



# SUMMER



# NEWSLETTER

## CONGRATULATIONS ANNABEL COLLIS, WELSH GIRLS CHAMPION 2023

Past Junior Captain Annabel Collis is the Welsh Girls Champion 2023 following a tense final at Cardigan Golf Club in July. In awful weather conditions, Annabel beat Elin Tynan from Michinhampton GC 2 & 1. Well played Annabel. You work so hard at your game which has paid off. The last time we had a Welsh Girls Champion from Mold was when Beth Davies lifted the trophy in 2007.

Annabel has played for Wales in the Home Internationals at Lindrick Golf Club in South Yorkshire in August and has also been selected as one of a team of three girls representing Wales at the World Junior Girls Championship, from 4th - 7th October at Brampton Golf Club in Canada.

*Good  
luck*

*We are very  
proud of you.*



# Congratulations

To Lady Captain Elly and  
Mr Captain Martin on your  
Captain's Days 2023.



# Competition News

## Gents' Competitions and Handicaps

The competition is hotting up in this year's Gross Master & Nett Championship as they head nearer to their conclusion. Can anyone catch the leaders? There are still points to play for and all may change by the end of the season.

## Loch Lomond Whiskey Weekend July Medal

This was a fantastic event and extremely well supported by our gents members.

Division 1 winner was Rob Stacey with a Gross 69 and Nett 62, Division 2 winner and lowest Nett score of the day was Colin Crowther with a Gross 70 and Nett 60, Division 3 winner was John E.D Phillips with a Gross score of 78 and a Nett score of 61.

There really were some fantastic scores on this day, maybe we should hold a Loch Lomond Whiskey competition more often 😊!



Colin Crowther (lowest nett) pictured with Huw Skates, Competition Chairman



## Polite Reminder

Always repair pitch marks and divots, thank you



## Mr President's Day

Due to extreme weather conditions/reports and for the safety of our members, Mr President and Competition Chairman agreed to call off the Competition that was originally set to be played on 15th July. As you will all appreciate, this was an extremely hard decision to make and Mr President was correct in putting safety first.

We wish Mr. President well for his new date 19th August, and we hope the weather is kind this time round.

## Huw Skates, Competition Chairman



## Polite Reminder

Take care when playing to allow our greenkeepers to work safely on the course.

Our Greens staff have the right of way on the course at all times, thank you



# LADIES NEWS

Our Summer Season has resulted in a mixed bag of weather conditions!

May and June were sunny and dry with lots of run on the fairways, and then came July, when we had waterproofs and umbrellas at the ready!!

The Ladies Summer Open was a bit of a soggy affair, but a big thank you to all the ladies who played, and especially to organiser, Deirdre Thurston, and all the ladies who helped to make it a successful day.

All the ladies competitions have been well supported, with some great results.

Lady Captain's Day took place on 3rd June, and was a great success and enjoyed by all. Congratulations to Delyth Barker on winning the Lady Captain's Prize, and Beth Davies on winning Best Gross. Thank you to Lady Captain for a lovely day.

The ladies travelled to Prenton Golf Club for their Exchange Day on Tuesday, 8th August. The weather was perfect, and everyone enjoyed a fabulous day of golf, food and drink. Congratulations to Lady Vice, Sue Tyson on winning the Lady Captain's Salver, and on organising such a successful day.



## MIXED FISH & CHIP COMPS 2023



Our next one is :  
Friday 8th September

The Knockouts are now in their final stages. Good luck to everyone who has got through to the Finals, which will be held over the weekend of 9th/10th September.

Also huge congratulations and well done to Annabel Collis on winning the Welsh Girls Championship.

