



# The Moreton Grange Golf Society

## Newsletter - September 2007

Welcome to the September issue of the Newsletter.

### Society Match Day



The fifth Society Day of the Summer 2007 Season saw 17 members of the Society travel to Denbigh Golf Course. The day started with rain, and didn't really get much better. Travelling along the A55 we were confronted with the traditional Welsh welcomes of "Spray, slow down" and then "Fog patches ahead". What use the travel authorities thought it would do if only Mr Spray slowed down I don't know; surely it would be better if we all slowed down!! Funny people the Welsh. Turning off the A55 we hit the B roads, and then the C roads, and eventually the Golf Club, though without a sign in sight how we all got there I don't know – thank goodness for SatNavs.

Driving into the car park we were greeted by horizontal rain, and passed a few brave souls in full wet weather gear marching head down towards what we assumed was the first tee – with hindsight I think they were all actually marching off to the pub. Anyway we proceeded into the clubhouse from whence we ate some welsh bacon butties whilst watching the horizontal rain some more. The general gist of the conversation was "wet", with such Gems as "who the f!K is stupid enough to book a golf day in the middle of summer", "bring on Global Warming that's what I say" and the classic "look, its easing off a bit now".



Never to say they don't make golfers tough, all ventured out into the rain, even Nigel 'me me sugar' Hall, with the sounds of the Golf Shop Pro ringing copious amounts of money into his till sending us on our way. By the time the first tee was reached most had started to wish they'd invested in a diver's wet suit rather than the cheap and cheerful plastic type from Primark. Taking turns on the tee ready to hit the ball over the fairway puddles, those with glasses were at a distinct advantage as, looking down, they had between 6 to 12 balls to take aim at – surely one of them would make it.

Having splashed through the fairway puddles we were graced with the green lakes, which made putting a new sort of aqua planing sport. Never the less we splashed on, wringing out our gloves between shots and draining standing water out of the golf bags using handy drain plugs. Often the call of "its easing off now" was heard resounding about the course (noise travels well over water I'll have you know) closely followed by "that's because your standing under a tree you d!!kh!!d".



By the 5<sup>th</sup> hole the Society members huddled together on one of the few remaining islands underneath the last of the intact umbrellas and made the decision to call it a day; either that or rename the Society "The Moreton Grange Underwater Golf Society". Wading back to the car park the Captain went to talk to the Pro about refunds etc, having first to step over the dam which had been erected around the building. To be fair we did receive a full refund (well actually a free return trip) and played 5 holes of water golf. The rumour is that we may return in November for the first match of the Winter season – personally speaking, if we get horizontal rain in summer what the heck do we expect to get in winter.

And so, having fitted exhaust extensions to above the flood levels, the cars left the car park, and meandered around the C and B roads to eventually hit the A55, where a bit further down the road we met the hoards of other holiday makers deserting Wales in their tide marked cars.

The Days overall winner was the weather, and the Golf pro who now has a very healthy interest free loan to use prior to our return.

Other results from the Day (for those who actually floated through enough holes) were;-

The Longest Drive was driven by

Steve 'pitching wedge' Crayford (who narrowly beat Pete 'driver' Conner).

The nearest Nearest-the-Pin ball was not considered measurable as the balls continually bobbed about

## Summers Pairs Competition.



*Now well over half way through the season the positioning has not completely changed. Heading the list continue to be Andy Harvey / Steve Crayford and Alan Bennett / Dave Evans, now with 61 points, closely followed by Pete Conner / Peter McNay in second with 57 points. Last years winners Graham Coupe / Gary Cooper are sitting comfortably in third place with 55 points, along with Ian Taylor / Graham Almond. The partnerships of Ralph Vaughan / Peter Smythe and Neil McNay / Carl Hayhurst and James Arathoon / Steve Dickinson drop to 4<sup>th</sup>, but with 54 points they are still in close contention.*

With only two Society Days to go all Pairs need to make the most of the remaining time they have together to bond in to the perfect couple, focused as one on the goal of getting the lowest scores they can, beating the odds on the par 5 to get that elusive eagle, whilst at the same time cocking their game up just enough so the Handicap Secretary doesn't Rule 19 them before the end of the Season.

