

THE 19th HOLE



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Welcome to the May Edition of the 19th Hole. A great deal has gone on during the past month especially with regards to the golf course, which is not only looking good, but playing well also. Over the coming weeks we expect a lot of visitors to Morpeth especially with the Seniors Open Competition being held on Thursday 14 June as well as other society bookings, and I expect that they will go away with good reports about Morpeth.

With regards to the Seniors Open it is my intention that the organisation on the day is both efficient and professional and that visitors go away with the feeling that they have been well looked after.

With that in mind I have spoken to a number of members who are willing to help with the allocation of cards, selling of raffle tickets etc, but we still have room for a few more. So I would be grateful for two things – volunteers to help on the day and prizes for the raffle. All proceeds from these events go to benefit us, the members of Morpeth Golf Club.

If you can help, in any way, please leave your name with Margaret or Marie in the office. Many thanks, Ted Cromar.



On a lighter note I have included pictures of some Morpeth members out in La Cala, Spain and Vilamoura in Portugal

GREENS REPORT

The weather has picked up as has the condition of the course. The greens have been inconsistent but significant verticutting, top dressing and scarifying along with warmer temperatures have resulted in the surfaces getting better week by week.

A lot of positive feedback has been

received with many members and visitors saying it is the best they have seen the course for this time of year.

The bunkers at 11 and 18 have now all been filled with new sand and all seed is sown and starting to grow. They should be in play in about a month or so.

The new sprayer has arrived and it will be a valuable addition to range of machinery.

The greens staff are grateful to all the members who have supported the volunteer programme. This will benefit the course throughout the season. It is fair to say that without the volunteers we wouldn't be in the position we are now and the "5th man" makes a huge difference to the presentation of the course.

Keith



PRO SHOP

June is Morpeth Golf Club fitting month.

PXG are here for their 5* Fitting experience on Wednesday 13th June.

Ping have their full range of Demo clubs here for people to try and be fitted for

from Monday 18th June for 7 days.

A Calloway demo day is also coming soon.

Please contact the shop to arrange your appointments.

GET INTO GOLF

Get into Golf Ladies and Mixed Adult sessions have started in May.

So far there are 18 participants. The next Ladies only course starts on Wednesday 6th June at 6-7pm. To book your place please visit <https://www.getintogolf.org/club/morpeth-golf-club/>



CAPTAINS CORNER

CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT

Newcastle and District League.

What a great start our team have had in the NDGL. For our first three games our results have been;

Home win against Westerhope 10-2

Away win at Arcot Hall 7-5

Home win against Blyth 10-2

As the League stands we are in 5th position, only 4 points behind the leaders.

LADY CAPTAIN

This month has been busy with the Ladies team matches. With the First, Second, T R Percy and Norah Percy teams all having, won one, lost one and halved one. These are great results so early in the season.

The Ladies Choice was played on Sunday 13 May and was won by Colleen and Colin Brown with a score of 64.8.

The County Vets Championship was held on 9 May and our very own, Christine Oliver, got through to the semi finals. Well done Christine.

Julie

SINTON'S JUNIOR ACADEMY

We have had an extremely good start to the season, going from strength to strength, Along with new members we have 56 juniors turning up for weekly coaching on a Thursday evening.

I would just like to let members know that the practice fairway, academy holes and 1st tee is booked from 6pm-8pm in order for the coaching to take place.

I would like, once again, to thank Sintons Law for sponsoring Morpeth Golf Club Junior Section once again this year.

MORPETH JUNIORS

So Far this season the Junior Team has played 2 matches.

A 7-5 loss to league favourites Hexham and a 10-2 victory against The City of Newcastle.

Cameron Fletcher - Smith has been selected to represent Northern Counties Select U16s Team to play against Yorkshire.

Martyn

GREEN'S STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

What a fantastic job our greens staff and volunteers are doing on the course.

In over 40 years as a member I have never seen the course in such good condition at this time of the year. Well done lads...keep up the good work.

GULLANE TRIP

Thanks to everyone for putting their names down for our trip to the Scottish Open at Gullane on Friday 13 July. The bus is now full. I am sure that we will all have a good day.

Finally my daughter's Emma and Katherine head out to Ensenada in Mexico with the Christian Charity M10 Missions to carry out voluntary work in August 2018. There are still tee times available for the Texas Scramble on Sunday 10 June to help raise funds for this trip. If you would like to take part in this event it would be much appreciated. Please contact the Pro-shop to book.

Jim

MORPETH B. & P. GOLF SOCIETY

This society operates within Morpeth Golf Club and has been in existence since 1955. It was originally formed to encourage businessmen members of Morpeth Golf Club to bring guests from other clubs to enjoy a friendly game of golf and some hospitality. Until very recently, the society was only open to men who were members of Morpeth Golf Club.

The society has recently changed its membership rules to welcome lady members and also welcome friends from other golf clubs as members.

The society has two golf days each year, both at Morpeth, and members bring along a guest from another club to play with them in a better ball stableford competition. The emphasis of each golf day is to have an enjoyable game with an invited friend and follow that up with a meal and a prize and trophy presentation.

Membership of the society costs £20 per annum and that covers the cost of the prizes at each golf day. Members pay a green fee of £10 for their guest and they also meet the cost of the two-course meal afterwards. There are also refreshments

on the course at each of the golf days.

The golf days this year are Thursday 31st May and Thursday 27th September, commencing at about 13.00.

Please therefore think about membership of the society and if you would like to join and have some fun amongst good company then send an email enclosing your details to morpethpeter@btinternet.com and you will be added to our membership list and will be invited to our golf days.

Peter Wilson