



# *The Moreton Grange Golf Society*

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Welcome to the July issue of the Newsletter.

## **Society Match Day**

The Third fixture of the summer saw us back at the Chirk course on the 25<sup>th</sup> June 2006. Thankfully most people had been there a couple of times before so there were no problems finding it (Dave Evans having taken the safe bet of getting a lift again).

During the match there were several incidents which, whilst on their own merit are un-worthy of note, have not made their way into the newsletter due to the availability of some thing better to mention.

The longest drive was won by Neil McNay with a huge drive, though some players may have been cruelly disadvantaged by their choice of tee position (see Rule of the Month below). In truth, the players in question couldn't hit a ball far if their life depended on it so no doubt about it, the Trophy was won fair and square.

The Nearest the Pin was won by Ralph Vaughan, who has long been claiming that one of these tin pot prizes should be coming his way (we did tell you to give up on the new blades a while ago Ralph).

The Chirk course brought back fond memories for many a member, and was in good condition. Unfortunately we had, to a man, forgotten how longish and hillyish the course was and so by the end were well pleased to get to the 19<sup>th</sup> hole for sustenance. Unfortunately there was some other minor sporting fixture on that day, and various members did an early runner in order to be able to support their national Team from the comfort of their own home surrounded by those that are dear to them (in other words they all rushed off to get to their local boozer where they could get quickly hammered and shout obscenities at the screen amongst fellow macho supporters who would become kindred spirits as the beer flowed and the goals were scored).

This had several benefits for those brave souls left behind to watch an England game surrounded by Welshmen:-

- As meals had been ordered they all had double helpings of chicken and chips, and treble helpings of apple pie and ice cream,
- A local rule was voted in by the remaining Committee members that those who put a none golfing sport before a golfing sport on a Society Outing would be penalised 10 shots per match.

Anyway, following a very enjoyable day of golf the final results of the match were:

‘Medal’;-	Andy Harvey & Pete Conner (77 net)
Stapleford Winner;-	Pete Conner (32 points)
Longest Drive;-	Neil McNay
Nearest the Pin;-	Ralph Vaughan
Match day Pairs;-	Carl Hayhurst & Pete Conner (41 points)



## Summer Season pairs Comp

The Competition continues in full flow, and the results to date are starting to separate the ‘Steady Medium Hitting All Rounders’ from the ‘Occasional Flash In The Panner’s’. There is a growing trend that those Pairs where both players play are doing better than those where only one plays. Which just goes to show that it doesn’t matter how bad you are, so long as your better playing partner turns up and plays, that you can get away with it.

Remember;-

- the idea is to get a lower score on any particular hole than the Minimum Score which is given on your score card for each match.
- that the final result is determined on your end of season handicaps (including any nobling) so there’s still all to play for.

## Awarding of Trophies

It was also decided by the Committee that in future that Awards would be given to the first three places in the Stapleford Competition. This was an recognition of the nobling system, where by any one who gets nobled only does so if they’ve taken an award home first. Whilst this has only been brought in part way through the season this goes to show that we are a developing Society who are willing and able to adapt to changes where required. Anybody who has a view on how the running of the Society may be improved is able to bring the idea to the attention of, and for the consideration of, the Committee.

## Society Summer Handicaps

Despite the rumour doing the rounds that following completion of the first three Summer Society Days, players handicaps would be re-visited on the basis of the scores achieved to date we can confirm that this is not the case. Actually this is not completely true, as in fact they were re-visited (after more than a few pints in the corner of the Grange on a Thursday evening), but following a long and oral discussion after a few more pints in another corner of the Grange on a Monday evening (note the recurring theme) it was decided that the old calculator needed a few new batteries, that the system as it was at the moment was giving everyone a chance to win something, and ‘if its not broke then don’t fix it’. But don’t worry you low handicappers, it was agreed to reboost the smoking computer at the end of the Summer season and produce real time handicaps for the winter season.



## Nobbling of Handicaps

Following long discussions at the last Committee meeting (well there was a queue for the toilet) it was decided that the Handicap you will play off when taking part in any competitions on any given Society day, including the Knockout Tournament, will be your ‘Nobbled’ handicap for that day, ie the one stated on your score card. In the highly unlikely event that your could possibly disagree with this handicap you are to refer the matter to the Handicap Secretary; he will be the one quickly walking away from you, with his hands over his ears, singing very loudly to himself. It is predicted

by 'Club with No-Balls' that as the Knockout Tournament progresses towards the final stages, certain players, who are still in the Knockout, will not manage to win the Stapleford Competition and therefore by default (and happy coincidence) their Handicap will not be reduced, thus improving their chances.

## Booking of Buggies

It is confirmed that the Fixtures Secretary does not book buggies for you; if you want one you have to sort yourself out. It has also been suggested that, following the look of horror on the faces of some of the Society members when they found out that all the Chirk buggies had been pre-booked, that if you want a buggy you book one in advance. It is rumoured that what we should do as a Society is book one buggy complete with a trailer, then send it out on rescue missions with oxygen cylinders, spare trolley wheels and other essential paraphernalia whenever a SOS call comes through from poor lost member on the far reaches of a particularly hilly and gruelling course.