**Sue Rishworth, Ladies' Competition  
Secretary**

*Save the date*

Lady President's Day  
Saturday 2nd September

THE ANNUAL

# CAPTAINS'

*Charity Auction*



30<sup>TH</sup>  
SEP  
7:30PM

A HOST OF LOTS  
TO BID FOR IN  
AID OF BOWEL  
CANCER UK



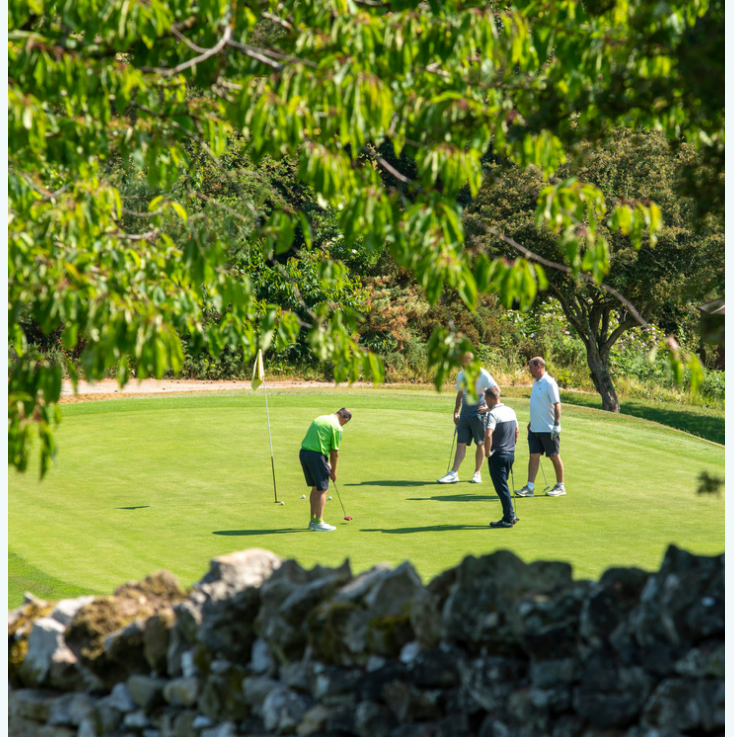
# AROUND THE GREENS

It did start off being quite a nice sunny summer which I think we all briefly enjoyed.

The rough didn't grow as lush allowing wildflowers to thrive such as harebell and lady's bed straw.

As I type this it is raining heavily yet again, and we had a record of 182mm for the month of July. We had three storms in quick succession and many deluges on top of that but I shouldn't complain as the course did need SOME RAIN!! It did feel like autumn had arrived far too early bringing heavy growth, wet cutting conditions and the dreaded muddy worm casts.

All the usual course presentation jobs have kept us very busy with the odd course improvement project thrown in.



The compressor/trolley cleaning area is having some work done. A small extension of concrete with an additional sump to help improve this essential cleaning area.

A soak away has also been installed behind the 1st Tee where, during heavy deluges of rain, water could be observed slowly making its way towards the 2nd green.

We also intend to replace the 10th tee steps soon with new sleepers which will be more suitably spaced out.

**Colin Jones, Head Greenkeeper**



Congratulations to our greens staff on keeping the course in fantastic condition despite all the challenges thrown at them with the weather. We are continually receiving lovely comments about the course from members and visitors alike:

*"Extremely well maintained, greens were excellent, fast, always interesting. All of our society commented on how tough and demanding it was. Everyone of us loved the course, thank you"*

*"We have played a number of courses across the UK over the years. We have thoroughly enjoyed our round today, Mold is now our favourite course, thank you"*

# Seniors' News

The Seniors have been enjoying a busy summer with a packed schedule, comprising a mix of social and competition play as well as matches both home and away. Unfortunately Seniors Secretary Lenny Keig sustained a 'crooked' elbow in a freak accident while enjoying golf in the sunshine with seniors pals in Portugal and has missed much of the season. It is good to see you back playing tentatively Lenny.

Congratulations to Lenny and the Seniors' Committee on their excellent organisation of the Seniors' Summer Open. It was a packed tee sheet and a very successful day.

Entries are coming in thick and fast for the Seniors' Autumn Open on Thursday September

28th. Afternoon times are still available. You can book online or contact the Pro Shop.

## **That's Ace!**

Golf is proving an easy game for some of our seniors who have been celebrating with a flurry of aces. Very well done to the following gents who have all achieved holes in one this summer.

Will Pierce 11th  
Jon Wood 16th  
Paul Tunstall 13th  
Chris Dolby 4th at  
Old Padeswood



***Lenny Keig, Secretary for the Seniors***



## House Report

Solar array. The new solar panels have been working well despite the occasional cloudy conditions. We have increased the battery storage to 20kWh and already some of the excess power generated has been going to storage. We are awaiting the outcome of a bid to Sport Wales to increase the number of panels by 50% and to assist with the additional 10kWh of batteries we have already purchased from the Joker Fund. As we now have about three months of data stored, we will be analysing the savings over last year's consumption shortly. The Sport Wales bid also includes funding to convert all the remaining lighting in the clubhouse and greens workshops and office to LED low voltage lights.

Additional storage. Thanks to the generosity of funding from the Mock Alliance, plans are being made to construct a new 'lean to' store behind the open gate of the buggy compound to replace the unsightly sheds which are there now. This is an autumn in-house project presently in the design stage.

