

2023



WINTER



NEWSLETTER



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW OFFICIALS FOR 2023

Lady Captain Elaine (Elly) Frankland was the first of our 2023 Captains to drive into office in November, alongside Lady Vice Captain Sue Tyson and Lady President, Sue Yates.

Mr Captain Martin Penn followed in December with Vice Captain Russ Trinick and Mr President, Barry Haigh.





Elly and Martin have hit the ground running and with the main golfing season on the horizon, there is lots to look forward to over the coming months.

Junior Captain 2023 Harry Ledsham will officially drive into office on Monday April 3rd, alongside his Vice Captain Aled Proffitt. We wish all our officials a successful and enjoyable year ahead.



THE MGC QUIZ NIGHT

JOIN THE FUN IN THE CLUBHOUSE

AT 7:30PM

ON

THURSDAY 23RD FEBRUARY

£1.00 entry per person

Teams of no more than 6

Prizes for winners plus spot & booby
prize

Raffle in aid of the Captains' charity



ALL WELCOME!

BRING FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Competition News



Gents' Competitions and Handicaps

Winter League Update

Unfortunately the Winter League has been hit by bad weather, resulting in three of the matches being cancelled due to the course being closed. The Competition Committee agreed to extend the Winter league by one match with this being played on February 4th. The new software is proving beneficial to the smooth running of the Winter League and is recognising when pairings have already played each other. As a result it can mean that pairings are automatically moved to another zone - players have been made aware of this.

In February there are some weekend 4BBB competitions that have been set up on ClubV1 and are now available to book. These will run alongside the knockout stages of the Winter League.

MIXED FISH & CHIP COMPS 2023

Friday 21st April
Friday 12th May
Friday 16th June
Friday 14th July
Friday 11th August
Friday 8th September

New for the 2023 Golf Season

The Competition Committee is delighted to announce the introduction of three new competitions.

The first is 'The Gross Masters Order of Merit'. This gross score competition will run throughout the golf season and will be a league table system based upon the following competitions:

- 7 Weekend Monthly Medals
- Park Bowl
- Peter Roberts Cup
- Presidents Cup
- Sheila Williams Cup

The second new competition will be the same setup as the Gross Masters, however, this will be based on nett scores rather than the gross.

The third competition is an eclectic, which will keep a cumulative score of your best gross recorded in a competition for every hole, over the entire season.

Watch out for further details of these competitions being released in due course.

Huw Skates, Competition Chair



Ladies' Competitions and Handicaps

The ladies winter golf sessions on Tuesday mornings, Thursdays and Sundays continue to be well attended. However the wet weather in December, and snow in January disrupted this somewhat! Hopefully, we will now be in for a spell of settled weather enabling us all to get some practice in before the start of the season!!

The Competition Committee is working hard to prepare for the 2023 season.

We are looking forward to our first competition of the year, which is the traditional Ladies Valentines 10 Hole Texas Scramble on Saturday, 11th February, followed by the Lady Captain v Lady Vice Captain Matchplay Competition on Tuesday, 7th March. Both of these are fun competitions to get us ready for the start of the season! Fingers crossed for good weather.

Sue Rishworth, Ladies Competition Secretary



When the time comes if you need help with putting in cards or gaining a handicap please leave a message with Club Reception and we will be happy to assist.



Coming Soon...

Saturday 11th Feb 
Ladies Valentines Comp

Tuesday 7th March
Lady Captain v Lady
Vice Captain

Tuesday 14th March
Ladies & Seniors AMAM

The Ladies enjoyed a very festive Christmas lunch at the end of their 2022 season. Winter golf has continued (conditions allowing) and ladies, including those no longer playing, enjoy the social get-together on a Tuesday, which for some is followed by Bridge in the clubhouse. With thanks to all ladies who contribute to the running of these activities. There is much to look forward to in 2023.



Memorial Bench

A new ladies' memorial bench has been purchased by the ladies to remember those members who are no longer with us. This is positioned in the rest area alongside the Pro Shop.



Ladies!

Come along with friends and enjoy an evening of...



