was Captain and Allan Epton, Vice Captain – and their welcome in particular, enabled me to feel wanted and valued as a new member. 4 years on, and I continue to witness that welcoming approach by all members to those joining the club. It is something that this Club should be proud of and is integral to its continued growth. The Tee Sponsorship program of 2018 has, as I write this article, attracted 17 sponsors, of the 22 Tee Signage positions available (includes the three holes where, currently, the Ladies Tee position is at a different location to the other Tees for that hole (3rd, 10th, 14th) and the competition Tee on the 18th). If you have been wondering what the white painted, star-like, patterns on the grass by the sides of the Tees are, they are the planned locations of the new signs – and it is possible, that by the time you read this, the signs will be erected and proudly displaying the Sponsors names.

As we embark upon 2019, the Business Development Committee are spearheading the training of a number of fellow members who have volunteered to serve customers in the shop – an extremely important role, as not only will the shop be open more consistently for members purchases, but it will also provide great opportunities to chat to potential new members, who enquire about the Club's facilities and membership packages available.

In addition, the committee members will be continuing their efforts to attract new members to the Club by various other innovative ways, no doubt. I wish them continued success in their efforts, as I set aside my small efforts, to take up the role of being your Treasurer for the coming year.

I sense that the Club ends this calendar year on a very positive, optimistic note and I ask for your continued support for all those who work behind the scenes to ensure that the Club continues to provide great value and enjoyable membership for us all.

May you play to your handicaps or below, in 2019, and stay in good health,

Tony Peacock

Captain's News

Well, it's nearly all over. I've enjoyed being your Club Captain this year and it has been an absolute privilege to have been Captain of this fantastic golf club. I honestly believe that it is every golfer's dream to be a Captain at some stage of their golfing 'career' but are maybe not too sure if it is for them. Well, I was the same until I tried it and I'm glad did. It seems a very long time ago that Mick, our immediate Past Captain, 'propositioned' me in the men's changing room to ask me if I would be his Vice captain back in 2016. Was I dreaming, shocked, stunned, yes all three as it came completely out of the blue. A week later I gave Mick my answer after a long discussion with the wife. My answer went something like this:

Me: "Mick, about what you asked me last week"

Mick: "Yes" (face dropped)

Me: "I've thought about this long and hard"

Mick: "Yes" (face dropped further)

Me: "I'm afraid that"

Mick: "Yes" (expressionless)

Me: "I'm really sorry but I'll have to (long pause) accept your invitation"

Mick: (No response for about 10 seconds)

Me: (you could hear the cogs turning)

Mick: (face turned to sheer delight) "That's great Jim, thanks"!

Me: Mines a Banks's!!

To finish, I would like to thank all of our members, Board and Committee members for allowing me to be Captain and for all the help you have gave me during 2018.

And finally, I hope you all support your new Captains' for 2019, namely David Clarke Snr, Diana Clarke, Mike Clark and Finley Burnett-Kiernan.

December has had as usual a few Club competitions and other events.

We've had the first trophy event, the Boxing Day Bogey (Boxing Day Cup), for the 2019 season which will be presented at the 2019 Presentation Evening next November. We've also had our annual Presentation Evening where all the winners of the various Trophy, Shield and Cup competitions held throughout the year, can come along and celebrate their achievements, more on this later

Club competitions played during December and results:

The Boxing Day Bogey

1 st	Chris Cutting	+4
2 nd	Steve Smith	+1
3 rd	Roger Shanahan	+1

This event only attracted seven players which was very disappointing as in the past this used to be one of the most popular competitions on the calendar. Maybe next year more of you can be encouraged to take part

There were various weekends of monthly medal and stableford competitions during December and the winners are shown below:

Winner of the first monthly stableford was Andrew Keates with 38 points.

Winner of the first monthly medal was Ryan Clarke with a score of 64 nett.

Winner of the second monthly stableford was Alex Carter with 38 points.

Winner of the third monthly medal was Tony Bird with a score of 63 nett.

Winner of the third monthly stableford was James Lester with 42 points.

2018 Presentation Evening

There was a good turnout for this year's Presentation Evening, not only with golfers, but with quite a few family members and friends as well. Proceedings went well and smoothly as usual but there were a few winners who could not make it for various reasons with apologies being sent in beforehand. Proceedings started with the presentation of the Captains' Charity cheque to the representative of the chosen charity, Michael Trelwell of Brain Tumour Research. Michael then gave a brief insight into the research they do.

The cheque presented was for £3000 and as this was above a certain threshold, Mundesley Golf Club will have a tile placed on one of their 'Wall of Hope' displays at one of their research facilities in the UK. The wording and location to be decided in the very near future, details from www.braintumourresearch.org The presentations were conducted by John Roebuck, Handicap and Competitions Chair with assistance from our President Mike Foster, and the Captains' of the Ladies, Seniors, Juniors and Men's sections, namely Sue Symmons, Terry McCallin, David Clarke and yours truly. After the presentations it was good to see that lots of members and friends stayed behind in the clubhouse and enjoyed a drink or two. A selection of pictures from the evening are below. All of the pictures taken on the evening are available to view on the club website.



And finally:

Don't forget, it's the **Captains' Drive-in and Tartan Scramble on Tuesday 1st January!!**

Mulled wine, courtesy of our President Mike Foster, **commencing 09.30 hrs.**

Captains' Drive-in commencing at 10.30 hrs.

