



# Mold Golf Club

## Newsletter

APRIL 2018

### WELCOME FROM THE 2018 CAPTAINS.

Welcome to a new golfing season, and may we wish all our Members, Visitors and the Club staff a very successful year. The weather has not given a very good start to the playing year,



and at the time of writing, it is snowing heavily yet again. Let's hope it improves soon and allows the rain and snow to drain away, and the temperatures to rise to something more in keeping with what we are used to.

We both enjoyed our drive-ins and were very honoured that so many of you turned out to watch and or take part. Congratulations to Efrys on her superb drive and the Lady Vice Captain and Lady President on theirs – straight up the middle of the fairway, and good distances too which is more than can be said for mine – by the gorse on the left and a very short distance! The President, Vice- Captain



and Club Champion Steve Dallaway all had good drives too. Both days were enjoyed and congratulations to all the winners. Thanks must also go to the ladies who waited on after my drive-in.

The course has been closed on quite a few occasions due to the weather. Even though the course is closed you can still eat and drink at the club, whether it be on a weekday lunchtime or you can opt for Kam's Sunday Carvery at a very competitive price. Booking is advised as it is often well attended.

The new Social Chairman, John Evans, is currently compiling the social calendar for the year. We have already had an Italian night with 41 attendees in the new restaurant and a Quiz Night with Fish & Chips in which 91 people took part and an evening of music provided by the Helsby Mountain String band. All were enjoyed by all who attended. During the quiz evening, a raffle was held towards the Captains' charity, many thanks to those who donated prizes and of course to our friendly and comical quiz master Chris Mills. The Helsby Mountain String Band, whose line up included member Julian Pellatt, donated their services for nothing, and all proceeds went to the charity.

During the winter months work has continued both on the course and in the clubhouse. The new dining area is now complete, with new furniture, funded by donations from the Mock Alliance and the Ladies Section to whom we are very grateful. A new office administration system, till system and competition entering and draw system has now been installed together with a new telephone system. As you know with any new system, there are teething problems, so please be patient if you find any particular issues a problem at the start.

Each year the Captains choose a charity to support. This year we have agreed to follow last year's captains and have chosen the **Nightingale House Hospice in Wrexham**. The "**Captains Charity Bunker**" is the bunker on the left hand side of the ninth green and the penalty is twenty pence minimum in the charity bunker "Pig" on the bar. All your donations will be gratefully accepted and don't forget to remind your playing partners when you come off the course!!!!

All the best for the golfing season.  
Mike & Efrys  
Captain & Lady Captain.

## Gateway to Wales Golf.

Since its initial launch last year Gateway to Wales Golf has sold 34 Passes and this year we are looking to promote the Pass further afield through holding two Golf Festivals. The Spring Golf Festival will be held at Northop, Hawarden and Holywell Golf Clubs over the Spring Bank Holiday the 5th, 6th and 7th May.

The Individual Stableford Competition is open to Ladies and Gentlemen with prizes for each day, the overall aggregate winner of the three competitions will win £100, courtesy of the Flintshire Leader who are sponsoring both festivals.

The Autumn Golf Festival will be held at Padeswood & Buckley, Mold and Old Padeswood Golf Clubs on the 28th, 29th and 30th September.

This competition is a 4BBB with prizes for Ladies, Mixed and Gents Teams, again the overall aggregate winners will win £150.

Please support us through entering either or both festivals. Entry forms for both festivals can be downloaded from the Mold Golf Club Website or are available in the foyer.

John Green  
Gateway to Wales Golf



**THE SPRING GOLF FESTIVAL TOURNAMENT**

**PRIZE OF £100 FOR THE WINNER OF THE LEADER GATEWAY TO WALES INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

**5TH 6TH 7TH MAY**  
NORTHOP, HAWARDEN AND HOLYWELL GOLF CLUBS

**ENTRY FEE £15** £37.50 FOR 3 DAYS  
OPEN TO BOTH LADIES AND GENTLEMEN PLAYERS  
ENTRY FORMS CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM ANY OF THE PARTICIPATING GOLF CLUBS WEBSITES

FOR A GATEWAY TO WALES PASS CALL 0845 450 5885 OR EMAIL : GOLF@NWT.CO.UK

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## Cash Run and Friday Specials.

The Cash Run is played every Friday all year round. It is a Gents 10 hole S/Ford Social Competition. Entry is just £2 inc. ball sweep. There are two cash prizes for 2 divisions each week with the winning being credited to the winners bar cards.

Every Friday includes special Bar prices and fish and chips are available all day. Why not invite your friends and family to meet with you after the game. For more information please see the notice board.



## Competitions News

So it's farewell to Les Jeffcott, who has stepped down from the Competition Committee. Thanks must go to Les for all his hard work for the club over the years. He spent two significant periods on the Competition Committee 1978-86 and 2007-2017; half of which was as Chairman. This doesn't include his extensive service on Management Committee and stints as Captain and President. The committee have two new members – Tony Davies, who has served on it before and Jonathan Layfield.

2018 is set to be an exciting but challenging year. The recently installed new Club VI system will hopefully make life simpler for those performing draws and processing results, but we are all on a steep learning curve! Members will notice a change to the appearance of the Touchscreen:- functions such as entering competitions are essentially the same but with a slightly different set up, but you can now enter pairs competitions on the Touchscreen too. It has a card swipe reader as well, so members can view their card balances. Guides to the operation of the Touchscreen for entering competition draws and score entry has been prepared and circulated to members. We are also monitoring the operational speed of the Touchscreen to see whether there is a need to update the hardware in future.



