

The Moreton Grange Golf Society

Newsletter - December 2007

Welcome to the December issue of the Newsletter.

Society Match Day

The First Society Day of the 2007/2008 Winter Season saw 14 members return to the Watering Hole that is Denbigh Golf Club for what turned out to be a very pleasant Texas Scramble event. Considering the weather that we had last time we tried to play there we were fortunate in that the weather was fine for most of the round with scattered showers now and then.

Fag Anticipating the worst Dave Ororke came prepared with more skins than a packet of Rizla papers, and a canoe fixed to the underside of his golf trolley with the electric motor cunningly attached to a propeller by means of many elastic bands.



Not having played here before (well not having played many holes here before) the course was a bit of a mystery, with some members needing their Sat Nav's to negotiate the course and T Boxes especially the back nine which was unknown territory.

However despite all of the above and more, all teams finished, with the following results:-

Runners up with 52 points:- Neil McNay, Pete Smythe
Ralph Vaughn, Graham Almond

Winners on a count back also with 52 points:- Steve Crayford
Andy Harvey
Dave Ororke
Dave Worrton



Other results from the Day were:-

The Longest Drive (Front 9) was driven by Graham Almond

The Longest Drive (Back 9) was driven by Graham Coupe

and

The Nearest-the-Pin ball was positioned by Neil 'ex Captain – now playing more relaxed golf' McNay

Partners for the Summer Season

Whilst there is no Pairs competition for the Winter Season, it will resume with the Summer Season. Again you get to choose your partner, so we would ask you to reflect on the last season and decides:-

- did my last Partner really contribute anything to the Partnership,
- can I put up with their disgusting habits again for another season,
- Are they a lucky bast!!d who I need to keep in with,
- Is there another sucker out there who will take me on as a partner.

Having reflected on the above, Grab yourself a Partner and get your names to the Secretary as soon as possible, and that way you will have the rest of the Winter season to wonder why the hell you limbered yourself with that one.

Society Web Site

(Ian, Tom and Alan and now Graham can skip this section) In keeping with the society tradition of being at the cutting edge of technology the Society now has a Web site. 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 of support on the 'Bulletins' page. Plans are afoot for a more user friendly and Society specific web site, but this probably won't be available until the end of the Winter season.

Society Winter Handicaps

Nothing new to announce, though as the last Society day was a Texas scramble the Committee can hardly alter your handicap based on an incomplete round of golf where you may not have even putted out. Therefore no change expected for the next golf day, unless you know different.

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 the scoring of your round;-

Double eagle;- three strokes less than par for a given hole. This unusual achievement might be accomplished say, by taking advantage of a tailwind on a straight downhill par 5 to get down in 2 strokes, or scoring a hole-in-one on a short par 4, or carding a zero by just skipping entirely a difficult par 3.

Eagle;-unusually low score on a hole achieved by a golfer with an exceptionally good drive and one or two exceptionally good follow-upshots, or by a golfer with an exceptionally poor memory.

Birdie;- a combination of the best of one or more practice swings, a extremely fluky approach shot and a 20-foot 'gimmie' putt on a par 4 hole.

Par;- score achieved by a golfer who had only a few great shots on an entire round but somehow managed to hit them all on the same hole.

Bogey;- the number of strokes taken on a hole recorded by a golfer of average skill and above-average honesty.

Double Bogey;- two strokes over par, or, for a golfer who ended up with a 7 on a long par 5, a back-to-back birdie and eagle that he happened to score on the same hole.

Triple Bogey;- three strokes more than a par on a hole.

Quadruple Bogey;- four strokes more than a par

Quintuple Bogey;- five strokes more than a par

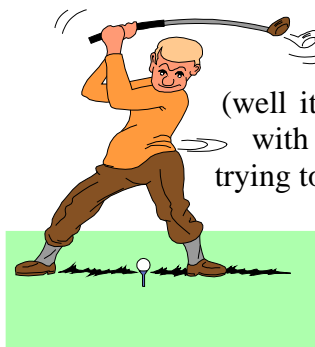
Sextuple Bogey;- six shots more than a par (or something very strange with your nose)