GIN TASTING

Admission £10 - includes
a free raffle ticket to win a
bottle of 'high-end' gin.
Proceeds to Captains'
Charity.

Tickets available from
behind the bar.

Thursday 16th February 7.30pm

Our expert Mixologist will guide you through five
different flavours of gin. The evening will include a
'Mystery Gin', mixers and nibbles.

**NEW MEMBERS MEET &
GREETINGS 2023**

THURSDAY 27TH APRIL

WEDNESDAY 19TH JULY

WEDNESDAY 25TH OCTOBER

ALL 7PM

**ALL WELCOME. THIS IS A VERY INFORMAL
OPPORTUNITY TO POP ALONG, ASK ANY
QUESTIONS AND FIND OUT MORE ABOUT
MOLD GOLF CLUB**

Mold Golf Club



Opens 2023



Book your tee early to avoid disappointment



Open Dates 2023

- 21st March Swing into Spring
- 1st July Gents Open
- 2nd July Mixed Open
- 6th July Seniors Summer Open
- 8th July Ladies Summer Open
- 7th August Junior Open*
- 26th Sept Ladies Autumn Open
- 28th Sept Seniors Autumn Open

£15.00 Per person

**Visit our
website to book
your tee time.**



Course Handicap Limit - Gents 29, Seniors 26, Ladies 45

**Junior Open - £6 entry fee, contact the club directly to enter*

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AROUND THE GREENS

It's not an easy job being a greenkeeper. Far from it. This time of year it's a battle against the elements alongside the day to day work that needs doing.

Typically winter brings a mixed bag of weather, from nine inches of snow to heavy rain. The balmy temperatures of the summer of 2022, which brought their own, very real, challenges seem a distant memory. The continued spell of wet weather experienced in December/January inevitably forced course closure at times which is always disappointing, but necessary.

Following the replacement of all the solenoid valves on the irrigation system last spring, the main irrigation pump has finally given in to the continuous demand placed upon it during the drought in 2022. There was no alternative but to buy a new pump. By the time the pump is fitted, hopefully in March, it will have cost the club near to £4,000. This is a significant amount of money but it is an essential piece of machinery, without which we would have no irrigation system whatsoever.



Colin and his team have worked very hard to improve the drainage on the approach to the 15th green using mole drainage. This has proved quite a success. The same amount of mole drainage has been carried out in the bottom field and this will need more doing. We are also conscious of carrying out mole drainage between the 10th and 14th and are hopeful that this can be completed during the winter months.

You will see over the coming months the removal of the left hand greenside bunker on the 4th hole. This bunker was subject to continuous flooding and also was not suitable for remodelling due to its proximity to the hedge. The intention is to create a grass style bunker that will allow for a golf shot but also allow the water to run away.

As always our greenkeepers save the Club a huge amount of money carrying out the majority of their own machinery maintenance. Stay warm and dry.

Neil Dixon, Greens Chairman for and on behalf of the Greens Committee.



MOLD GOLF CLUB

Murder Mystery Evening

THE SCENE :
STOCKSLEY MANOR IN THE
WINTER OF 1947

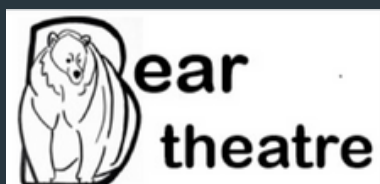
WATCH THE PLAY...
...SPOT THE CLUES...
...GUESS WHODUNNIT...

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 25TH
SHOW STARTS AT 7:45PM

Tickets £12.50pp including hotpot supper are
available to buy now at the Golf Club Bar.

Audience 40's fancy dress optional.

All proceeds to Cancer Charities



DAY IN THE LIFE OF A GREENKEEPER

An interview with our Head Greenkeeper Colin.

Who is in your team and how long have you all worked here?

There are four of us. Pete has worked here the longest now at 42 years, Paul 32, Jake 4 years and myself 24 years.

What time do you start work and what is the first thing you do when you arrive?

