

Mond Valley Golf Club Newsletter

October 2026

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Editor's Note:



Well, in the blink of an eye, another golfing season draws to a close. And what a season it has been.

Whether it's climate change, good fortune, or simply the weather gods smiling upon us, we have enjoyed some truly glorious conditions throughout the summer months. While the heatwaves have provided ideal golfing weather for many of us, they have presented a significant challenge for course maintenance. I would like to pay tribute to our Greenkeeping team, who have done a tremendous job keeping the course in excellent condition despite the prolonged dry spells. In my opinion, they have coped remarkably well, and certainly better than some of our neighbouring courses.

I am delighted that our President, Mike Jones, has provided this month's welcome message. It is wonderful to see Mike back after illness, looking well and raring to go once again.

This summer, the clubhouse has been operating with a reduced team as part of efforts to control running costs. While this has occasionally tested the patience of members and understandably placed additional pressure on those remaining, I think it is only fair that we recognise the outstanding efforts of Martine and her staff. Throughout the season they have continued to support members, societies, team fixtures and club events with professionalism and dedication. As the club continues to strengthen its finances following the challenges of Covid and the devastating floods, we all hope a return to full staffing levels will not be too far away.

Our playing sections have once again represented Mond Valley with pride. Most teams held their own and several mounted promotion challenges right up until the closing weeks of the season. Sadly, our Men's 1st Team were relegated after a difficult campaign in which too many results failed to fall their way. In this edition, each section captain has taken the opportunity to reflect on the season and acknowledge those who have supported their teams throughout the year.

Away from competitive golf, I have been hugely encouraged by the success of our summer Music @ the Mond events. These occasions have brought

members, friends and the wider community together, creating a fantastic atmosphere around the clubhouse. I'm please to tell you they will now become a permanent feature in the club calendar. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the events.

Behind the scenes, your committee has been working tirelessly to secure grant funding that will continue to improve the club's facilities. Over the coming months members will begin to see the benefits of this work through projects including:

- A £19,000 grant to improve disabled access.
- A £20,000 grant to enhance the ground floor layout.

In addition, applications have are being worked on to improve facilities even more. I'm sure there will be plenty to report next season when the next Newsletter is shared. These grants have played a major role in transforming Mond Valley over recent years, and much of the credit must go to Chairman Adrian Jones, who has led this work on the club's behalf. We have already seen what successful investment can achieve, and hopefully there is much more to come.

Finally, on a personal note, I would like to thank everyone who takes the time to read the Mond Valley Newsletter each month. The newsletters are intended to provide an honest and accurate snapshot of club life, keeping members informed about the many activities, achievements and challenges that may otherwise go unnoticed. They simply would not be possible without the contributions of section captains, committee members, volunteers and members who regularly share stories, photographs and updates throughout the year.

I suspect this will be the final newsletter of the season, with the next edition appearing around March or April 2027. Until then, I'll be putting the laptop away and taking a well-earned break from newsletter duties.

Thank you for your support throughout the year and, as always...

Happy Golfing

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Welcome from Mike Jones – Mond Valley President

*Many of you will already know **Mike Jones**, one of Mond Valley Golf Club's longest serving and most respected members. As our Club President, Mike has witnessed the club's development over many decades and has played his own important part in its history. I am delighted that Mike has agreed to share some of his story and welcome you to this month's newsletter.*

A Message from Mike Jones, Club President



Hello everyone,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to introduce myself as we welcome you to the October edition of the Mond Valley Newsletter. Looking back over my journey with the club has reminded me just how much Mond Valley has meant to me over the last 60 years.

My connection with the club began while working for Inco Mond, during that time I had the opportunity to become Greenkeeper of the sports grounds. In those days it was a 9-hole golf course alongside bowling greens, hockey pitches, football fields and cricket facilities. Vardra and Glais Rugby Clubs also called the site home.

I spent 33 wonderful years as Greenkeeper working alongside some increasable people. There were to many people to mention that were involved in transforming the course into the 18-hole course we see today, but I would like to mention the late Russell Atkins who was the head greenkeeper at the time. He was not only my boss but a very good friend. Working with him was a pleasure.

