

## July Competition Reports

The Senior Mixed Open took place on Friday 16th July. The change of format to Am-Am stableford had been successful with the highest number of entries ever received for the competition. 124 players took part, the majority luckily missing the late afternoon rain. In one of the closest finishes in an open for some time the winners were Bob and Avis Griffin (Stoke Rochford) and Alan and Peggy Newton (Melton) with 73 points on count back from runners up Richard and Fay Hutton, Gay and Eddie Cham (Melton Mowbray) 73 points on count back. In third place were Gill and Alan Tubb and Linda and Tom Jagger (Rushcliffe) 73 points on count back and in fourth place was Di Orson, Mezz Watchorn, Maureen Stapleford and John Squires (Melton) with 73 points. Gents nearest the Pin, Robert Gibbs (Horsley Lodge), Ladies nearest the pin Jackie Rolfe (St Andrews Hospital, Northampton). The day was rounded off by a prize presentation by Club and Lady Captain Terry and Julia Brown.

On Wednesday 14th July fifteen Past Lady Captain's of the Golf Club took part in a stableford competition for the Past Lady Captain's Trophy. The winner was Peggy Newton with 36 points, 2nd placed Kathie Finn scored 34 points on count back from Sue Hitchman in third place and Margaret Hoskins fourth all 34 points.

The Senior Captain, John Squires held his Senior Captain's Day last Tuesday. Despite the Mizzle and damp 48 seniors turned out to support John by playing an individual stableford. In 1st place was Richard Grieve 35 points on count back from runner up Vic Newham 35 points. Malcolm Bryson took third place with 34 points on count back from 4th John Eastman and 5th John Parker 34 points. Nearest the pin on the 5th Richard Grieve and on the 7th, George Hoskins. John had provided an excellent prize table, the prize presentation taking place after a buffet lunch.

The Open at St. Andrews played a part in the gent's competition on Sunday when 58 men played for the Goodacre Rose Bowl. Each player having been drawn with a Professional taking part in the final day at The Open and playing an individual stableford their points scored were deducted from the last day medal score of their Pro partner. The winner would be the player with the lowest aggregate score. The winner was Nick Pattison/Tom Lehman  $70 - 40 = 30$ , 2nd Sam Pollard/Matt Kuchar  $69 - 38 = 31$ , 3rd Vic Cooper/Colm Moriarty  $70 - 37 = 33$  on count back. The individual stableford was won by Steven Draisey with 41 points, 2nd Nick Pattison 40 points and 3rd Sam Pollard 38 points on count back. 9 competitors shared the two's sweep, Guy Rayson, Kieran Foster, Brain Haines, Nick Pattison, Steve Roberts, Steve Tagg, Steve Draisey, Chris Jones and Colin Copley.

The previous day in mixed windy and showery conditions 102 members played in the July Saturday medal. Despite the strong wind scores were good with overall winner Andy Pedlar returning a nett 67.

Division 1 winner was Dermot Coady nett 68 on count back from Mezz Watchorn in 2nd place. Division 2 winner Shane Walpole shot a nett 69 and Mike Catlin came 2nd on count back nett 70. Bernard Jamieson won Division 3 nett 70 runner up Gianfranco Vignati nett 72. Colin Mitchell shot best gross with a 74. Only 9 twos were shot on the day, Brian Cole getting 2 of them the others scored by John Harvey, Dermot Coady, John Rawlings, Mick Wilson, Brendan Boyce, Steve Middleton and Matt Handley.

Lady Presidents Day on Sunday 11th July was a great success. The Lady President, Beryl Houghton put on an individual 18 hole stableford and also a 9 hole competition for our more elderly lady members, both followed by a putting competition. The prize table was Portmerion China. 32 ladies played in the welcome breeze which accompanied the brilliant sunshine with some excellent scores returned in the favourable conditions.

The winner was Noela Manthey with 40 points and Val Eastman was runner up with 39 points on count back from Peggy Newton in third place also 39 points. Drina Terzza was fourth with 38, Pam Parker 5th 37 and Margaret Pedge 6th with 36 points on count back.