And if you feel your Partner could put in that little bit extra (like actually turning up and hitting the ball straightish) then now is the time to tell them;- "buck up or your getting dropped for Ian Grierson next season – with his contribution to the combined Handicap I can't fail". Seriously though, only two more Society Days and you can enter the transfer market for a new Partner. .

## Society Web Site

*In keeping with the society tradition of being at the cutting edge of technology  
To access the web site please go to the following address*

<http://www.societygolfing.co.uk>

*the Log In is* [moretongrange](#)

*and the password is* [trembling](#)

*Give it a try, and leave a message*

## Summer KnockOut

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This month saw all the Semi Final matches played on the Society Day, and the tradition of close results was continued,

To summarise, the Semi Finals results were as follows;-

The Grand Final therefore, which is due to be played at the next Society match at Northrop Golf Course consists of

### ***Society Summer Handicaps***

*The opportunity has been taken during the month to Rule 19 a Society member, with Graham Coupe being the ~~unfortunate victim~~ member to have his handicap ~~altered for no particular reason~~ reduced to reflect his playing ability. Whether this is the start of the silly season, we will have to wait and see.*

### **The Dictionary of Golf**

In an attempt to continue to widen the golf knowledge base of the average member of the Society beyond that picked up from certain very loud and vocal elder members of the Society, we continue with the Dictionary of Golf. This month, several terms to be heard when discussing Competition types;-

**Best Ball;-** tournament format in which only the lowest score of a foursome needs to be fudged, and rather than cheating individually, all the players team up to cheat as a group.

**Better Ball;-** tournament format in which the lower of two scores made by a twosome on a hole is entered in the column of the score card under the name of the player with the highest Handicap.

**Four Ball;-** a match in which four golfers each play their own balls until they have lost everyone on them, at which point play shifts to a “no ball” format and they head to the clubhouse for a round of drinks.

**Match;-** a hole-by-hole golfing competition in which your skill is pitted against your opponents luck.

**Medal Play;-** a golfing competition whose outcome is determined by the total number of strokes forgotten during the entire round.

**Pro-Am;-** Charity golf tournament in which mid-to-high handicappers who spend most of their golfing lives playing with a bunch of inconsiderate jerks who can't break 100 get a chance to play a round of golf with an inconsiderate jerk who can easily break 70.

**Texas Scramble;-** tournament format in which all the members of a foursome drive and then hit successive shots from the ball position of the player with the best lie or the loudest mouth.

### **The Monthly Golfing Joke's**

These are again from a book called ‘Discussions On a Golf Course’, and are things people have actually said word for word, taken down and now published by Club With No Balls - some of these are a bit unbelievable;-

Q: The youngest son, the twenty-year-old, how old is he?

Q: Were you present when your picture was taken?

Q: So the date of conception (of the baby) was August 8th?

A: Yes.

Q: And what were you doing at that time?

Q: How was your first marriage terminated?

A: By death.

Q: And by whose death was it terminated?

Q: Can you describe the individual?

A: He was about medium height and had a beard.

Q: Was this a male, or a female?

Q: Is your appearance here this morning pursuant to a deposition notice which I sent to your attorney?

A: No, this is how I dress when I go to work.

Q: Doctor, how many autopsies have you performed on dead people?

A: All my autopsies are performed on dead people.

Q: All your responses must be oral, OK? What school did you go to?

A: Oral.

Q: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?

A: The autopsy started around 8:30 p.m.

Q: And Mr. Dennington was dead at the time?

A: No, he was sitting on the table wondering why I was doing an autopsy.

Q: Are you qualified to give a urine sample?

A: Are you taking the p!!s

Q: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?

A: No.

Q: Did you check for blood pressure?

A: No.

Q: Did you check for breathing?

A: No.

Q: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?

A: No.

Q: How can you be so sure, Doctor?

A: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar

***The Golf Academy - An Ongoing Teach-in -. Waiting to take YourShot***

*We've all done it, we've had.*

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

## **Rule(s) of the Month -**

Following on from the

## **Next Society Day Out**

The next Society match, the Sixth of the Summer Season, is at Northrop Golf Course, on the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2007, 1100 tee off, arrive 1000 for bacon butties, meal included, £50 all in, Stapleford Competition format

The following Society match, the Seventh and final one of the Summer Season, *is at Northrop Golf Course, on the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2007, 1100 tee off, arrive 1000 for bacon butties, meal included, £50 all in, Stapleford Competition format for the Charter Cup*