Away from the machinery, I was equally passionate about playing golf. I spent countless hours practising and eventually played off a respectable handicap of 4. One of my proudest golfing achievements was representing Mond Valley's 1st Team when we secured promotion to the top division of the Glamorgan League. It is an accomplishment I look back on fondly, and I would love to see the club return to those heights once again.

Golf also opened doors beyond Mond Valley. I had the honour of representing the Welsh Greenkeepers team on six occasions in both British & International tournaments. One particular highlight was when we won the British Golf Greenkeepers Tournament, earning me an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington DC to attend the Golf Course Superintendents of America Conference where President Gerald Ford was the guest of honour. It was an unforgettable experience.



Of course, golf was not my only sporting love. Before fully dedicating myself to golf, I played rugby for Vardre and represented Wales at Under-18 schoolboy level. I later enjoyed playing first class rugby for Swansea and Aberavon before the regional era. I even had a spell in Rugby League with Wigan, an experience

I shall never forget.



I was honoured to serve as Captain of Mond Valley Golf Club in 1990 and equally proud when I was later asked to become Club President. It is a position I hold with great pride.

What makes Mond Valley special is the people. We have a welcoming atmosphere that is difficult to find elsewhere. Despite living almost next door to Pontardawe Golf Club, there is only one place I have ever truly wanted to play, and that is Mond Valley.

Before going any further I would like to thank my wife, Diane, whose support has meant everything to me. I am incredibly proud of my daughters, Amanda and Donna, and my four grandchildren bring me endless joy. One of my grandsons, Zac Davies, has even followed in my golfing footsteps and is now playing at Mond Valley to an impressive handicap of five.

As President and a member of the Board of Directors, I have the privilege of seeing first-hand the continual improvements being made across the club. Steve and his greenkeeping team are doing an excellent job on improving and

maintaining the course, while Martine and her team in both clubhouse and shop make, what can often be a demanding role, look effortless. It is incredibly encouraging to see Mond Valley continue to grow, develop and thrive.

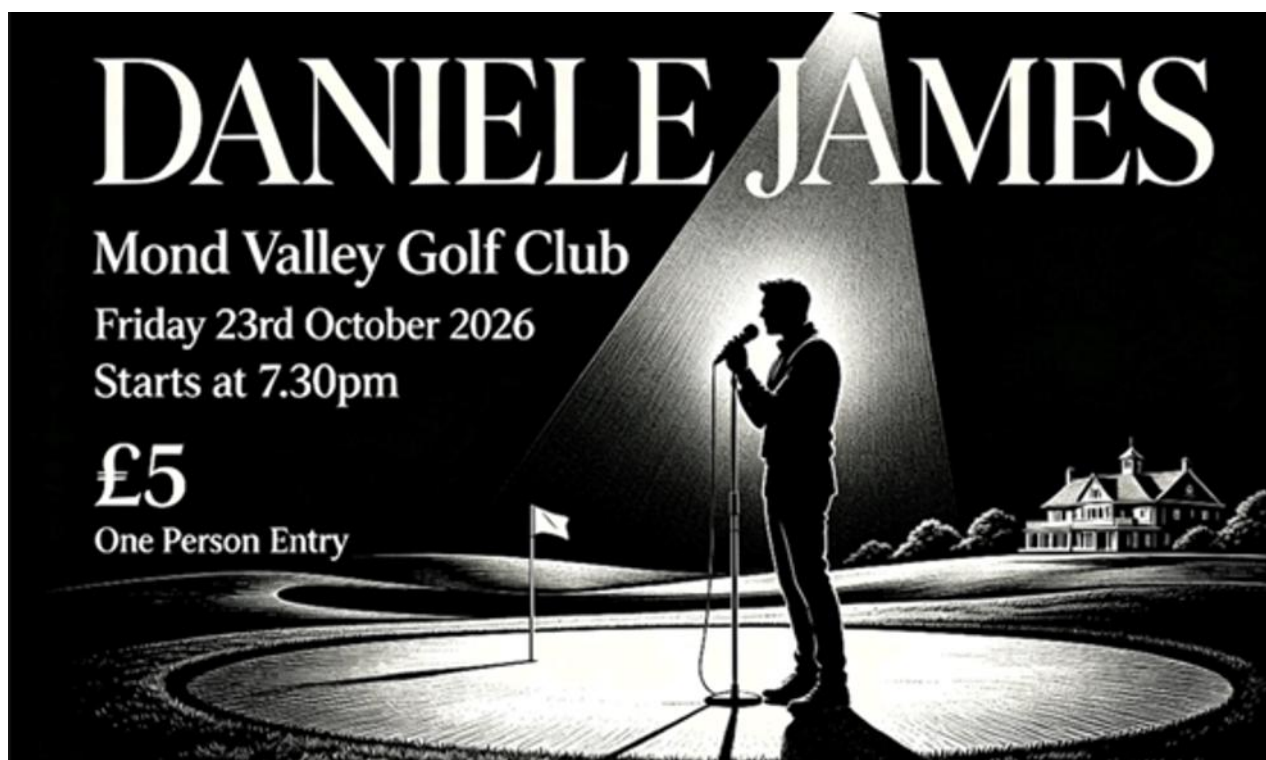
I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to Adrian Jones, our Club Chairman, whose commitment, and dedication to the club never go unnoticed. The same appreciation goes to the many volunteers who serve on the section committees, including Competition, Greens, Juniors, Ladies and Seniors. They play a vital role in the clubs success..

