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WELSH GUARDS ASSOCIATION GOLF SOCIETY WGA/GOLF 13th AUGUST 2024

ASSOCIATION MEETING MACHYNYS PENINSULA GOLF CLUB 28th AUGUST

Howdie Y’all,

Sorry this letter is reaching you a little later than usual, but I have only just managed to escape from Alcatraz, and fly home from my US holiday, thanks again for your good wishes. Paul and Mark have informed me that Morlias Castle was a great day at a great course. The weather looked terrific from the photos I’ve seen, and may I take this opportunity to thank Paul and Mark for standing in for me on the day and also Gavin Cunningham for his help in organizing the meeting at his home club. The results for the day are as follows: Winner Mike George 39 points, 2nd Paul Conlon 38 points and 3rd WO. Ryan Jayne 37 points. Nearest pin Martyn Griffiths, Longest Drive L/Sgt Thomas Price and the Two’s Major Max Sexton £33. Mike is cut two shots and Paul one off their playing handicaps at the next meeting. There were other good scores on the day also, so, well played everyone!

Machynys Peninsula Golf Course 28th August 2024

As we started in my hometown of Llanelli last year, this year we end there, as they have given us another great deal to play at this championship golf course. The first Jack Nicklaus designed golf course in Wales, set on the Loughor estuary with fantastic views of the Gower Peninsula. I’m sure everyone will enjoy this golfing experience, also it is a lovely course to play for the “52 Griffiths Cup” kindly donated last year by Martyn Griffiths. It is hard to believe that we are at the last meeting of the year already, it seems like we’ve only just started. As this is the last meeting the Player of the Year 2024 will be decided and will be awarded the Colonel Malcolm Trophy, (The Dragon). Brad and Gav as holders of the trophies please bring them suitably engraved. The top eight players over the first three meetings will play in the last two groups to decide the winner. They are:

Jack Badham 101 Points, Geriant Hughes 98 points, Rob O’Rourke 98 Points Capt. Peter Richardson 94 Points, John Morgan 94 points, Shane Pullen 92 Points, Derek Mangan 87 points, Martyn Griffiths 85 points, should any of these players not be available on the day the next player with the best score will move up.

Itinerary

09.30hrs Arrive at Machynys Peninsula Golf Club

09.45hrs Tea, Coffee & Bacon Rolls

11.00hrs First tee off time

17.00hrs 2 Course Evening meal (Depending on timings prize giving will be before the meal)

Cost

The cost of the day for Welsh Guards will be £45 for coffee and a bacon roll, a round of golf, and a two-course meal. Guests are welcome at a cost of £50 for the day. We get a donation from Association funds for the prizes. Non-Players are welcome at a cost of £25 for coffee, bacon roll and meal.

Golf Competition

This will be an 18-hole Stableford competition played off full World Handicap System playing handicap maximum 28. For those playing and are not a club member and do not have a WHS handicap and are unsure what their handicap is, I will allow a maximum handicap of 28. This is due to several players having a high handicap and this will be adjusted as necessary. For players who are club members, I ask you to look at your playing handicap for the course on your App and put your course playing handicap down onto your returns sheet, this will, hopefully, save me a lot of administration on the day! We will play in groups of 3/4 players off the yellow tees. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, nearest the pin and longest drive. There will be a two’s competition on the par 3’s involving a £1 entry fee on the day for those wishing to join in. If there are no twos on the day, the prize money will roll over to birdies on the par 4’s and if no birdies on them it will roll over to par 5’s.

Those of us who have won or were a runner up in previous meetings, don’t forget the cut off your playing handicap. Guests are welcome and as before if there are enough of them, I will arrange a swindle competition for them to play.

Attendance Returns Form

PLEASE, PLEASE, send these in, it is very important that these are filled in and returned to me either by email or post. Having it saves me a great deal of admin in knowing who is attending. All returns including Nil returns, to be in no later than August 23rd, 2024. As it is a bank holiday weekend, if you are bringing a guest/guests I have added sections for their details on the return forms. Any cancellations thereafter will incur a cost to the player unfortunately.

If you would like to attend, complete your return and send it to my above email or home address.

Payments

All payments are to be made by BACS to “Welsh Guards Treasurers Account” Account No. 00647065 Sort code 30-11-75 Ref WG Golf. Or if you are unable to do this payment can be made by cheque made out to Welsh Guards Treasurers Account” and sent with your return to my address. I will NOT be accepting cash on the day. If you are bringing a Guest / Guests, please add their payment to yours. All BACS / Cheque payments should be made by the 23rd of August 2024

Address Of Golf Club

Machynys Peninsula Golf and Country Club, Nicklaus Avenue, SA15 2DG

Directions

Leave M4 at Junction 47, follow signs for A483 Swansea, at the roundabout take exit onto A484 and follow it for 1½ miles, at the next roundabout exit for B4304 to Llanelli, follow the B4304 for approx. 5 miles following signs for golf course.

If you require buggies, please contact the pro shop on 01554 744888 to make your own arrangements.

I am looking forward to seeing you all again and hope we have a great last meeting of the year for the Association.

Have nice day,

Steve