

The Moreton Grange Golf Society

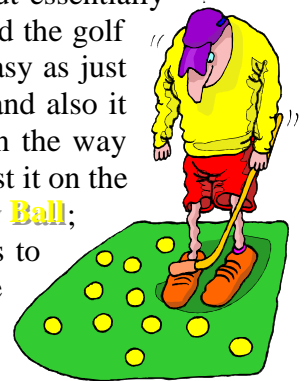
Newsletter - January 2008

Welcome to the January issue of the Newsletter and a belated HAPPY NEW YEAR to you all.

Society Match Day

The First Society Day of 2008 saw 18 members travel to the windy coast of North Wales to the Rhos-on-Sea Golf Club. The Golf course is rumoured to be quite old, and being by the seaside it is windy. The owners have at last cottoned on to this and are carrying out an extensive tree planting exercise on epic proportions. In a 'few' years time when the trees have grown, the holes will be more sheltered, but some of the fairways will be extremely narrow. As promised on the Club's website there was also a lot of wildlife around the course and care was obviously taken by us all to avoid getting too many birdies.

The Competition of the day was 'Yellow Ball', which has a number of rules, but essentially each team was given a Yellow Ball at the start of the round, and had to get round the golf course and still produce the Yellow ball at the end. However, it isn't quite as easy as just putting the ball in your pocket and carrying it around. No, it has to be played, and also it had to be played by every member of the Team in succession. Lose the ball on the way round, and your Team was out, or at least at an extreme disadvantage if you've lost it on the first hole. It was generally quite easy to tell whose turn it was to play the Yellow Ball; they were the one sweating buckets and hitting half swing shots with high irons to ensure that the ball didn't get lost on their go. However, there were notable exceptions to this reaction, apart from those who just didn't understand the Competition anyway.



At least Two Teams didn't quite manage to produce their Yellow Ball at the end of the round; not that the ball was lost of course, it was just in a place where they couldn't find it - Lad's, it's the same thing.

Now which one did Tom give me

The course was in good condition, if not a little damp in places. There was just enough bunkers (with real soft sand in as well) to make it challenging without being a seaside, and just enough water hazards (with real water in – of course) to make it potentially frustrating without being annoying.

After all the Teams had returned, and their balls inspected for colour and markings the Winners of the Golden Nugget Trophy were as follows. There are a few gaps in the results due to the lack of full and completed Score Cards for some of the yellow balls:-



1 st Place;- Ralph Vaughan, James Arathoon, Steve Dickinson & Dave Evans	42 points
?th Place;- Ian Taylor, Peter Smythe, Graeme Almond & Dave Worrone	33 points
? th Place;- Nigel Hall, Steve Crayford, Tom Rogers & Carl Hayhurst	? points and returned with ball?

4th Place;- Graham Coupe, Andy Harvey & Alan Bennett
? points and lost ball on 4th hole

5th place;- Neil McNay, Andy Langley, Peter Ainsworth
? points (and lost ball on 2nd hole)

Needless to say, with Stapleford Scores like those I've decided to play with a yellow ball every week, there so much more accurate than those white ones I usually play with that only give you much lower scores.

Alongside the Yellow Ball competition we ran the normal Stapleford Comp, as otherwise people can lose interest once their yellow ball has been lost . This saw some remarkably high point scoring, which brought the normal 19th hole chorus of “slash him”, “Mr Handicap Secretary, get your red pen out” etc etc. All in all, there were only 2 players with less than 30 points, and the lowest was a respectable 26 – not sure if this scoring was as a result of the flatish open course or the winter tees or just the fresh welsh air but whatever, they were very good.

The top dogs were as follows;-

In top spot was Nigel Hall with 62 net and 42 points, closely followed by Neil McNay (67 and 40) and James Arathoon (68 and 38 net) and Graham Almond (68 and 37). It does seem that the next Handicap Committee meeting will be another lively one – watch this space, and hope you don't get caught up in the fall out.

Other results from the Day were;-

The Longest Drive was driven by Nigel Hall, and

The nearest Nearest-the-Pin ball was positioned by Ian Taylor



Notably the Two's Competition was won outright at last, much to the joy of Ian Taylor and the disappointment of the Treasurers Bank Manager. Given that there were 5 Par 3's on the course it was a fair chance that it would go today, but whilst several players came close (thus having those trembling knee's situations) only Ian held his nerve and sunk it.

Partners for the Summer Season

Whilst there is no Pairs competition for the Winter Season (which was a bit of a disappointment for Yours Truly considering our Chairman's sudden Change in Form – not for nothing was it proudly announced in the Club House that “Dave Evans hit three greens today”) 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.