General maintenance of the clubhouse and its contents continues on a regular basis.

***Dave Faulkner, House Chairman***

# New Members

## Welcome to all new members

If you are a member who has joined us recently, converted from New2Golf or have been with us a bit longer and would like to find out more about what the Club has to offer, you are cordially invited to our next informal 'Meet & Greet'. It will be in the clubhouse on Wednesday 25th October at 7pm.

We hold these get-togethers every three months to ensure all new members have the opportunity to come along and find out more about the Club and to ask any questions about anything at all. It is also a great chance to get to know other members and new members and to get some games fixed up. You can just come along on the night or if you would like to know more please call the Manager on 01352 741513 ext 2 or email [info@moldgolfclub.co.uk](mailto:info@moldgolfclub.co.uk)

## Additional Player Welcome

For members playing a round on their own who are happy for company, you are now able to add "Additional Player Welcome" on BRS for Player 2 as a marker to show another player that their company is welcome.

## Gents' Buddy Whatsapp Group

The Gents' Buddy Whatsapp group has proven a great success in helping new members of all abilities get to know the Club and other members - making it easy to fix up games and get cards marked for handicap.

If anyone would like to join the group please contact Debbie in the Club Office.



**Stevie Quinn**

A very warm welcome to Stevie Quinn (pictured with wife Lindsey) who has joined us as our new chef. We wish him every success. Stevie is highly experienced and will bring lots of new ideas and menus. We hope members get behind him.

Watch this space!



**Helena Davidson**

A very warm welcome to Helena Davidson who joined the Reception/Pro Shop team in June. Helena's usual days are Monday and Tuesday with the occasional weekend days also. Helena is a great new addition who is settling in really well.

# Junior News

## **Mold juniors have been busy at home as well as representing Mold in local and national events.**

The juniors have taken the opportunity to be spectators also, gaining tips from the professionals at The BMW Tournament at Wentworth and the British Open at Royal Liverpool.

Alex Millington had a great time carrying the scoreboard at The Open on the Hoylake links. What an experience.

Junior Captain Harry Ledsham and Junior President Jack Holl played for NWCGA Boys against Shropshire, both halved their single matches. Staffordshire won 10:5.

Juniors have played Opens in Padeswood & Buckley and Hawarden. In P&B 24/7/23 George Ledsham won the Best Gross, Joe Hancock had 2nd Best Nett, on blue tees, Noah Reynolds came 3rd. Ben Evans won the Golf Sixes.

Many congratulations to Annabel Collis on her fantastic achievements (see front page).

Michael Collis also competed in the Welsh Boys Championship and got through to the plate. Annabel, Michael and Junior President played in The Ladies/Gents Strokeplay Championship. All played well and gained great experience.

Junior competitions continue to be well supported.

The Mold Junior Open had 27 playing with juniors from three other clubs. Billy Parker from Hawarden won - Juliet Collis 2nd - Olivia Gent 3rd - George Elwin 4th (P/B & Mold).



Junior President's Cup - Junior President, Jack Holl with the winners: Ben Bate Best Gross 79 - Adam Raynor 1st 40 pts, Ben Williams 2nd 37 pts . Austin Collis won the 9 hole competition with 20 pts and Joe Hancock won nearest the pin on the 6th.

***Congratulations to all juniors who have taken part in competitions!***

***John Roberts and Marie Moore,  
Junior Managers.***

# THE MGC QUIZ NIGHT

Join the fun in the clubhouse on  
WEDNESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER  
7:30PM

£1.50 entry per person  
Teams of no more than 6

Prizes for winners  
plus spot & booby prizes  
Raffle in aid of the Captains' charity



## ALL WELCOME!

BRING FRIENDS AND FAMILY

# INSIDE THE CLUBHOUSE

The Country Music Evening, featuring the Tennessee Waltz duo earlier in the year, was a great success with tickets sold out well in advance. Lady Captain's Day on 3rd June was enjoyed by all who attended. Similarly, Mr Captain's weekend over the 16th and 17th June was very well supported and provided a range of sport, fun and entertainment.

Our most recent event was the Rock 'N Roll Evening on Saturday 29th July. The fantastic Razor Holler band punched out one Rock 'N Roll classic after the next and had the dance floor full for most of a wonderful evening that was well supported by the local community as well as MGC Members.