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to The Vale, and before them Inco, for their valued support over the years. Their contribution has been an important part of Mond Valley's journey, and it is greatly appreciated by us all.

If you see me around the club, whether in the bar, on the course or at one of our many social events, please come and say hello. One of the best things about Mond Valley is the friendships made here, and I encourage everyone to get involved, enjoy the events on offer and make the most of being part of our fantastic club. Thank you for your support.

Mike Jones

President, Mond Valley Golf Club



Senior Team Match Report

Rhondda Golf Club - Away – 26th August

Mond Valley Seniors made the trip to Rhondda Golf Club on 26th August, a course that is always a pleasure to visit. Away fixtures are never easy, so coming away with a draw was a very satisfying result

There were excellent wins from Bryn and John (2&1), Paul and Neil (4&2), Tony and Ieuan (3&1), and Peter and Jeff (2&1), ensuring Mond Valley secured a share of the spoils.

As always, the match was played in a fantastic spirit, with both teams enjoying a competitive yet friendly afternoon. It was also a welcome opportunity to tackle some of the challenging and memorable holes that Rhondda Golf Club has to offer.

Final Score:

Rhondda 4 – 4 Mond Valley

Another good result for the Seniors.

Gower – Home 3rd September

With just two matches remaining, our Seniors welcomed Gower to Mond Valley, determined to preserve their unbeaten home record. Once again, our lads rose to the challenge with another impressive performance.

Excellent victories came from Bryn & Steve (5&3), Ray & Craig (2&1), Paul & Tony (5&4), and Neil & Martin (4&2). John & Alan and Webby & Terry both battled hard to secure valuable, halved matches, helping Mond Valley to a convincing victory.

Final Score:

Mond Valley 5 –3 Gower

It was another outstanding team effort and yet another step closer to maintaining our remarkable 100% home record for the season.

Coed Y Mwstwr – Away - Friday 18th September

This is one trip our seniors really enjoy, and it always produces quite a bit of drama, and this was no exception. After some team shuffling due to late availability issues Ray selected a strong team. The first match did not go our way, but Bryn Roberts and Ieuan Jones came home winning 3&2 to tie up the match. After 4 matches it was still all square with Steve M Williams and Steve F Williams bringing in a point.

Then the wheels fell off with 3 losses on the bounce. John Hopkins and Craig Phillips secured the final point of the match 5&3, but it was not enough.

Result: Coed y Mwstwr 5 – 3 Mond Valley



ONE NIGHT. SIX RACES. FULL THROTTLE.

HORSE RACING NIGHT

MOND VALLEY GOLF CLUB

FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER

7PM START | **ALL WELCOME**

BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

THE NIGHT AT THE RACES

Highlights of the 2026 Season:



The Charleston Cup

The most prestigious piece of silverware in the men's golfing calendar is undoubtedly the Charleston Cup, a scratch medal competition to showcase the very best talent Mond Valley has to offer.

This year's final brought together two outstanding players, Howard Florence and Nathan Jones, in what proved to be a fitting contest with both golfers producing a high standard of play throughout a

closely contested match.

