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Winter Wonderland



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A 'fine' start to 2019, literally for some!

THE weather has been very kind so far, cold at times, but it has still given us a good start to the year.

It all began with the New Year's Eve Party, which was a free evening of Open Mic and Disco. It was a success with 40-60 people turning up to enjoy the revelry, which I think everyone did.

One of my first ventures into competitive golf in 2019 was when the Seniors Section invited me to join them in their Annual Texas Scramble. Thanks for the invite, and also for their efforts in raising money for the Captains' Charities.

Towards the end of January, I also took part in the Captain's Select (Saturday Boys) vs The Rose Garden Charity Match. We were fortunate to enjoy good weather and the golf was played in great spirit, as we were all aware that the day was all about charity fund raising.

Thank you to Glen Gulla and Andy Foster for arranging the match, which raised £1,300 on the day, split between 'We Mind & Kelly Matters' and the two Captain's Charities.

Andy and myself took on Glen and our Tour professional Ryan Evans (pictured below). The results did not matter - it was just nice to watch Ryan play a great game of golf.

Ryan donated all his winnings back to the charity - a gesture which was matched by everyone, including Martin Dalton.

It was a great day, followed by an evening of fines lashed out by 'Judge' Billy Harris and his 'Kangaroo Court' promptly collected by henchman Neil 'Nelly' Redding. Thank you to the ladies Ida, Josie and Lema for joining us and making this another inclusive golf event at Wellingborough.

For those who avoided a fine, or who weren't playing, need to be aware that they will need to stay lucky for the rest of the year because anyone who goes in the Captain's Bunker and Out of Bounds on the 18th Hole will be due to pay a 'fine' of £1!

Members can buy 'Immunity' for the year by paying a small amount of £5 at the Bar. Good luck for the season!

2019 Club Captain, George Khaw





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# Winter Golf will get us ready for busy 2019

LADIES Captain Sally McKeown said: "Well, with Christmas and New Year celebrations, and a little Birthday, all done for another year, we have truly launched into 'Winter Golf'.

"The Ladies Winter League is going well - the scores have been coming in thick and fast. The weather has been quite kind to us, with the course only having been closed for two days so far.

"My sincere thanks go out to all of the ladies who came to take down the Christmas decorations. I could barely believe the speed that they were all taken down, the place cleaned and restored to 'normal' - what a team!

"I hope that we can all get out on the course and enjoy more winter golf, with the expectation of better days to come.

"The Ladies have two Exchange Days to look forward to, a new addition to the Friendly matches - Woburn (pictured), and our Ladies holiday to Bicester Hotel Golf and Spa. Happy days!"



## Tap-Ins

**ELLIOTT West and Stephen West were successful in the opening event of 2019 as a tally of 40 points secured victory in the Kelly Bowls on New Year's Day. The Wests were also part of the winning team in the January Medal Minus Stableford.**

ANYONE wishing to play in the Ladies Cecil Leitch team is advised to come along to the first practice session on Monday, February 4th at 11.00am. The 'Ladybirds' are meeting on the putting green.

**PETER Hall has been serving up some 'tasty' golf during the off season with the Club Chef progressing into the Seniors Winter Singles KO semi-finals when he will play Steve Hughes.**

COUNTBACK was required in the American Foursomes Stableford after two pairs carded the leading mark of 46 points. Ian McLaven and Daniel McLaven came out on top ahead of Michael Billson and Richard Reynolds.

**THE revised Rules of Golf came into force at the start of 2019. Collect a new book from the Competitions Room.**

FIFTY one points was the winning score in the January Mixed Competition as Richard Briggs, Pat Briggs, Edward Roderick, Denise Roderick, Joseph Joyce and Susan Joyce grabbed the honours.

**The Mexican Theme Night takes place on Saturday, February 9th. Please book via catering.**

FOR the time being, members and guests are strongly advised to use fairway mats. Please make sure you return your mat afterwards.