The remaining programme for 2023 includes the following planned events for members to note in their diaries:

- Saturday 30th September – Captains' Auction
- Saturday 14th October – Captains' Barn Dance
- Saturday 23rd November – Lady Captain's Bazaar
- Saturday 2nd December – Hail & Farewell
- Sunday 10th December – Christmas Concert with the Port Sunlight Seadogs

Details of times and prices will be confirmed via printed flyers, MGC website and Facebook page, the village noticeboard and the Gwernaffield & Pantymwyn Facebook group page. As with previous social events this year, book early to avoid disappointment as audience size will be determined on optimising comfort and enjoyment, not maximising capacity.

Your Social Committee looks forward to your continuing support for the MGC social programme for the remainder of 2023.

During the Autumn of 2023 a new Social Committee will need to be formed to pick up the reigns from January 2024. Anyone interested in being involved should contact the MGC Manager, Debbie Barton, in the first instance.

**Julian Pellatt, Chairman, MGC Social Committee**

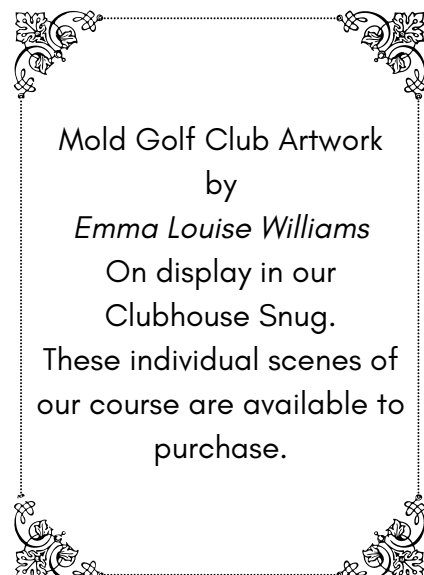
## Social Committee Members 2023

Julian Pellatt [Chairman]  
Debbie Barton [Management Rep]  
Elly Frankland [Lady Captain]  
Martin Penn [Mr Captain]  
David Hawkes  
Alix Hill  
Pat Pellatt  
Huw Skates

*Vice-Captains Russ Trinick and Sue Tyson are invited to attend meetings.*



Rock 'N Roll evening with  
Razor Holler



# Chari-tee

THEY DID IT! Through sheer determination, MGC's intrepid fundraisers Paul Hayes, Huw Skates, Ken Skates and Christian Malam completed their 72 hole golf marathon for Bowel Cancer UK in the most horrendous of conditions. After a 4.30am start and 36 holes at Mold in fine weather, including a few birdies between them, all was going well. A full English breakfast courtesy of Mr Captain followed and off they went to Carden Park for their remaining 36 holes. Well what an afternoon - the heavens opened with the full works of thunderstorms and lightning thrown in. Delays ensued as they waited for the worst of it to pass and they finally finished their fourth round of the day at 9pm with the course almost unplayable due to flash flooding. Our Fab Four were determined not to be beaten and have raised almost £4,000 for Bowel Cancer UK, a charity very close to their hearts following Paul's personal battle to overcome the disease over recent times. Well done lads - what a great effort.

Congratulations also to Dave Ledsham, Nick Tomlinson, Iestyn Ingman and Nick Suffield who also undertook a Longest Day 72 hole challenge with 36 holes at Mold and 36 at Bromborough in memory of Dave's father John for the charity Myaware - Fighting Myasthenia Together. Dave and friends would like to thank Mold Golf Club for all the support given. They have raised an excellent £1,300 for the charity.



**Bowel Cancer UK**  
Beating bowel cancer together

**myaware**  
Fighting Myasthenia Together

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### FLINTSHIRE TOURISM ASSOCIATION

We have joined FTA which opens up lots of new opportunities to promote our club. We have been fortunate to have some new photographs and videos taken free of charge thanks to this new relationship.

### GATEWAY 2 WALES

The Autumn Festival returns on Saturday 23rd September and has been full for months. Thank you to John Green and Roy Fisher for their on-going work with G2W. Volunteer helpers are needed for the day if you can spare some time.

### SAFETY ON THE COURSE

All players must respect the safety and wellbeing of anyone else on the golf course and surrounding areas. There are various Public Rights of Way crossing the course. Look out for blue or yellow signs on holes where paths cross. Players must always give way to pedestrians on these rights of way. No player should ever play a shot when there is anyone within range in front of them.

Of course there are times when shots do not go in the intended direction. Remember to shout "Fore" and please report any incidents or near misses to the office.



