



A GOOD TIME TO JOIN!

Suspension of the Joining Fee boosts Membership



Kathy Leach is seeing lots of new faces at her Welcome meetings for golfers wishing to join Marlborough.

So far this year 28 have become members taking advantage of the window offered by the suspension of the joining fee. The latest batch (pictured with Kathy and vice captain Richard Pickles) enjoyed an informal 'meet and greet' session last week over a drink in the bar.

Hopes are high that we will very soon be calling "House Full!" once figures for membership renewal are known. With the reintroduction of five-day membership and the green fee vouchers, the signs are good.

Joining fees are sure to be debated again by the new committee. The £50 Bounty is still in operation so now is the time to introduce any waverers!

GOLF CLASSIC VICTORY

Mark Sadler captained the Marlborough team that swept to a 4 1/2 to 1 1/2 victory at Upavon last Saturday. We now go forward to round three of the Mail on Sunday Golf Classic, the finals of which are due to be played at Golf El Rompido in southern Spain from 26 to 30 November.

David Bauer in the lead match, giving 9 shots, found himself one down after the first, not a shot hole, when his opponent 'canned' his approach shot for a birdie three! After being four down at the turn, David showed the grit that helped win Wilts League One last season by taking the match on eighteen.

Hugh Crossan, Graham Sampson and Brian Wood completed the Marlborough team. Well done to them all and many thanks to Upavon for their hospitality and sportsmanship.

NEW COMMITTEE, NEW CHAIRMAN, NEW IDEAS!

Barrie Reardon-Smith, our chairman for the last three years has decided to take a well-earned break from committee work and was delighted when Gordon Kenneth agreed to take on this challenging role. Gordon has changed the committee structure introducing several new sub-sections to face the challenges ahead in an increasingly competitive marketplace.

In comes marketing, communications and captain's office, among others, and we welcome new committee members Rod Trimbo, Nick Munton,

Neil Patch, Matt Reed and Paul Mapson. At a meeting on Monday challenging targets were agreed for what promises to be an exciting year. "and the sub-committee chairmen have already produced schedules of things that must be done to achieve these targets", says Gordon.

Barrie is continuing his role of acting (unpaid) general manager! Though he is hoping that this may not be necessary for much longer - more on this next week. From us all, Barrie, a big thank you for all the time and effort you have given us.

OUR DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS CLEAR FIRST HURDLE



Marlborough Town Council have met to consider the club's proposals for the tennis club, extended practice area and landscaping alongside the A346.

John Sullivan came hotfoot from the meeting to give the committee, who were also in session that evening, the good news that the Council backed our submission in principal and

should formally endorse it in April. This will allow us to seek Kennet District Council's planning approval.

John continues to give his time to this important project which would have major benefits to the club and the local community generally. Fingers crossed.

SPORTS QUIZ

What a great Friday night we had! The sports quiz put together and presented by Roger Henry was more than just a quiz - we had the big screen down in the dining room, computer controlled video footage and a vast range of sports with questions demanding observational skills as well as memory and sporting knowledge.

The room was packed and although it was a fun evening there was enough competition for points to make it interesting! Winners and runners-up took home some nice bottles of wine. With a break for lasagne or chicken curry we finished just in time to get home for Match of the Day!

Roger promises to do it again and now we



know what to expect book early to avoid disappointment.

If you have an idea for a social evening, why not contact Matt Reed who is chairing the Social committee this year and give it a go?

NEXT WEEK!

- On Wednesday the Ladies have the LGU Coronation Foursomes.
- The Seniors are away at Royal Winchester on Thursday, tee off 12.00 mid-day
- Friday is a big day for captain Frank Nicholls as he hosts a supper to mark the end of his year.
- Then on Sunday we welcome the new captain, Richard Pickles, who will be Driving In at 12.30. A £5 brunch is being served from 11.00 until 1.00 which non-competitors are also welcome to enjoy. Lots of prizes up for grabs including a round of golf for four at Burford.

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- Meet the new general manger, Les Trute.
- Our new captain and his team.
- Jack Hiscock and Emma Breen - what next?