**WITH pages to fill in the Wellingborough Club Magazine, there are plenty of opportunities to advertise during the year. Please contact the Club Office to get your message across to the members and visitors in 2019.**

# WE MIND AND KELLY MATTERS

FOLLOWING the tragic recent death of Wellingborough Golf Club member John Hewitt's daughter Kelly, the Club have backed a MIND Charity campaign to raise aware of mental health issues.

The Club held a challenge match between the Rose Garden team and the Saturday Boys (Captain's) team on Saturday, January 26th.

The day raised £1300, which will be split between the 'WE MIND AND KELLY MATTERS' campaign and the two Captain's Charities, Headway and Wellibus.



Event organiser Glen Gulla said: "We did it to make awareness for the MIND Charity in the name of Kelly Hewitt, who sadly recently passed away.

"We are all really good friends and whilst it was emotional, we all had a great day so a massive thank you to everyone who took part, particularly the Club Captain and his team."



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# Inspiring boys and girls to take up the game we love

YOUNGSTERS of all ages and golfing abilities will be given the opportunity to play in a new series of nine-hole competitions every fortnight on Sundays at Wellingborough GC this season.

With the first event scheduled for March 10th at 3pm, anyone interested in taking part is advised to contact the Club Office or Junior Organiser Nigel Grimmitt.

The Club have also confirmed they have scrapped the staggered annual membership fee for juniors up to the age of 18 years old - all boys and girls will now pay £75 to be a member of Wellingborough.



Grimmitt said: "Please encourage your children, or children you know are interested in playing golf, to take up this excellent opportunity and gain access to our wonderful junior coaching facility.

"Regular Junior Golf Coaching sessions are held by our PGA Professional James Whittemore (pictured left). The cost of each one hour session is just £5 per child.

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- An opportunity to meet and develop new friendships outside of school time.
- Development of social skills with players of all age groups within the club.
- Encourage fair play in a competitive sport.
- The chance to develop and progress to play at county golf level and beyond.

"If you would like your child to take part, or you know someone who may be interested, please contact James on 01933 677234 option 2, or email [james.whittemore@wellingboroughgolfclub.com](mailto:james.whittemore@wellingboroughgolfclub.com).

"We hold our own Junior golfers in high esteem and our aim is to promote the game of golf and inspire young boys and girls from the local area to take up the game we love."

## Young members Isaac, Jack and Olivia set to benefit from new County Junior Elite Academy

ISAAC Redding and Jack Meakin (pictured right) took part in the first session of the new NGL Junior Elite Academy as 26 boys and girls, aged between seven and 13, from across the county showed their skills at Overstone Park GC.

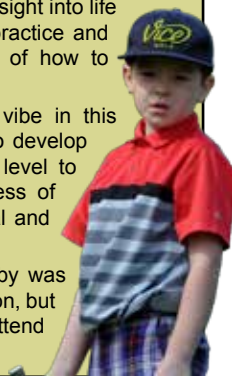
The players, including new Wellingborough member Sonny Lennon, were also given the special opportunity to tap into the knowledge of Tour pro Gary Boyd in a question and answer session.

Wellingborough member Mike Gilbrook, who organised the get together as part of his role as the NGL Player Development and Coaching Director, says Isaac, Jack, and all the other youngsters learnt a lot during the day.

He said: "Gary gave us an insight into life on Tour, what and how to practice and offered a general overview of how to make it to elite level golf.

"There is a really positive vibe in this group and we are looking to develop the amazing talent to elite level to ensure the continued success of Northants at county, national and international level."

Wellingborough's Olivia Barby was also invited for the first session, but unfortunately could not attend due to injury.



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# Mary is crowned 2019 Portuguese Champion



MARY MacLaren added another title to her growing collection as she won the Portuguese Senior Ladies Open Championship over 36 holes on the Old and Pinhal courses at Dom Pedro.

Last year's Wellingborough Ladies Captain posted 80 over the Pinhal layout in the opening round to lead alongside British Senior Champion Laura Webb. Finland's Minna Kaarnalahti, who is

a former winner of the Portuguese tournament, was just a single stroke further off the pace.

With the three players competing together in the final group on the last day, the Ireland international (pictured above) kept her nerve as a round of 79 nudged her one ahead of Kaarnalahti, with Webb and England's Linda Hunt a further two shots off the pace.