Pairs announced to date are;-

Tom Rogers & Nigel Hall, Neil McNay and Carl Hayhurst,
Dave Evans & Alan Bennett, Ralph Vaughan & Peter Smythe

Graham Almond & Ian Taylor

Society Web Site

We now have a new Website which hopefully is a lot more dynamic and up to date. To access the site you need to go to the following address:-

www.grangegolfer.co.uk

You cannot get to it by using Google or other search engine, though I will have a look at this when I get a chance and see what I can do to get it so.

Give it a try, and we would welcome your comments and thoughts on how it can be improved or added to. At the moment some of the web pages aren't up and running but are being worked on.

In particular we would welcome any contributions that you may have, for example:-

- 1) reports on Golf Days, things which have happened to you on the way around the course,
- 2) comments on the golf courses,
- 3) Captains Page (Tom – this is yours)
- 4) Photos from golfing event
- 5) Articles from press etc related to golfing
- 6) Anything else you'd like to see in it

I will get around to adding a page where you can do this, but in the meantime just email me, using either word documents, spreadsheets, photos or PDF versions.

Remember its your website – so please help make it how you would like it to be

The Monthly Golfing Joke – Check Your Ticket

A young woman in Liverpool was so depressed that she decided to end her life by throwing herself into the Mersey. She went down to the docks and was about to leap into the freezing water when a handsome young sailor saw her tottering on the edge of the pier, crying.

He took pity on her and said, "Look, you have so much to live for. "I'm off to America in the morning, and if you like, I can stow you away on my ship. I'll take good care of you and bring you food every day." Moving closer, he slipped his arm round her shoulder and added, "I'll keep you happy, and you'll keep me happy." The girl nodded "Yes", after all, what did she have to lose? Perhaps a fresh start in America would give her life new meaning.

That night, the sailor brought her aboard and hid her in a lifeboat. From then on, every night he brought her three sandwiches and a piece of fruit, and they made passionate love until dawn.

Two weeks later, during a routine inspection, she was discovered by the captain. "What are you doing here?" the captain asked. "I have an arrangement with one of the sailors", she explained. "I get food and a trip to America , and he's screwing me."

"He certainly is", the captain said. "This is the Birkenhead Ferry."

Rule(s) of the Month – MANLAWS

1. Under no circumstances may two men share an umbrella.
2. It is OK for a man to cry ONLY under the following circumstances:
 - a. When a heroic dog dies to save its master.
 - b. The moment Angelina Jolie starts unbuttoning her Blouse.
 - c. After wrecking your boss's car.
 - d. When she is using her teeth.
3. Any Man who brings a camera to a bachelor party may be legally killed and eaten by his buddies.
4. Unless he murdered someone in your family, you must bail a friend out of jail within 12 hours.
5. If you've known a guy for more than 24 hours, his sister is off limits forever, unless you actually marry her.
6. Moaning about the brand of free beer in a buddy's fridge is forbidden. However complain at will if the temperature is unsuitable.
7. No man shall ever be required to buy a birthday present for another man. In fact, even remembering your buddy's birthday is strictly optional. At that point, you must celebrate at a strip bar of the birthday boy's choice.
8. On a road trip, the strongest bladder determines pit stops, not the weakest.
9. It is permissible to drink a fruity alcohol drink only when you're sunning on a tropical beach ... and it's delivered by a t*ple*ss model and only when it's free.
10. Only in situations of moral and/or physical peril are you allowed to kick another guy in the nuts.
11. Unless you're in prison, never fight naked.
12. Friends don't let friends wear Speedos. Ever. Issue closed.
13. If a man's fly is down, that's his problem, you didn't see anything.
14. Women who claim they "love to watch sports" must be treated as spies until they demonstrate knowledge of the game and the ability to drink as much as the other sports watchers.
15. Never hesitate to reach for the last beer or the last slice of pizza, but not both, that's just greedy.
16. If you compliment a guy on his six-pack, you'd better be talking about his choice of beer.
17. Phrases that may NOT be uttered to another man while lifting weights:
 - a. Yeah, Baby, Push it!
 - b. C'mon, give me one more! Harder!
 - c. Another set and we can hit the showers!
18. The girl who replies to the question "What do you want for Christmas?" with "If you loved me, you'd know what I want!" gets an Xbox. End of story..

19. There is no reason for guys to watch Ice Skating or Men's Gymnastics. Ever.

20. We've all heard about people having guts or balls, but do you really know the difference between them? In an effort to keep you informed, the definition of each is listed below:

"GUTS" is arriving home late after a night out with the guys, being assaulted by your wife with a broom, and having the guts to say, "are you still cleaning or are you flying somewhere?"

"BALLS" is coming home late after a night out with the guys, smelling of perfume and beer, lipstick on your collar, slapping your wife on the a** and having the balls to say, "Roll over, You're next!"

I hope this clears up any confusion....

Next Society Day Out

In future details on Society Days will be accessible via the web site. This is much more reliable and up to date, and there are many other useful links / items that cannot be passed across in the Newsletter.