Howard was 3 up after 5 holes but Nathan pulled back all square by the 12th. Momentum swung back and forth but with the outcome still in the balance after the 18th hole, it was Nathan Jones who secured a dramatic victory on the 1st extra hole to take the trophy.

Congratulations to Nathan on his success, and commiserations to Howard, who played his part in a memorable final that was a credit to both players.

CC Cup Singles

After producing some excellent golf to reach the final, Lee Arran and Ian Sprake faced off in this year's CC Cup Singles decider. The pressure of the occasion seemed to affect both players as neither was quite able to reproduce the form that had carried them through the earlier rounds.

But it was close all the way until Lee held his nerve when it mattered most, edging ahead to secure a one-hole victory on the 18th green to claim the title.

Congratulations to Lee on becoming Club Champion, and commiserations to Ian, who played some outstanding golf throughout the competition to earn his place in the final. Both players can be proud of their achievements in what was another excellent championship.

Jack Lewis Pairs

The Jack Lewis Pairs Final produced a contest worthy of the occasion as Anthony and Martyn James took on Rhoss and Justin Jones in a match that was gripping from start to finish.

Described by referee as one of the finest finals seen for several years, the match produced golf of the highest quality, with both pairs demonstrating why they had earned their place in the final. The standard of play remained exceptionally high throughout, with neither side willing to give an inch.

In the end, Anthony and Martyn held the upper hand, securing a hard-fought 2&1 victory to lift the trophy and deservedly claim the title.

Congratulations to Anthony and Martyn on their success, and commiserations to Rhoss and Justin, who played their part in a memorable final.

Ladies Club Championship

Winner Kiera Probert – Runner Up: Angela Thomas-Jones

Jean Leyson Salver

Winner Rhiannon O’Sullivan – Runner Up: Sheila Davies.

Mixed Charity Cup

Winners: Ann and Jeff Moses Runner Up: Sheila Davies and Kevin Morgan.

Ladies Cups

Dirham Cup

Winner: Jovita Juchniene – Runner Up: Julie Davies

Alpha Cup

Winner: Jovita Luchniene – Runner Up: Nerys Treloar

Senior Trophy

Winner: Rhiannon O’Sullivan – Runner Up: Ira Jenkins

Long Handicap Cup

Winner: Jovita Juchniene – Runner Up: Ira Jenkins

President's Cup

Winner: Jean Griffiths & Linda Evans - Runner Up: Rhiannon O'Sullivan & Nerys Treloar

Senior Singles Knockout

Congratulations to the Senior Captain Ray Jones on winning this year's Senior Single Cup beating Bryn Roberts 3&2 in an excellent final.



Senior Double Knockout

In a close match going right to the 18th hole, Martyn Jones and Malcolm Hill beat Paul Morgans and Jason Jones with Malcolm sinking 20-foot putt on the last to take the title. Congratulations and well done to all players who made this a memorable final.

Maple Cup Winners

Congratulations to husband & wife team Debra and Ieuan Jones who on the 31st of August won the mixed pairs Maple Cup with a superb 42 points

Runner up were Alison Williams and Josh Bellew with 39 points.



Entertainment Events

Music Day @ The Mond – 29th August

The weather may have had other ideas, but it certainly wasn't going to dampen spirits at Mond Valley's Music Day. With rain threatening throughout the afternoon, the decision was made to move the event indoors, and as the heavens opened just as Adam began his opening set, it quickly became clear that it had been the right call.

As members and guests arrived, Adam's rich, mellow vocals created the perfect start to the day. The clubhouse gradually filled and by the end of his performance there was a real buzz about the place, setting the tone for the entertainment to come.



Unfortunately, one of our scheduled performers was forced to withdraw at short notice due to illness, but we were delighted that Hannaha stepped in to save the day. Her energetic performance soon had the audience singing along, clapping to the beat, and even taking to the floor for a dance.

The third act, Just Kalz, may have performed to a slightly smaller audience as the day progressed, but those who stayed were treated to a truly outstanding vocal performance. Her talent shone through and provided a memorable finale to the planned entertainment.





As the evening drew to a close and thoughts turned to packing away the equipment, there was still one surprise left in store. Mond Valley's own Jason Davies took to the microphone and delivered a passionate rendition of Tom Jones' classic *I'll Never Fall in Love Again*, prompting a final singalong from those still gathered and bringing the day to a fitting conclusion.