MacLaren also won the Nations Cup team prize as she combined with Irish team-mates Webb and Kate Evans to finish ahead of runners-up England.

The 2019 champion said: "Going into the second day, I wasn't quite sure whether to ignore the scores of my playing partners or keep myself up to date. There were no scoreboards at this event, so I decided to keep count.

"After being one behind after nine holes, I got myself one ahead early on the back nine, before Minna holed from 15 feet for par on the 15th hole.

"I had about 12 feet for par so knew I needed to follow her in, otherwise we would be level again - fortunately I managed to hole my putt!

"On the 18th, I was still one ahead of Minna, with Laura a couple behind. On the green, I had about 40 foot left, while Minna had about 25 foot.

"I putted up to four feet and she left her's stone dead - so I knew what I had to do and happily my putt dropped in the middle.

"I then found out my 79 was the lowest score of the day, so the title was mine!

"I've played in this event five or six times and always been there or thereabouts so to finally come out on top was a real thrill; especially as there were some quality players this year.

"It was a great way start to the year, so fingers crossed this is the first of many trophies in the MacLaren household for 2019."

## A selfie with a funny man...

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# Did Meg, Ryan and Kyson strike oil in the middle east?

CLUB professionals Meghan MacLaren, Ryan Evans, and Kyson Lloyd have all spent time in the middle east in recent weeks as they look to find top form this season.

MacLaren was in action in the opening event on the 2019 Ladies European Tour as she took part in the Fatima Bint Mubarak Open at Saadiyat Beach GC.

After shooting 75 in the opening round to sit in the top 30, the 24-year-old slipped back with a score of 78, before compiling a level par 72 on the final day to finish in 41st position as former Wellingborough member Charley Hull grabbed the top prize.

The next few weeks are a busy time for MacLaren as she competes in a collection of tournaments in Australia, starting with the ISPS Handa Vic Open in Victoria on February 7th.

With the event making its debut on the LPGA Tour, a strong field will be taking part including British Open champion Georgia Hall, Minjee Lee and Brooke Henderson, who are all in the world's top 10.

MacLaren will return to the LET for the Australian Ladies Classic at Bonville GC, followed by the ActewAGL Canberra Classic at Royal Canberra GC, before she defends her Women's NSW Open at Queanbeyan GC on March 7th.

Both Evans and Lloyd, meanwhile, geared up for their seasons by attempting to grab a place in the Omega Dubai Desert Classic on the Men's European Tour at Emirates GC as they played in a qualifying event on the MENA Tour.

Needing to secure a top three finish at Dubai Hills GC, Evans started brightly with half a dozen birdies in an opening round of 70, before moving up to four-under-par with an eagle on the eighth hole on the last day.

The 31-year-old, who has a European Challenge Tour card for 2019 after competing on the main tour last season, was unable to maintain the momentum as he dropped shots at the ninth, 12th and 18th holes to finish in 16th position.

Evans posted on Twitter: "Enjoyable couple of days playing at @DubaiHillsGolf in the @theMENATour shootout for the @OmegaDDC 70/73 for -1. Not good enough to qualify but it was good fun."

Fellow club pro Lloyd (pictured) saw his hopes of collecting an early 27th birthday present end in qualifying as he carded an opening round of 80, before adding a one-under-par 71.

After working hard on his game over the last few months, Lloyd's tally of five birdies and an eagle, on the fifth hole, on day two will give him confidence going into the season.





## Results

### Ladies 14-hole Stableford (January 29th):

**Silver Division:** 1 Jackie Mudd (27 points), 2 Carol Gibbs (25), 3 Mary MacLaren (25). **Bronze Division:** 1 Pat Dawson (28), 2 June Smith (27), 3 Sue Keyes (25).

### Mixed Competition (January 27th):

1 Richard Briggs, Pat Briggs, Edward Roderick, Denise Roderick, Joseph Joyce & Susan Joyce (51 points), 2 Rod Gibbs, Carol Gibbs, Andrew Woods, Fran Woods, Graham Thompson & Liz Waine (50), 3 Martin Evans, Anne Evans, Michael Billson, Sally McKeown, Richard Munns & Ida Jane Huggins (50).