The nine hole competition was won by Nora Johnson with 16 points one point ahead of Greta Watchorn in second place with 15 Nancy Aldridge third , 13 points and Di Ward fourth with 12 points.

Leah Radford won the putting with Peggy Newton second and Pam Parker third. Nearest the Pins were won by: 5th hole, Maureen Stapleford, 7th Pam Parker, 14th Elaine Shelton and 16th Jeanette Holland.

The Ladies County Foursomes team had another superb win on Monday evening to go through to the semi finals of the competition. Playing the Kibworth ladies at Melton the team of Leah Radford with Peggy Newton and Julia Brown with Drina Terzza fought a nail biting battle to get through. Leah and Peggy were first pair out and won their match 5 up. Julia and Drina were 3 up at the turn but their lead slipped away with them leaving the 17th hole 4 down. The pair needed to halve the last to prevent a play off. Fortunately they won the hole to win the match 2 up. The team now meet Hinckley at Kirby Muxloe in the semi final on August 16th.

The gents B Team visited Greetham Valley where they lost 1 ½ to 4 ½. The winning pair for Melton was Stephen Draisey and Bill Hurrell 1 up and Terry Brown with John Rawlings got the half.

The C team also played an away match at Radcliffe on Trent losing by 3 ½ to 2 ½. The successful pairs were: Tony South with Alan Terzza 5 and 4, Ray Catton and Bill Hurrell 3 and 2, Haydn Snow with Brendan Boyce got the half.

The Saturday Medal was won by Gavin Shilham with the superb conditions reflected in the scores. Winner Gavin Shilham shot a nett 65, runner up Stephen Finch nett 66, third Richard South nett 67 and Mark Muggleton nett 68.

The twos sweep was shared by: Steve Goddard, Phil Curtis, Tim Graham, Lee Shepherd, Chris Radford, Barry Caunt, Tony Robinson, John Shelton, Kieran Foster, Steve Middleton and Ian Plant.

The Abbots Trophy, played for by ladies over 50 and men over 55 years of age was won by Kevin Griggs nett 67, second Phil Curtis nett 69 on count back and third Geoff Townsend nett 69.

On Sunday the men played an individual stableford. Winner, Chris Carmichael scored 40 points, Guy Rayson was second on count back with 38 from Kevin Shilham in third place also 38. 4th Ben Catlin 36 on count back from 5th Steve Tagg also 36. Oliver Duley, Matt Hatton and Eugene Murphy were the only players to score a two.

The Seniors and Ladies played a Mixed Greensome stableford for the Jack Wildman Trophy. The winners were John Eastman and Chris Cook with 43 points. 2nd was Owen Cook and Anne Creed 40 points and 3rd was Malcolm Bryson and Sheila Rowson 39 points.

The seniors lost their away match against Park Hill on Friday 2nd July by 5 games to 3. The successful team for Melton were: Tom Eadon and Bill Robson 5 and 4, Vic Newham and John Parker 2 and 1 and the pairings of George Hoskins with Dave Beasley and Alan Terzza with Malcolm Bryson both halved their games. The senior stableford was won by Mike Huggins with 38 points and runner up Tom Hall scored 37 points.

The strong winds of Sunday 4th July played havoc with the scores for the John Jackson Club Championship Trophy - and tested the skill of the Division one and two players competing. Playing 36 holes for the best gross Colin Mitchell was ahead of Kieran Foster by one shot after the morning round having returned a level gross 70, Kieran shot a 71. However the afternoon round saw Colin fall back with a gross 79 whilst Kieran held his own against the conditions and returned another 71 gross to finish culminating a combined 142 gross to be 2010 Club Champion 7 shots clear of runner up Colin Mitchell with a combined 149. In third place was Mick Wilson on 153.

The Senior Club Championship (for 55 years and over) was won by Jim Dobbin with a combined 168 gross. The nett sweeps were won as follows: Morning: Colin Mitchell 71, John Squires 72, Haydn Snow 73. Afternoon: Matt Hatton 68, Adie Forks 71, Sam Pollard 72.