We officially start work at 7 and finish at 3.30. I do find it quite hard to switch off and continue after hours with other work related emails, orders, research and networking with my peers.

Talk us through your morning routine - how does the winter differ from the summer?

The first job of the day is to check the rain gauge, and record the data. I also take a course walk to survey the conditions and update the job board and brief staff on their jobs for the day. I then update the website and Club VI as necessary. Thankfully in the summer course conditions, weather and job planning is a little easier to predict, we are continuously checking the weather forecast throughout the day.



What do you do before you leave?

At the end of the day we summarise how the day's jobs went, I update the job white board ready for the morning. I always fill in my diary for all work carried out each day and have done since I started at MGC.

What are your biggest challenges and frustrations?

The biggest frustrations in this modern era of greenkeeping are the adverse wet conditions, and the lack of decent pest and disease control.

You save the club a lot of money by doing machinery maintenance - what do you do?

If it's not suitable weather or ground conditions we always do our own machinery maintenance. There are far too many jobs to list but we keep everything in house as best we can. It really is never ending, machinery breaks down and something always needs repairing.

What projects are you working on at the moment?

The biggest projects over the years have been rebuilding golf greens. More recently projects include improving tees, paths and bunkers.



**Parsons Pot Winners
2022**

DAY IN THE LIFE OF A GREENKEEPER



If you hadn't been a greenkeeper what job would you have liked to do?

If I wasn't a green keeper I would have been interested in working for the Forestry Commission. I like the outdoor life and being close to nature.

You have a passion for wildlife and wrote a book about the flora and fauna on Mold Golf Club - tell us a bit more about this and what you find on the course

The booklet I produced in 2008 was going to be for the Club's Centenary but once the Manager saw it he wanted it to be published ASAP. There is a wealth of wildlife around us.

I have rescued many young animals off the course over the years which I was able to rear and release. However I still have a 15 year old crow and a 6 month old squirrel which are imprinted and have aggressive behaviour issues towards humans that they are not familiar with. In fact I remember coming back to work one evening to check on the irrigation and heard this commotion on the 1st Tee, there was the young crow trying to land on the head of one of our then members - Les Robins!

GOLF BUGGIES

When using private or hired buggies while the conditions are wet, muddy and wintery please be extra cautious. Driving only as fast as the terrain and conditions allow will reduce the chance of problems arising, damage to buggies and damage to the course. Further information is available to view in Mold Golf Club's Golf Buggy Safety Policy. A copy can be requested from a member of staff. All buggy users must read and sign the policy before using a buggy. Regular users need only do this once.



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Seniors' News



At the end of another busy year for the Seniors, the section's Christmas Lunch, AGM and Prize Presentation was held on December 8th amid much merriment. Chris Davies is our 2023 Chairman and Kerion Leicester is our 2023 Vice Chairman.

Not a lot has happened on the golfing front so far this year but we have a full programme to look forward to in 2023. On the occasions we have played in the early part of the year, we have had quite a good turnout (30 plus) despite the weather.

If any new gentleman member is interested in getting involved with the Seniors and is age 55+ please get in touch with the Club office who can pass on your details.

Lenny Keig, Secretary for the Seniors



Sunday Carvery

Available every Sunday 12:30pm – 4:00pm.
Please call 01352 741 513 ext 3 to book a table or to pre-order a take away.