### Ladies Texas Scramble (January 22nd):

**1 Carol Gibbs, Rachael Owen & Gaynor Arnott (net 56.8), 2 Ruth Bowe, Kate Nolan & Caroline Anstee (58.2), 3 Sally Mckeown, Pat Dawson & Libby David (58.9).**

### January Medal Minus Stableford (January 20th):

1 Mark Rashley, Tim Coleman, Steve West & Elliott West (net 21), 2 Mark Hawkins, Josh Hawkins, Dave Hawkins & Ash Connolly (23), 3 Dave Fairhead, Robert Hurson, Mark Nesbitt & Mark Anderson (23).

### January Midweek Stableford (January 17th):

**1 Mark Davis (38 points), 2 John Arnott (38), 3 Paul Jackson (34).**

### Ladies January Stableford (January 15th):

**Silver Division:** 1 Jackie Banks (42 points), 2 Sue Holland (41), 3 Liz Waine (40). **Bronze Division:** 1 Pat Dawson (48), 2 Liz Beaumont (41), 3 Jenny Wilkinson (40).

### Mixed Competition (January 13th):

**1 Rod Gibbs, Carol Gibbs, Jim Boughton, Sandra Boughton, Liz Waine & Michael Billson (94 points), 2 Ian Marshall, Sue Sharp, John Collins, Christine Collins, Martyn Smith & June Smith (93), 3 John Banks, Jackie Banks, Nick Palmer, Liz Palmer, Paul Sisman & Jane Sisman (92).**

### Seniors 3 Clubs & Putter (January 9th):

1 Donald Mobbs, pictured above (37 points), 2 David Birkett (36), 3 Steve Hughes (34).

### Ladies January Stableford (January 8th):

**Silver Division: 1 Susan Holland (27 points), 2 Mollie Graham (24). Bronze Division: 1 Sue Sharp (26), 2 Gaynor Arnott (24).**

### American Foursomes Stableford (January 6th):

1 Ian McLaven & Daniel McLaven (46 points), 2 Michael Billson & Richard Reynolds (46), 3 Richard Brown & Martyn Annis (45).

### Kelly Bowls (January 1st):

**1 Elliott West & Stephen West (40 points), 2 Richard Izzard & Gerrard Tomkins (39), 3 Ted Carroll & Nigel Thompson (38).**

### Ladies Invitation (December 28th):

1 Yvonne Jolly & Hash Shah (33 points), 2 Carol Gibbs & Rod Gibbs (32), 3 Jane Sisman & Gerry Mcgrady (30).

### Junior December Stableford (December 27th):

**1 Harris Chacksfield (41 points), 2 James Brazier (31), 3 Michael Hinds (30).**

### Boxing Day Competition (December 26th):

1 Elliott West & Mike Gilbrook (47 points), 2 Kevin Slaney & Graham Bayes (47), 3 Andy Cox & Dan Barker (46).





# Honours Boards

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Therefore, during the start of this year, we updated the honours boards in the clubhouse to include all club tournaments that took place in our 125th anniversary year in 2018.

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| Tue 5th  | 10:00-13:00 | Ladies 14 hole Competition      |
| Wed 6th  | 08:30-11:00 | Seniors Competition             |
| Fri 9th  | 18:00-23:00 | Mexican Theme Night (Vaux Room) |
| Sun 10th | 10:50-13:00 | Mixed Competition               |
| Tue 12th | 10:00-13:00 | Ladies 14 Hole Competition      |
| Thu 14th | From 08:00  | Yellow Tee Midweek Stableford   |
| Sun 17th | 08:15-13:15 | Men's Competition (All Tees)    |
| Tue 19th | 10:00-13:00 | Ladies 14 Hole Competition      |
| Fri 22nd | 19:30-22:30 | Quiz Night (Bar & Snack Area)   |
| Sun 24th | 10:50-13:00 | Mixed Competition               |
| Tue 26th | 10:00-13:00 | Ladies 14 Hole Competition      |



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