Hopefully, those members who have managed to install the Club VI Members Hub Phone App are finding this another very useful initiative.

For the first time, we will be holding a 9-hole competition at the club. The R & A are pushing a relatively new 9-Hole Championship, whereby qualifiers get to play at Carnoustie prior to the Open Championship. The format is pairs Stableford, any combination male/female, both scores counting. A qualifier at Mold will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> April, now that we have confirmed the club has a ratified standard scratch score for an agreed 9-hole course.



The challenges this year mainly concern working towards the introduction of the Worldwide Handicapping System in 2020. By this time, we will need to have in place a standard set of Stroke Indices for each hole irrespective of gender. Currently there are significant differences between the SI's for the red and white tees on some of our holes. By 2020 they will need to be the same. A Sub-Committee of gents and

ladies will be examining an analysis of the course, based on mens' and ladies' competition results, in order to inform deliberations about the difficulty of holes. However, perhaps more importantly, match-play considerations will also need to be taken into account. We are aiming to complete the exercise during this year, so as to trial the proposed stroke indices during the following year.

Over the winter there have been some notable achievements; holes in one for Mr. President John Ellis and Les Robins. Also, Les in partnership with John Delahoy, finished joint top of the Winter League points classification – not bad for an octogenarian pair!!

The new competition season is now underway. Happy golfing to everybody.

Merv Davies  
Chair Competition Committee

## Ladies Section.

We had a very successful start to our fundraising for our chosen charity Nightingale House, Wrexham. We have to date raised approximately £1130, which included a very well attended Pamper Evening where ladies had their nails done and hair cut and styled. Consultants from Boots shared their makeup expertise and ladies could browse at the different Jewellery and gift stalls.

The Ladies Section goes from strength to strength, we now have many ladies, sometimes, over 40 players will turn up on a Tuesday morning to play a fun team competition, also a good number turn up on a Sunday afternoon where the mood is jolly with a chance to have lunch at the tempting carvery or a drink and a catch up. Mold Golf Club Ladies Section are well represented in North Wales and County. Floss Hughes is Lady Captain of the Welsh Northern Counties Vets Section and Sue Yates is Vice President of the Laird Association.

Mrs Sheila Delahoy, a long-time member has been honoured with a BEM (British Empire Medal) in the New Years Honours List for her wonderful fund raising over the years.



We will be entering the Welsh Team Championships in June again this year after the fantastic success the ladies team had last year in Llangollen. This year the team travel down South for the event. A number of fund raising events will be included and added to the already flourishing Social Calendar. Save the date and bring your friends for a ladies only evening of song and dance on Friday April 27th.

Sunday June 24<sup>th</sup> is the date of the Ladies Open. Please support this event and encourage fellow Golfers from other Clubs to come and enjoy our wonderful course.

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The **Captains' Charity Auction** night will be held on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April**. This is one of the main money raising events in our calendar,



Nightingale House Hospice  
Hospis Tŷr Eos

and we hope that you will come along and support us for this vital charity. You may also put forward items to the Captains which you may wish to put on the "Programme of Lots" e.g. Car service to airport and return, one weeks' gardening, painting a room, supply of logs etc. All will be much appreciated as will any contacts you may have who may wish to donate from their company or business.

## Finance News

This is the time of year when golf clubs' finance chairmen begin to worry, low income during winter months but spring is upon us, things will improve – NOT THIS YEAR! Another unwelcome intrusion from Russia has ruined the expectations of dedicated golfers who find themselves facing snow covered courses or unplayable conditions. However MGC planned last autumn to have a successful vibrant up to date golf club which members can be proud of.

The building refurbishment has gone ahead as planned and is almost complete. The dining room with furniture financed by the Ladies Section and the Mock Alliance opened with a successful Italian Night and has been widely acclaimed by members and visitors alike.

In keeping with our machinery policy we have purchased a new Toro RM3100D Mower, financed over five years, which will further enhance the quality of our course.

We have installed a new cloud based telephone system which will soon be completed with an internet link to the greenkeeper's shed thus facilitating easier uploading of relevant course information to the website.

Our competition software has been materially updated to ClubVI which has many features that enable members to access from home rather than the clubhouse touch screen. The opportunity has also been taken to align the club membership and till operations on the same platform thus reducing complications such as surnames.

We have co-operated with five other local clubs in a move to enhance the golfing profile of North East Wales, together with support from Flintshire CC, the Leader Newspaper and North Wales Tourism. Two festivals are planned, the Spring event features Northop, Hawarden and Holywell whilst the Autumn is centred on Padeswood & Buckley, Mold and Old Padeswood. There are daily prizes and an overall 3 day trophy. Please do your best to support these unprecedented competitions.

We are an ageing members club and new younger members are vital to ensure the continued existence of MGC at economic subscription rates. It has therefore been agreed to encourage new recruits by consolidating all younger member categories in to composite rate of £360pa.

It is vital that we annually replace those lost members and this year is no exception. The most successful method of replenishment has been our 18 month for 12 offers and is being repeated this year. It is an acknowledged fact that long lasting memberships arise from member recommendation to friends or family and in this regard we ask for your continued support and co-operation.

Roy Fisher  
Finance Chairman



Toro RM3100D Mower