*Thank  
You*



*Thank you to our Summer Opens Organisers – Graham Griffiths, John 'Nerc' Evans and Deirdre Thurston & helpers.*

*Thank you to all who volunteered their time to support our Opens.*

*Book your tee now for the Autumn Opens  
Ladies Autumn Open Tuesday 26th September  
Seniors Autumn Open Thursday 28th September*



# Mold Golf Club Joker Draw



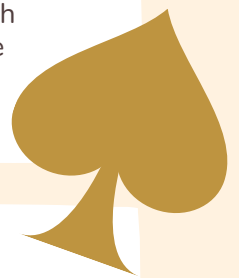
## What is it?

The Joker draw is a fundraising initiative with all profits being donated to Club projects. The draw takes place in the clubhouse every Friday at 7:00pm (6pm through February) Results are announced on our Facebook page and on the wall by the Joker Board.



## How does it work?

The Joker Board with its 53 red envelopes is displayed in the Lounge. Each red envelope is numbered 1 to 53. Sealed in one of these envelopes is the Joker, the others contain the remaining 52 playing cards. The current Joker jackpot available is displayed above the Joker Board.



## How do I enter?

Take a brown envelope from the bar. Seal £2 in the envelope and select a number from the remaining red envelopes available on the Joker Board. On the envelope write your :

- Name
- Contact number
- The number of the red envelope you think contains the Joker.
- Post your envelope in the secure box at the end of the bar.

For multiple entries simply pick up another envelope.



## What can I win?

Our Joker Official and Volunteers will randomly draw one of the submitted entry envelopes. The selected person named on that envelope will win -

- £50 if the red envelope selected contains a playing card
- £100 if the red envelope selected contains one of the 4 Aces
- The Current Jackpot if the red envelope contains the Joker



## What happens after the draw?

- If a playing card is revealed - it's a rollover. £50 will be added to the current Joker Jackpot.
- If an Ace is revealed - it's a rollover. £50 will be added to the current Joker Jackpot.
- If the Joker is revealed, the winner will receive the current jackpot and the rollover cycle will re-start for the following week with the jackpot starting at £250.



## Who can play?

Anyone aged 16 and over.  
Members and non-members.



**Good  
Luck!**

# GOLF ACADEMY & PRO SHOP



## Academy & Proshop Update

With the 2023 golfing season in full swing we are delighted to say that our golf academy here at Mold Golf Club is continuing to grow. Across all areas, including private sessions, junior groups, back2golf and new2golf, we are seeing high numbers of golfers choosing us to develop their game.

Greg Purdie is our latest PGA Professional coach to join our team. With 20+ years of golfing experience, Greg is nearing the completion of his PGA training and will divide his time between ourselves and The Vale of Llangollen.

Currently, Greg is available for private lessons all day on Thursdays and will be assisting with our junior academy, new2golf and group classes in the evenings. If you or a family member/ friend would like to schedule a lesson or reserve a place in one of our new upcoming groups please contact Reception where all diaries are now open.

Between myself, Matt and Greg we now have all bases covered as we strive to build one of the biggest academies in Wales and the North West. Golfers of all abilities are now catered for utilising our fantastic training facilities.



## Trackman Tuesdays

Hire our indoor TrackMan studio from just £5 per player on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays\*. Work on your swing at the St Andrews Old Course, complete a targeted skills test in Arizona or play a quick 9 in Dubai – all whilst nailing down your yardages.\*£20 per hour. Max 4 players. Available only between 10am and 3pm.



# GOLF ACADEMY & PRO SHOP



## Short Game Circuits

Our Mondays short game circuits have proven popular since the launch in June. Designed for handicaps 18+, each session consists of variable circuits covering putting, chipping, pitching and bunker play with the focus on improved technique, decision making and ultimately lowering your scores. Spaces are limited so please get in touch ASAP to reserve your place. The total cost for 2 hours is £25pp.

## Proshop and Foregolf

Although we only have space for limited stock due to the size of our Proshop, we have access to all of the leading brands at internet prices. Simply let us know what you need and we will have the goods delivered here for you to collect in-store.

Members are now able to custom order MGC branded Ping clothing. In store we have a full size run and colour options available to view and try. Speak to a member of staff today to place an order.



## Club Fitting

Additionally, if any members are considering investing in some new clubs, we can't recommend the Foregolf fitting team and service enough. We specialise in Ping here at Mold Golf Club, but if you want to explore all brand options this can be organised for you. Our reception staff are on hand to contact Foregolf directly to schedule a club fitting on your behalf, with all of the latest hardware available for both fitting and testing.

Good luck for the rest of the season,  
**Craig Tudor, PGA Head Professional**