36 hole Best Nett Sweep was Kieran Foster nett 140, Ben Day 142, Mick Wilson 145. Only 5 gross two's were shot through the day by: Guy Rayson, Colin Mitchell, Richard Grieve, Neil Travis and Kieran

Foster.

Club Championship Winners left to right: Doug Woolley Competitions Secretary, Kieran Foster Club Champion 2010, Jim Dobbin, Senior Champion, Terry Brown Club Captain and Chris Lawrence, donor of the Senior Championship Trophy.

Although the entry for the Men's Am-Am on Friday 2nd July was small the day went well. Winners were: Andy Margrett, Graham Bilsland, Stuart Fairweather and Bill Ball (Western Park Leicester & Brandon Wood Coventry) with 89 points. Runners up Terry Brown, Alan Newton, Kevin Griggs and Paul Blount (Melton) were seven shots adrift on 81 points on count back. Third place was taken by Richard Grimmer, Mark Becroft, Jason English and Sean Woodhouse (Beauchief Sheffield) also 81 points. Nearest the Pin 7th Mick Davison (Mapperley).

The Saturday medal on the 3rd July was played in great conditions and well supported with 96 players taking part. The clement conditions were reflected in the scores Kevin rate overall winner on net 65 on count back. Division 1 was won by Steve Wright net 66 runner up Mick Wilson net 67. Gavin Sanger won division 2 net 69 and John Shelton was runner up with a level net 70. Division 3 winner, Tony Petersen scored a net 65 and Nick Baines was second net 68. Colin Mitchell shot the best gross of 69. The twos sweep was split between, Greg Woolley, Steve Wright, Mark Pedge, Jack Inguanta, Dave Compton, Karl Yates, Tony Petersen and Nick

Baines.

The overall winner of the midweek medal on the 1st July was Mike Harrison with net 70 on count back from runner up Ian King. Kevin Shilham was third on count back from gey Rayson both with net 71. Guy also won the best gross prize with a gross 77. Don Benzie and Matt Hatton were the only players to shoot a two.

The Senior Section played an Am-Am stableford on Tuesday 29th June. With two players from four to count the winners were: Vic Newham, John Parker, Peter Maine and John Eastman with 90 points. In second place was Bob Luke, Paddy Doyle, Kevin Selby and Bill Robson with 86. Third place was won by count back with 85 points by John squires, Owen Cook, Tom Eadon and John Webb form

Mike Dempster, Dave Beasley, Brian Sollitt and Dave Lander.

The Ladies section played for the Dorothy Nall Cup on Wednesday with one of the closest finishes in a competition for a long time. The winner was Elaine Shelton on count back from Gay Cham in second place also on count back from third placed Jeanette Holland all having scored net 69. Diane Orson and Janet Bentley were just two shots adrift in fourth and fifth places.

Melton gents hosted a friendly B Team Match against Lingdale with sides reduced to ten men, Melton ran out winners by 3 ½ to 1 ½ . Successful pairs were Richard Grieve/Andrew Smith 3 & 2, Brian Geeson/Owen Cook 4 & 2, Guy Rayson/John Squires 1 up and Brian Cole/Stephen Draisey halved their match.

Saturday 31 July the men's section played the first round of the President's Putter. 86 members took part playing a medal format. The winner of the day was Ian Plant with a superb net 66 closely followed by Brian Kirkup's net 67 as runner up. Third, fourth and fifth positions were decided by count back between Bev Blake, Chris Jones and Andy Pedlar respectively. 12 players shared the twos sweep with Tony Petersen and Kevin Boddy both scoring two each. Other players were: Ian Plant, Sean McAuley, David Bentley, Dave Pritchett, Brendan Boyce, John Rawlings, Steve Goddard, Steven Abbott, Phil Hewes and Mick Wilson. The 21 to 28 handicap players played the fourth round of the Compton Cup, again a medal format. The winner was Graham Aldridge net 70, 2nd Tony Robinson net 71 on count back from David McKain also net 71. Russell Freeman scored the only two in the competition.

