



A Web Camera has been installed looking out on to the 1st Tee, to enable members and visitors to the course to see what the weather is like before coming to play. **HOW TO ACCESS IT:** *Go to our Website: www.cradoc.co.uk, go to "The Course", a drop down menu will appear, move your mouse to "1st Tee Web Cam" & click! Click on the "play triangle."*

Thanks from your Captains

Kay & Phil would like to thank all members who played on the opening day of the season.

Thanks go to Richard for the food, *it was excellent!*; Ryan for being in great form, auctioneering; Bev, once again, for her administration and to everyone who bid on the teams in the Battle Auction.

Good luck to everyone in the Battle competition and all of the Match-Play competitions.

Men's Section *Winners of the Wayleave Trophy on Sunday*

14 April with 106 points were:

John Bevan: Handicap 5 – 36 points, Sam Bowring: Handicap 9 - 34 points and Alex Moysen: Handicap 12 - 36 points

Upcoming Competitions:

- ◆ **Sunday 21 April: Huggett Putter – Medal Competition**
- ◆ **Sunday 28 April: Mid Wales Golf Alliance – 4BBB at Penrhos GC**
- ◆ **Sunday 5 May: Rorkes Drift Stableford**

Course Maintenance

Over the last few weeks and During the Next Month:

- ◆ Cutting and shaping the course in general, has begun, it is being cut regularly now. ◆ Fairways have all been Slit tined and the 8th Fairway has been vertidraind and scarified,* as have all Greens. ◆ All Tees have been Vertidraind and scarifying them began on 3/04/19. ◆ The Greens have been given a Turf Tonic to keep them going, warmer temperatures will help.
- ◆ Work has begun on the Bunkers and paths.



***Scarification:** The removal of straggly lateral growth, which tends to be *Moss* or *Thatch*, at the same time removing organic matter from around the base of the grass plants, helps to promote good dense grass growth.

Senior Men's Section

The Winter League competition was keenly contested throughout the winter months.

Three golfers finished on 24 points.

In **joint second** place were

Norman Thomas and Derek Osbourne.

The **winner was Rob Goodwin.**



Well done to everybody who took part.

We have started our summer schedule, but unfortunately we lost our opening match away against Machynys Peninsular Golf Club 6-2.

Ladies Section

Many of the ladies participated in the Opening Day of the season and thoroughly enjoyed the occasion in the sunshine.

Now begins a very busy time in our calendar.

A team of 3 players went to Welshpool recently, in tough conditions they came in with a very commendable score. ♦ **The WG Medal and Bowls** takes place this week and the number signed up for this competition is high; **good luck to all participants.** ♦ Some of our ladies will be playing this weekend in the **MWCGA at Aberystwyth; we wish them well!** ♦ A Ladies' Social will take place later this month; 20 ladies will travel to **The Vale** for an overnight stay, 2 rounds of golf and lots of fun.

It would be great to see everyone there!

Have a good season! **Kay Ladies' Captain**

Congratulations to *Cradoc's* team: **Ronnie Cresswell & Chris Williams; Mags Jones & Brian W Evans; Nikki & Colin Dutfield**, who won their first match in the **2019 Ping Mixed Match-Play at the Grove GC at Pontardawe**

Juniors Junior coaching sessions: It has been great to see so many positives coming out of the first block of sessions; the number of young people who have turned up every week and made good progress in a just a few short weeks is commendable. ***The Juniors have surpassed my expectations***, with some of them going onto the course last week (8/04). With the weather becoming warmer, with longer and lighter evenings I hope to see the course busier with the Junior Golfers. **We are coming to the end of the first block of sessions.** If you know any young people who would like to join the group for the next block of 6 lessons, please contact me or the ladies in the office and their name(s) will be added. The 1st session begins April 29th; Young Juniors starts at 5:30pm with Older Juniors at 6:30pm.

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