House Report



- After consideration of several different locations for solar panels, Management have now given approval for a 12KW 32 panel solar array to be fixed to the Clubhouse roof, together with a 10KW battery storage system. These will hopefully be installed within the next 3 months and, with grant aid from Wales Golf and Cadwyn Clwyd, should show a payback on our investment in 3-4 years, significantly reducing the cost of our electricity bill. Local company Wall-Lag will be carrying out the work.
- The tendering exercise for improvements to the Ladies' Locker Room and toilets did not return a value-for money affordable solution. Following a meeting with Lady Captain, Lady Vice Captain and Lady President, the improvements to the changing room have been very slightly revised and a local joinery company will be tasked to undertake this work. It is intended now to make improvements to the shower and toilet area using in-house expertise over the next couple of months, in time for the new golf season. The cleaning cupboard has already been removed from the changing room.
- A new storage cupboard has been created in the Gents' changing room and it now incorporates the cleaning equipment and materials. It will also house the storage battery from the solar panel array. Standardisation of notice boards in the lock room has been carried out and a paint re-fresh has commenced. Low energy lighting has replaced the aging fluorescent fitting.
- The overhaul of the 'back office' and reception desk has been substantially completed creating a much improved work environment and sales area.
- The snug overhaul is now complete with new tables and seating providing a relaxed environment for coffee and ad-hoc meetings.
- A recent survey of the roof has revealed that in places, the boards supporting the mineral felt are failing. Whilst a large part of the roof is boarded out in pine floorboards, chipboard has been used in places which is showing signs of distress. Mineral felt on the roof is now some 40+ years old and has done well to last this long without any serious deterioration. Management have approved that a detailed survey of where chipboard has been used is carried out as soon as possible and then quotes are sought to replace it together with re-covering with a long life polymer material. This is likely to be a significant cost to the club.
- Production and sale of logs from timber off the course is continuing through the winter, as is general maintenance of the Clubhouse.

Junior News

Junior Presentation Evening was very successful with 42 juniors attending, plus parents, grandparents and junior helpers, making it a full club house. This was Junior Captain Annabel's last duty of her year, along with outgoing President Evie Davies, finishing off a very successful 12 months.

This also marked the end of Evie's time as a junior, as she headed off to her studies at Liverpool where she has been playing golf for the University team. Three other juniors also reached the milestone of becoming 18. Oliver Cheatle started his studies in Durham University, Morgan Jones has taken a year out before going to University and Haydon Rowe, who is now a student member.

Congratulations to Harry Ledsham who accepted the role of Junior Captain and Aled Proffitt who joins him in the role of Junior Vice Captain for 2023. All the junior officials' speeches were excellent. We thank Annabel and Evie for all they have done and wish Harry and Aled a successful year ahead.

The Academy junior golf lessons are to start again in March. Craig will be finalising arrangements and emailing parents with dates.

We are looking forward to February half term and hoping the weather enables the juniors to have two competitions: Monday 20th February - 10 hole Stableford and Thursday 23rd February - Texas Scramble.

John Roberts and Marie Moore, Junior Managers.

Free Taster Sessions have been organised for:

**A) Primary & Secondary children
5th March (time tbc)**

**B) Adult sessions 4th March
13:30 - 15:30**

**C) Adult sessions 11th March
13:30 - 15:30**

Register a place by contacting reception at Mold Golf Club or email lessons@tudorgolf.co.uk.





GUINNESS

SIX NATIONS



A T M O L D G O L F C L U B

WATCH WITH FRIENDS

04 FEB	2:15	WALES	VS	IRELAND
04 FEB	16:45	ENGLAND	VS	SCOTLAND
05 FEB	15:00	ITALY	VS	FRANCE
11 FEB	14:15	IRELAND	VS	FRANCE
11 FEB	16:45	SCOTLAND	VS	WALES
12 FEB	15:00	ENGLAND	VS	ITALY
25 FEB	14:15	ITALY	VS	IRELAND
25 FEB	16:45	WALES	VS	ENGLAND
26 FEB	15:00	FRANCE	VS	SCOTLAND
11 MAR	14:15	ITALY	VS	WALES
11 MAR	16:45	ENGLAND	VS	FRANCE
12 MAR	15:00	SCOTLAND	VS	IRELAND
18 MAR	12:30	SCOTLAND	VS	ITALY
18 MAR	14:45	FRANCE	VS	WALES
18 MAR	17:00	IRELAND	VS	ENGLAND

FREE NIBBLES

Mock Alliance Christmas Party



INSIDE THE CLUBHOUSE

We are very lucky to have such a great team behind the bar who consistently look after members and visitors with a warm welcome.

Manning the bar and the kitchen during the winter months is a challenge but we are heading towards spring and look forward to more hustle and bustle as the days get longer.