The 26th July midweek medal was won by Paul Hodgkinson with a net 67. Runner up was Ken Longbottom net 68 on count back from Stephen Draisey in third place. Shane Walpole

was fourth with a net 69. Junior Captain, Sam Pollard won the best gross with a 78. Five two's were scored by: Sam Pollard, Darren Elsom, Andrew Smith, Brian Hodder and Greg Woolley.

The C Team have played two games recently both against Greetham Valley winning one and losing one. The team lost the away leg of the contest by 3 ½ to 2 ½ Steven Draisey and Ian King won 1 up and Dave Mo0ss with Steve TAgg won 4 and 2. Andrew Smith and Eddie Cham halved their game. Melton redressed the situation and won the home leg by 5 games to 1. Winning pairs were: Derek Whitehouse and Haydn Snow 4 and 3, Alan Terzza with Adrian Green 1 up, Vic Cooper and Ken Longbottom 2 and 1, Don Benzie with Ian King, 1 up and Dave Moss with Pete Rayers 5 and 4.

The Seniors played for the Frank Williams trophy with an excellent entry of 44 competing. Some superb scores were returned with the winner Malcolm Bryson shooting a net 63. Runner up Paddy Doyle was only one shot behind on net 64 and Bert Brown was third net 66. The three ball waltz texas scramble played on the 27th July once again saw Malcolm Bryson in first position. Playing in teams of three Malcolm and his partners Brian Grommett and Alf Tozer won with a net 69. In second place was Robin Jones, Bill Robson and Frank Williams net 71 and Ray Stone, Denis Dayman and Ron Middleton were third with a net 72.

The ladies have played three competitions recently. The Christine Lord Trophy, a better ball stableford competition played off ¾ handicap was won by Alison Gatward and Diane Orson with 40 points. Second was Kathie Finn and Peggy Coy with 37 points and Elaine Shelton and partner Dorothy Jagers came third with 35. The Jol Calder Salver on the 28th July was won by Ealine Shelton with a net 70. Runner up Sally Hudson just beat Gwen Doyle on count back both returning a net 72. The Sunday medal on the 25th July was won by Karen Middleton with a net 68 from Noela Manthey net 75.

#### **CAPTAIN'S DAY RESULTS**

On Saturday 24th July teeing off from 7.15am until 3.30pm, 177 competitors took part in the Captain's Day competition. Club Captain, Terry Brown, hosted the day, and presented each person with a memento of the day. Terry had set up a superb prize table. The competition was an individual stableford off 7/8 handicap with the tricky pin positions set by Terry causing much comment in the clubhouse! Terry had provided prizes for Gents in 3 divisions, Ladies and Juniors along with a Past Captain's prize, and the Captains Cup for the best score returned by a past Club Captain with a single figure handicap. There was also nearest the pin and nearest the pin in 2 shots on a par four hole.

The overall winner of Captain's Day was Mike Callow with 39 points. The Captain's Cup was won by Mick Wilson 38 points and the Past Captain's prize by Richard Hutton 37 points.

Division 1 - Winner, Rob Smith 37 points, 2nd Chris Allen 36 points, 3rd Simon Palmer 35 points. Division 2 - Winner, James Taylor 37 points, 2nd Bev Blake 35 points on count back from 3rd Tony Petersen 35 points. Division 3 - Winner Mark Gamble 39 points on count back from 2nd, Roy Tomley 39 points, 3rd, Tony Robinson 35 points on count back. Ladies - Winner, Catherine Smith 32 points, 2nd Pam Parker 31 points on count back from 3rd Avis Webb 31 points.

Juniors - Winner Nick Pattison 35 points, 2nd Dave Poolan 27 points. Nearest the Pin in two shots, Ladies - Fay Hutton, Men - Rob Smith. Ladies Nearest the Pin - Catherine Smith, Gents Nearest the Pin, Chris Shardlow. The Putting competition was won by Colin Mitchell.