While it was disappointing that the weather prevented us from enjoying the event outdoors, the day demonstrated what Mond Valley does best: making the most of every situation and ensuring everyone has a great time regardless of the circumstances.

A huge thank you goes to everyone who came along to support the event, to our hard-working clubhouse staff who looked after everyone throughout the day, and to the talented performers who kept us entertained from start to finish.

Quiz Night 11th September

A big thank you to everyone who attended our **Quiz Night on 11th September**.

It was fantastic to see so many members coming together to support the club while enjoying an evening of friendly competition, laughter, and good company. Events like these are a great reminder of the strong community spirit that makes Mond Valley such a special place.

It was also encouraging to welcome a few non-members who were experiencing the club for the first time. We hope they enjoyed the evening as much as we enjoyed hosting them and look forward to seeing them again in the future.

Thank you once again to everyone who took part. We hope to see you all at our next club event!

Next Events at Mond Valley

Horse Racing Night – Friday 2nd October

Always a barrel of laughs and a firm favourite among members. Once again Jaffa Thomas will be hosting each race. There is always a great atmosphere and guaranteed from the first race to the last. It's a fantastic way to support the club whilst having a great night out.



Daniel James – Friday 23rd of October



We are delighted to welcome **Daniel James** to Mond Valley Golf Club on 23rd October.

An accomplished vocalist with an international performing career, Daniel will be

bringing his outstanding voice and wide-ranging repertoire to the club for what promises to be a fantastic evening of entertainment.

Tickets are available from the bar and clubhouse. Be sure to get yours early!

Hole in One Challenge

If you haven't noticed the new cameras overlooking the 6th hole yet, where have you been?

This month, Mond Valley officially launched its exciting new Hole in One Challenge, giving members and visitors the chance to turn a perfect shot into a life-changing payday.

The challenge is completely optional, but if you fancy testing your luck, simply scan the QR code located on the 6th tee and select your preferred entry level online before you play.

There are several prize options available:

- £5 entry for a chance to win £5,000
- £10 entry for a chance to win £10,000
- Or for those feeling particularly confident, the opportunity to take on the £100,000 Challenge

Imagine standing on the tee, striking the perfect shot, and watching it disappear into the hole, knowing a substantial prize is waiting for you at the bottom! The cameras are there to capture every attempt, ensuring any successful ace can be verified and celebrated.

So, the next time you find yourself standing on the 6th tee, why not take on the challenge?



Team Captains End of Season Message

1st Team Captain Jason Jones

Mond Valley First Team has concluded a truly unprecedented and ultimately heartbreaking campaign. In a twist that highlights the unforgiving nature of our league structure, our season has sadly resulted in relegation on 10 points. This is a total that would usually guarantee safety in almost any other year.

However, because bottom-of-the-table Swansea Bay only managed 2 points all season, the points distribution became incredibly skewed. It meant our hard-earned 10 points just weren't enough, and next season we hit the reset button in Division 4B.

Our season was up against it before a ball was even struck. Fixture scheduling and immediate inclement weather forced the cancellation of our first home match against Pennard, leaving us with three consecutive away fixtures to start the year. We opened with a hard-fought halve at Coed y Mwstr and followed it up with an excellent win at Swansea Bay. The momentum was building, but a trip to Southerndown proved difficult. With three debutants in the side, we battled hard but suffered our first 3-0 defeat since I became captain.

Next up was Morriston away, where disaster struck. Johnny Rees sustained an injury in the opening few holes and was forced to concede on the 6th. The team lost a tight match 2-1, but the bigger blow was losing Johnny for the remainder of the season. We wish him a full and speedy recovery.

Back on home soil, the boys responded brilliantly, defeating Coed y Mwstr 3-0 before following up with another convincing win over Swansea Bay to move us back towards the top of the table.

Results elsewhere then went against us and we suffered a setback away to Pennard. However, we bounced back by defeating league leaders Southerndown 2-1 at home and followed that with a 2-1 victory in our rearranged match against Pennard.

After the mid-season break, unexpected results elsewhere left us heading into our final match away to Morriston needing a positive result to survive. Morriston also had plenty at stake, knowing a halve would secure promotion and a win would clinch the title.