Tartan Scramble Airhorn start at 11.00 hrs.

At time of writing spaces are still available, entry sheet on notice board at top of stairs.

I would like to wish all a happy and prosperous new year.

Well, that's enough ramblings from me for this year; it'll be someone else next year.

Yours in Golf,

Jim McQuattie

Club Captain 2018, Has-been 2019.

PS: As of 25th December, the wife's wine count stands at 170 bottles of Rose consumed for the year (refer to Captains' Report from the AGM).

PPS Message from the wife. Your Past Captain is now in a lot of pain and is suffering in silence – given that I glued his lips together whilst he slept – didn't want to hear his screams!

Other News

The club has been asked if the following information could be included in our next newsletter:

Norfolk County Golf Union

Norfolk County Golf Union President and Mundesley Golf Club member, Mr Graham Turner, would like to inform all golfers in the County, that Mr Mike Devlin, County Secretary for the past eight years will be retiring in the near future. He would therefore like all golfers in the county to be informed of this and to welcome applications for the post.

The advertisement for the post is copied below;

Due to imminent retirement
NORFOLK COUNTY GOLF UNION
require a
COUNTY SECRETARY
who will be home based

Duties will include:

Liaison with England Golf, Norfolk Affiliated clubs and other golf related bodies.

Overseeing County organised Competitions, Referees and Handicapping.

Controlling the County's Website.

Organising Board and other sub-committee meetings.

Knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel and Powerpoint presentations would be preferable.

Salary by negotiation + Out of pocket expenses and travelling.

Applicants should apply with CV to

Graham Turner, President, NCGU

E-Mail:- heathway17@btinternet.com

Lady Captain's News

Our ladies A.G.M. was well attended and our committee for 2019 proposed and seconded.

The lady Captains badge was presented by outgoing Captain Sue Symmons to Di Clarke who in turn presented Sue with a bouquet of flowers, card and voucher from the ladies.

2019 Committee

Lady Captain	Di Clarke
Vice Captain	Jenny Smith
Past Captain	Sue Symmons
Treasurer	Bet Howsen
Handicap Secretary	Beryl Nash
Handicap assistant	Janet Brown
Secretary	Gill Kemp
	Ros Fretwell
	Ann Meyer
	Sue Peacock

The 9 hole stableford held before the meeting:

1st Bet Howsen 32 points
2nd Lorraine Stuart 31 points



Our Christmas Bring and win was thoroughly enjoyed by all who managed to attend. Only 3 brave souls played 9 holes of golf, Janet Brown, Ros Fretwell and Sue Peacock, prior to our lovely Christmas lunch perfectly cooked by Phil and his team in the kitchen. Our ladies funds stretched to buying all the ladies a drink to enjoy with their meal and help with the Carol singing organised by Lorraine and Angie, thank you girls. Everybody went home happy with a wrapped gift from our lucky dip collection.

Our 3rd Winter Shield was played on a pleasant day, no rain and not much wind, always a bonus in the winter. Winners were:

1st Janet Brown 30 points
2nd Bet Howsen 28 points
3rd Lorraine Stuart 22 points

Well done all who played and those who came along to support and enjoy the facilities and refreshments on offer in the clubhouse.

Over the next few weeks Beryl, our handicap secretary, will be doing some on course instructions on the new rules of golf. These will take place on Saturday mornings. Contact Beryl, or the pro shop for more information.

Lastly on behalf of the ladies I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and remember, keeeeeeep golfing.

Best Wishes Sue

Senior Captain's News

So the golfing year comes to an end this month. During December we held what could arguably be called the highlight of our year – our Christmas Scramble and Lunch.

This was very well supported and attended. Senior members and their guests had a wonderful time judging by the amount of badinage and laughter that was present. I fended off a complaint from the Noise Abatement Society the following morning explaining that their information was wrong and that the hospital was further down the road.

The Texas scramble, a very popular format for a competition, was oversubscribed with some players starting from the fairway. The weather was dry which was a blessing resulting in some low scores. As this was a fun event all players received a prize.

The meal served up by Phil and his team was much appreciated by all. Many thanks to everyone who participated in the raffle. A total of over £140 was raised which is a section record. Thanks also to the person who offered the equivalent of the widow's mite. This coin will be treasured by the section or may be spent on entrance to the loos at Liverpool Street Station.

Two qualifying events were held during the month. A medal on 10th was won by Pete Gibb with a nett 67 followed by Jim Davie, 69 and Steve Cook also 69.

The other was a stableford on the 17th, won by Keith Johnson with 39 points followed by Jim Moore also with 39 points and Tony Bird with 38. Well done to all.

The next item on the calendar is the section AGM on Friday 4th January at 11.30 am where the new captains of the section, and committee, will be elected. A financial report for the year will also be presented. All members are urged to attend.

As this will be my valedictory newsletter may I take the opportunity to wish all members of the seniors section a happy, healthy and prosperous new year.

Straight drives, Terry.

News from the 19th Hole

From all the bar & catering team we wish you a happy and healthy 2019. To the incoming captains - good luck and best wishes for the year ahead.

We look forward to seeing members, new members, guests and visitors upstairs in the bar.