Our new Social Committee under the Chairmanship of Julian Pellatt has a packed programme planned for this year so look out for the posters around the clubhouse and please support Club events if you can.

February 3rd sees the re-start of Fry-Day Fish and Chips and the introduction of Happy Friday which gives members an additional 5% (total 17.5%) off wine by the glass, draught beer and cider all day with a member's bar card.



Pies, Sausage Rolls and Cakes

During the winter months a selection of pies, sausage rolls and cakes will be available to purchase from the bar.

Clubhouse & Chari-tee



THE SNUG BAR

Our new look snug is a big improvement and proving popular with members and visitors – with thanks to the House Committee.



CAPTAINS' CHARITY FUN DAY

Something new for this year is a Captains' Charity Fun Day which is being held on **Sunday April 2nd** as a combined effort by both Club Captains. Starting at 9am, there will be a longest drive competition on the first – with age categories to encourage everyone to get involved. This will be followed by a shotgun start team event (3 from 4) with great team prizes for both ladies and gents teams. Look out for more details nearer the time.

Fundraising so far this year has included:

- Christmas Shopping Night
- Quizzes
- Tabletop Sales
- Donations
- Christmas Hamper Raffle

Thank you for all your support



**King's Coronation
Charity AMAM
& BBQ
Monday 8th May**



NEWS IN BRIEF

GRANTS NEWS

We have received £2,000 from Insurance Company Allianz to further improve our long game practice area outdoor teeing off areas and the path leading from the car park. This grant was only available for 'grass roots' sports projects and there were limited funds available so we are very pleased to have been chosen.

We have been awarded £1,000 from Wales Golf from their Girls Fund to support additional coaching activities for junior girls this spring, including 'Bring A Friend' sessions to hopefully expand the number of Junior Girl members and further grow our Academy.

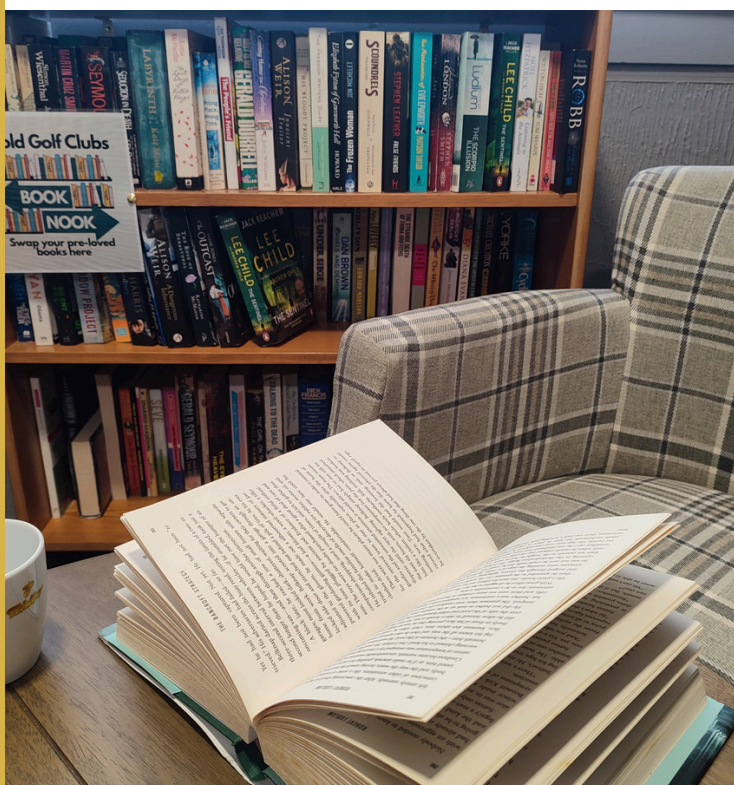
£4,000 has been received from Wales Golf towards our solar panel project with a further grant to the same value from another source in the pipeline.