It was a nervy night of league golf. Pair 2 fought back admirably from dormie six down before losing 2&1 on the 17th. Rhoss and Nathan produced a magnificent 2&1 victory to secure Mond Valley's point, while Pair 3 were unfortunate to lose 2&1 after a cruel slice of luck on the 17th. The 2-1 defeat meant Morriston took the league title, and we were left facing the harsh reality of relegation.

While the outcome is frustrating, I could not be prouder of the character shown by this squad. I want to extend a massive, heartfelt thank you to all the boys who played and made themselves available for selection. I know the immense sacrifices it takes to balance league golf with work and family commitments, and your dedication to the Mond Valley badge does not go unnoticed.

A special, highly deserved mention must go to Rhoss and Nathan. In a brutally competitive division, they went yet another season entirely unbeaten. This incredible pairing has not lost a foursome's match since I became captain, a phenomenal streak stretching over two years. They have set the standard for the rest of us to follow.

We are down, but we are absolutely not out. We know we have the quality to compete at the very top, and we will use the winter to regroup. Next season in Division 4B, the goal is singular and clear: "immediate promotion". Thank you for your unwavering support. We go again!

2nd Team Men's Captain Ellis Jones & Paul Jones

Ellis: The second team had a relatively successful season, we started very well and were top of the league at one stage, but sadly we dropped off towards the end of the season due to a bit of bad luck with players not being able to make games.

Personally, I'd like to thank all the boys who have played for our second team this year, it's been great to see Osian Davies one of our juniors starting to play team golf also.

I'd like to thank the club for trusting me over the last 3 seasons with the second team it's been a great pleasure to represent the Mond Valley as second team captain.

Finally, I'd like to wish Paul Jones, Leighton Morgan and Jason Jenkins good luck next season as joint captains, hopefully their time will be a great success.

Cheers

Paul: Firstly, I just want to take a moment to say a huge thank you to Ellis Jones for everything you have done over the past 4 years as the second team captain.

Taking on the role of captain is a big responsibility, and you have put a lot of time, effort and commitment into leading the team. Your hard work, encouragement and enthusiasm have helped make the team what it is today, and I know that everyone appreciates everything you have done.

As I take over as the new captain, I'm very grateful to be following in your footsteps, I hope I can continue the standards you have set and build on everything you have achieved with the team. I'll certainly have some big shoes to fill.

Over the next year, I want to put a real focus on making the team as competitive, enjoyable and focused as possible. I'd like to see everyone getting more involved, supporting each other, and enjoying their golf, while also creating a strong team spirit both on and off the course.

I'd also like to encourage more regular team events and competitions, give everyone the opportunity to play and represent the team, and hopefully bring some new members into the group. For me, it's important that we have a team where everyone feels involved and where we can enjoy ourselves while still having the ambition to perform well.

Lastly, I just want to say thank you again to Ellis Jones for everything you have done as captain, I'm looking forward to taking on the role and hopefully making the next year a great one for the team.

Quartz Captain Nathan Boyce

I'd firstly like to thank each and every player that represented the Quartz Team this season. I'd like to wish all the players who's handicap has improved so much they are no longer eligible to play for the Quartz Team and hope they go on to represent the Mond Valley 1st and 2nd Teams next year.

There were a couple of games where we struggled to get enough players to get a full team, so I would like to thank everyone who rearranged their schedule to step in. It doesn't go unnoticed and it's really appreciated to see you pulling together for the club.

Season Highlight:

- Maintaining a 100% home record
- Gareth Ruffell and Ty Morgan going a full season unbeaten both home and away.
- A fantastic Quartz Open Day held at Mond Valley.
- Seeing new faces joining the team. A massive thanks to all!
- Winning at Langland "away"

Low Points:

- Missing out on promotion on the final game of the season – Next year we have Machynys, Pennard, Langland Bay, Clyne and Gower, and I think we will be looking for a good season with a great chance of promotion

Thank you all again and hopefully some big things happening next season!

Stones Captain Tony Davison

The season for the Mond Stones has come to an end. I took over the captaincy from Jeff Tomkins who was both an excellent captain and great player. I feel humble and proud to have captained such an Awesome bunch of players.