Throwuple;- seven shots more than a par

Blowuple;- eight shots more than a par

Ohshuttuple;- nine shots more than a par

The Golf Academy – An Ongoing Teach-in – Why You Play Golf



The main 'non official' reason for playing golf is to have fun; after all, why else would one walk for 5 miles round a field, often in not the best weather (well it is the Winter season) lugging a strange looking shopping trolley (sometimes with a battery that always runs flat when your furthest from the car park), whilst trying to hit a little white ball into a only slightly bigger hole in the ground in as small as number of hits as possible (surely the more hits you have the better value each hit is) without losing the little white ball in the long grassed areas (why can't the green keepers forget the greens for once and spend some time cutting the grass etc on the rest of the course) or playing in the sand pits that litter the area (why do people never take their bucket and spades) or paddling in the

numerous patches of water put there for no other reason but to give you a chance to wash your balls (and Ralph, being the smallest, gets to wash his balls more often that those of us with longer legs), and then spend up to an hour (or more) after the walk in the clubhouse drinking expensive beer whilst trying to forget your alzimers disease and recall all those shots one by one with un-nerving, if not disappointing, accuracy.

And to cap it all, you then drive half way across the country to finish off the day in your friendly local, and then some smug b!!!!d who's been in the warmth of the Grange for the last 6 hours gently enquires "how was your game, better than last week I hope, oh by the way, you missed Liverpool's 7 nil slaughter of Everton. Never mind, the exercise will have done you good".



Yes, just remember, its all FUN FUN FUN, and that's why we play golf..

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

The Monthly Golfing Joke – Xmas Golf

Four old-timers were playing their weekly game of golf, and one remarked how nice it would be to wake up on Christmas morning, roll out of bed and without an argument, go directly to the golf course, meet his buddies and play a round. His buddies all chimed in and said, "Let's do it! We'll make it a priority, figure out a way and meet here early Christmas morning."

Months later, that special morning arrives and there they are on the golf course.

The first guy says, "Boy this game cost me a fortune! I bought my wife such a diamond ring that she can't take her eyes off it."

Number 2 guy says, "I spent a ton, too. My wife is at home planning the cruise I gave her. She was up to her eyeballs in brochures."

Number 3 guy says "Well, my wife is at home admiring her new car, reading the manual."

They all turned to the last guy in the group who is staring at them like they have lost their minds. "I can't believe you all went to such expense for this golf game. I woke up, slapped my wife on the butt and said, 'Well babe, Merry Christmas! It's a great morning for either sex or golf' and she said, "Take a sweater."

Rule(s) of the Month –

If there are any rules which you are un certain about, and which you would like explained in a way that will make you even more confused, then please let me know and I'll try my best to be as vague as possible.

Next Society Day Out

The next Society match is at Rhos-on-Sea Golf Club on the 27th January 2008, 1100 tee off, arrive 1000 for bacon butties etc, meal included, £30 all in, Yellow Ball Format. Please text Tom at least two weeks beforehand to confirm your place.

The following Society match is at Prestatyn Golf Club on the 24th February 2008, 1000 tee off, arrive 0900 for bacon butties etc, meal included, £30 all in, Competition Format to be decided by the Captain.



**Finally may we wish all our members
and their families a very Merry Xmas
and a Happy New Year.**

And a Seasonal Closing Item

⌘ Christmas Story



'Twas the night before Christmas--Old Santa was pissed.
He cursed out the elves and threw down his list.
Miserable little brats, ungrateful little jerks.
I have a good mind to scrap the whole works!

I've busted my ass for damn near a year,
Instead of "Thanks Santa"--what do I hear?
The old lady bitches cause I work late at night.
The elves want more money--The reindeer all fight.

Rudolph got drunk and goosed all the maids.
Donner is pregnant and Vixen has AIDS.
And just when I thought that things would get better
Those assholes called taxmen sent me a letter,
They say I owe taxes--if that ain't damn funny
Who the hell ever sent Santa Claus money?

And the kids these days--they all are the pits
They want the impossible--Those mean little shits
I spent a whole year making wagons and sleds
Assembling dolls... Their arms, legs and heads
I made a ton of yo yo's--No request for them,
They want computers and robots... they think - I'm IBM!

Flying through the air... dodging the trees
Falling down chimneys and skinning my knees
I'm quitting this job there's just no enjoyment
I'll sit on my fat ass and draw unemployment.

So no Christmas this year, now you know the reason,
I found me a blonde; I'm off SOUTH for the season.