FIXTURE BOOK

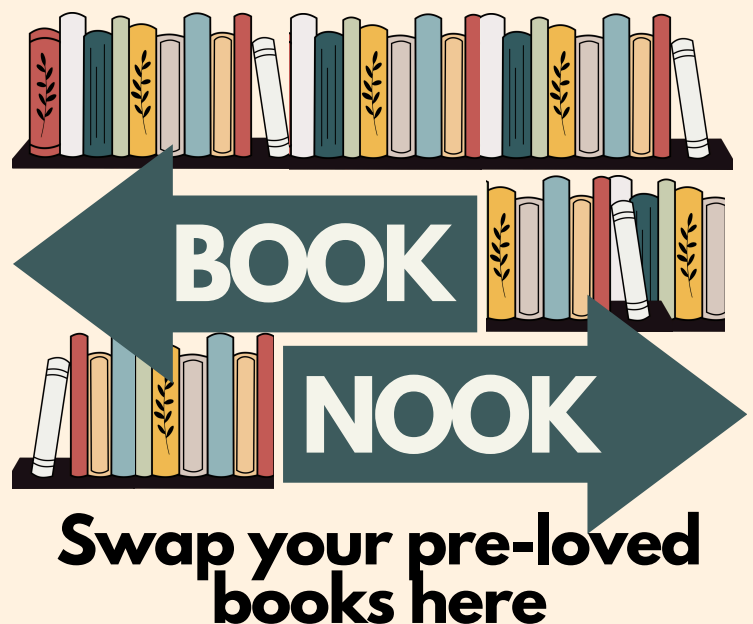
The 2023 fixture book is available to view online. This year, to avoid waste, a limited number of copies will be printed and available from the Pro Shop on a first come first served basis. We will notify all members when the fixture book arrives.

BOOK NOOK

The new Book Nook in the snug is available for all members to swap any pre-loved books for your enjoyment.



Mold Golf Club's





Mold Golf Club Joker Draw



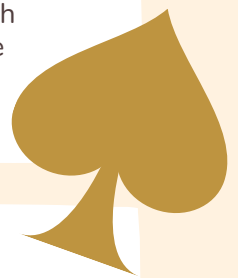
What is it?

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



After a tough few weeks of closures due to the icy and snowy conditions, we were relieved to be back open again here at the Academy and Proshop. We made the most of the downtime by preparing for a big year of golf development with our new PGA coaching team now in place.

Both Matt and Robin's diaries are open for private lessons alongside my own, both indoors in the Trackman studio or outside utilising our fantastic training facilities.

A reminder that Matt and Robin have introduced large numbers of participants to golf in North Wales over the years using an array of unique and fun coaching methods. Both have a passion for golf coaching and will assist us in delivering our award-winning junior section and growing the game of golf, whilst providing more coaching styles to our Academy. We are providing them with our highest level of support to help them make their time here at Mold a success whilst, in return, benefitting from their professional services. All lesson diaries are now open within the reception/proshop.

Pro Shop

We currently have a clearance clothing rack and shoes available at up to 50% off as we make way for the new 2023 products. The Proshop is well stocked with new products arriving each week at internet prices. We also offer a price match guarantee, so our prices cannot be beaten.

We offer an in-house custom fit service for Ping, including the new G430 family, so if you are considering new clubs we can help.

Trackman Tuesdays

You can now hire our indoor TrackMan studio from just £5 per player every Tuesday. 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 for the season ahead. Email Craig at lessons@tudorgolf.co.uk for further information.



As always please let us know if there is anything you require that we don't currently have in-store as we have access to all of the world's leading golf brands through our retail partner, Foregolf, Chester.

Finally, good luck for the start of the new season and please don't hesitate to get in touch if there is anything we can assist you with.

Craig Tudor

PGA Head Professional



2023 NEW2GOLF SCHEME

LEARN TO PLAY GOLF AT MOLD GOLF CLUB

FREE TASTER SESSION DATES

ADULTS 4TH MARCH 13.30-15.30

ADULTS 11TH MARCH 13.30-15.30

KIDS (PRIMARY) 5TH MARCH 10.00-12.00

KIDS (SECONDARY) 5TH MARCH 13.00-15.00

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