This season the Mond reached out to attract players to the squad, and this proved rich in both player numbers but also rich in meeting new players and making great new friends. Last count the stones squad was around the 20 mark. This shows the Mond is a great home of golf to every level of golfer.

At the end on the season, we finished the season mid-table, picking up some great wins on our travels. I would like to thank every Stones player who represented our fantastic club.

Nothing works unless you have background staff making it work. We at the Stones cannot thank Martine and her gang enough, and for me personally along with Dave Hopkins made my experience this season one to cherish.

Roll on the winter and I for one cannot wait for next season. Thank you all

♥ Tony

Ladies' 1st Team Captain Nerys Treloar

I am extremely proud to be the 1st team captain to an exceptional group of players.

Expectations were high at the beginning of the season in a new division for the lady's 1st team. We had a phenomenal season in 2025 going unbeaten in 10 matches and gaining promotion to Division 4 a fantastic achievement by everyone.

We started 2026 season really well, with a home win, then going down to Clyne and coming away with a win, not the easiest of places to win. We then started our journey East. We narrowly lost in Mountain Ash and got a draw away in Creigiau. With a visit to Rhondda and Cottrell Park still to come, we suddenly realised the honeymoon period was over, and it was time to start work and just make sure we held our own, and settle into the new division, which we certainly did this season.

We finished the season a respectful 3rd place after being 2nd place all the way until the very last game was played in the division. Cottrell Park just pipped us at the post to go above us.

Onwards and upwards for 2027.

It's not easy trying to organise dates and then trying to get a team for match days, this is why commitment and communication is needed from everyone.

We are not the biggest ladies' section, but I would like to thank all the ladies for their continued support they give both 1st and 2nd league teams throughout the season we couldn't do it without you.

It means a lot. Diolch.

Ladies' 2nd Team Captain Carol Lewis

The Ladies 2nd Team started the season in impressive fashion, securing an excellent victory over The Grove and setting a positive tone for the months ahead.

The 2026 season proved to be a challenging one when it came to fielding full teams, but thanks to the commitment, enthusiasm, and flexibility of our ladies, Mond Valley successfully fulfilled every fixture. The willingness of players to step in whenever needed ensured that the team remained competitive throughout the season and demonstrated the fantastic team spirit that exists within the club.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who represented the team during the year. A special mention goes to those ladies who answered

the call at short notice and rose to the occasion when needed. Your support, dedication, and willingness to help were greatly appreciated and played a vital role in making the season a success.

Well done to everyone involved and thank you for your commitment to the Ladies 2nd Team throughout 2026.

Senior Team Captain Ray Marshall

This season has been highlighted by our impressive home record. We sit on the verge of a 100% home recorded with just one home game remaining we have achieved eight out of eight victories. We go for glory on the 8th of October with our final game (Home to Pontypridd).

The season has again seen more golfers join the squad and the performances have been outstanding for new and existing squad members alike.

Away from home a great 4.5 – 3.5 away victory to Carmarthen and very creditable draws at Gower, Pontypridd and Rhondda have assisted in given our season statistics (with one game to play) a very impressive 70.5% positive result analysis:

Played	Won	Draw	Loss
17	9	3	5

It has been an absolute honour to captain such a wonderful group of players, who have given their all, represented the Senior and Mond Valley Golf Club with distinction and shared not just the golf but the wonderful atmosphere that these special matches are played in.

Ray Marshall – 2026 Seniors Captain

Men's Pairs Open

As the autumn sun shone down on Mond Valley on the 6th of September, players from far and wide came to take part in the Pairs Open. There were 122 entries representing 10 different golf clubs taking part, resulting in some outstanding scores.

- 1st place with 44 points were: Tim Turner & Steven Lane
- 2nd place also with 44 points were: Bryn Roberts and John Hopkins
- 3rd place and again with 44 points were: Andrew Davies & David Jones
- 4th place with 43 points were: Bleddyn Edmunds & Carl Sprake

The nearest the pin challenge went to:

- 6th hole – Adrian Jones
- 15th hole – Malcom Hill

Longest drive

- Stephen Gibson

Mond Valley Golf Club would like to give a massive thanks to all who entered this competition.