## Summer Knockout Tournament

Chirk saw the last day for the 2nd round games to be played, and yet again many players took advantage of dragging out the inevitable by waiting till then to play their match. Upon completion of the days golf there were not many surprises as generally the matches went with form. 8 players now go forward to the 3rd round; these matches must be played on or before the next Society day at Prestatyn on the 30th July.

## The Monthly Golfing Joke

A man takes the day off of work and decides to go out golfing. He is on the second hole when he notices a frog sitting next to the green. He thinks nothing of it and is about to shoot when he hears, "Ribbit. 9 Iron."

The man looks around and doesn't see anyone, so he tries again. "Ribbit. 9 Iron." He looks at the frog and decides to prove the frog wrong; he puts his other club away, and grabs a 9 iron. Boom! He hits a birdie. He is shocked. He says to the frog, "Wow! That's amazing! You must be a lucky frog, eh?" The frog replies, "Ribbit. Lucky frog. Lucky frog."

The man decides to take the frog with him to the next hole. "What do you think, frog?" the man asks. "Ribbit. 3 wood," was the reply. The guy takes out a 3 wood and Boom! Hole in one. The man is befuddled and doesn't know what to say.

By the end of the day, the man golfed the best game of golf in his life and asks the frog, "Ok! Where to next?" The frog's reply: "Ribbit. Las Vegas."

The frog and the man go to Las Vegas and the guy says, "Ok, frog; now what?" The frog says, "Ribbit. Roulette." Upon approaching the roulette table, the man asks, "What do you think I should bet?" The frog replies, "Ribbit. \$3,000, black 6." Now, this is a million to one shot that this would win, but after the golf game, the man figures - what the heck. Boom! Tons of cash comes sliding back across the table.

The man takes his winnings and buys the best room in the hotel. He sits the frog down and says, "Frog, I don't know how to repay you. You won me all this money and I am forever grateful." The frog replies, "Ribbit. Kiss Me". He figures, why not, since after all the frog did for him he deserves it. So, he kisses the frog. All of a sudden, the frog turns into the most gorgeous 16 year old girl in the world.

"And that, your honour, is how the girl ended up in my room."

## **The Golf Academy – An Ongoing Teach-in**

### **This Month – Unsolicited Advice as to Choice of Club or Method of Play**

Any player who, as a result of unwillingly receiving and reluctantly acting upon an unasked-for tip, pointer, or suggestion from a fellow player, selects a club other than the one he intended to use, or changes his set-up, grip, stance, or swing, and then proceeds to hit a ball that falls far short of or carries well over his target, or that sharply hooks or slices, is entitled to replay that one shot without assessing a stroke or incurring any penalty, but he must at once cease applying the unsought advice to his game, and any additional shot he makes shall be counted in his score unless they are the result of new and separate instances of gratuitously offered guidance.

Of course we all know that there are some seasoned members amongst us whose words of wisdom are often heard resounding around the fairways; whether you choose to ignore them, or in a moment of utter madness and recklessness decide to ‘give it a try’, is up to you. However, before following the advice of another player, it is generally good practice to ask a further player for their opinion on whether the advice from the second player is worth following. In the event that they fall on the ground in a fit of uncontrollable laughter then generally don’t listen to the advice. In the event that they nod their head wisely and say yes, run for the hills as they’re all mad.

Brings new meaning to the old saying “don’t listen to the voice’s”

No charge for these gems from the Moreton Grange Golf Academy.

## **Rule of the Month – Playing from Outside Teeing Ground**

Rule 11-5. Playing from the Wrong teeing Ground

The provisions of Rule 11-4 apply

Rule 11-4 Playing from Outside Teeing Ground

- a. Match Play - If a player, when starting a hole, plays a ball from outside the teeing ground there is no penalty, but the opponent may immediately require the player to cancel the stroke and play a ball from within the teeing ground.
- b. Stroke play – If a competitor when starting a hole, plays a ball from outside the teeing ground, he incurs a penalty of two strokes and must play the ball from within the teeing ground.

Therefore, in the event that some one, or some group, play off the wrong tee then they should be given another chance to hit the ball off the correct tee. Whilst they may suffer a two stroke penalty for having to do so, they at least would get a fair shot at the longest drive trophy.

In conclusion, if on approaching a ‘Longest Drive’ tee it is apparent that some one before you has made an awe inspiring long tee shot, move the tee markers to a new location further down the course, then play your shot from there.

## **Next Society Day Out**

The next Society match is at Prestatyn on Sunday 30th July, and the one after that is at Aldersley Green on the 27th August. Please contact Society Fixtures Secretary, Andy Harvey (07768 271 822) to guarantee a tee. Of course if your reading this on the 30th then your already either here (so you don’t need a tee time) or your not there, in which case you won’t be reading this just yet.

***Membership Forms available from the bar at the Grange – New Members Welcome***