Mel & Cynthia Hopkins Scramble 20th September

One of the most popular events in the Mond Valley calendar, the Mel & Cynthia Hopkins Scramble brought together both men and women 7-day members for a fantastic day of golf. Played in teams of three or four, the competition attracted an impressive 148 players, forming 38 teams, with the car park full as members gathered for this unique club event.

With excellent scoring throughout the day, one team rose above the rest. Congratulations to Josh Bellew, K John Jones, Matthew Ward and Kevin Isaac, who produced a superb round to take the title. Their outstanding score of 63 gross, 56 nett, proved too strong for the chasing pack and secured a well-deserved victory.

A fantastic turnout and another great day. Congratulations to all who took part, and especially to our deserving winners.

Mond Valley Senior's and the Forest of Dean

The annual pilgrimage to the **Forest of Dean** once again proved to be a highlight of the golfing calendar for many of our senior members. With three rounds of competitive golf played over the trip, there was plenty of



friendly rivalry as players battled to become this year's champion.

Congratulations to the daily winners:

- **Day One:** Iain McTaggart
- **Day Two:** Paul Joseph
- **Day Three:** Huw Evans

Consistency across all three rounds was the key to success, and **Paul Joseph** emerged as the overall winner. An excellent sequence of **36, 41 and 36 points** over the three days saw him hold off a strong field of contenders and claim the title.

Well played to Paul and to everyone who took part in another enjoyable and memorable Forest of Dean trip. Hats off to Ray Jones who once again made the trip one to enjoy.



Management Board Notice to Members

Please Use the Designated Course Entrance

It has been noticed that some players are entering and leaving the golf course via the buggy access gate.

The buggy gate provides an important access point for vehicles and machinery, and keeping pedestrian traffic separate helps ensure the area remains safe and accessible for those who need it. ***Members who are walking the course should access the course via the designated route adjacent to the clubhouse.***

We appreciate that the gate may be a convenient shortcut, but we kindly ask all members to follow the correct access arrangements going forward. Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping us maintain a safe and orderly environment around the clubhouse and first tee area.

Update on Bar Prices

For some time, the Club has worked hard to keep bar prices as affordable as possible for members and guests. In fact, over the past couple of years the Club has largely absorbed increases in the cost of alcohol and other associated operating expenses, helping to minimise the impact on our members.

However, as many of you will appreciate, the costs of purchasing stock, utilities, wages, and general business overheads have continued to rise significantly due to inflation and wider economic pressures. Unfortunately, it is no longer sustainable for the Club to continue absorbing these increases indefinitely.

Following a review of our pricing structure, there will be an increase in the price of drinks sold at the bar. While no one welcomes price rises, this adjustment will help ensure that the bar remains financially sustainable and continues to provide the quality service and facilities that members enjoy.

The Management Board would like to thank all members for their understanding and continued support of the Club.

MEMBERS CORNER

THE SOLHEIM CUP

A few of our lady members recently made the journey to the Netherlands to experience one of the biggest events in women's golf The Solheim Cup



They were there to witness Team Europe secure another memorable win over Team USA

By all accounts it was an unforgettable trip and judging by the smiles in the photo, it looks like they had an amazing time are you

A HOLE IN ONE ON THE PLATEAU

Every golfer's dream, a Hole in One, and that's exactly what Rob Hill managed on the 13th hole on Sunday the 20th of September during a scramble competition.

Congratulations on a great achievement... and it only cost him a bottle of whisky!



THE NEXT GENERATION



We were delighted to have our current Junior Captain, Brook Taylor, welcome readers to the September Newsletter. I was recently given a photograph of Brook at just eight years old, taking her very first golf lesson at Mond Valley.

It serves as a wonderful reminder of the journey many of our young golfers take and the importance of a thriving junior section.

Thanks to the commitment of volunteers, coaches, and members who generously give up their time to support our juniors enabling Mond Valley to provide a strong foundation for the next generation of golfers.

IMPROVING OUR MOND VALLEY WEBSITE

We are planning to review the content we publish on our Mond Valley Website. If you have any suggestions then please forward them onto Dave Hopkins or Iain McTaggart who would be happy for your suggestions to be considered.

Did you know the Mond Valley Website has over 2.000 hits monthly

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Our greenkeepers look delighted to be receiving one of the best cutting machines on the market, the new Baroness Uk LM311 Greens Tripple Mower

