

Competitions Report – October 2010

Saturday 24th October - England v Scotland and Others! The Sassenachs and Celts held their annual battle on the golf course on 24th October with Vice Captain Guy Rayson leading out the English and former Club Captain Dougie Bryce the Scots, Irish and Welsh. The annual tradition was reinstated with an excellent turnout. The match was very close and played in difficult wet conditions. Several of the Celts arrived in tartan and Englishman John Rawlings became an honorary Scot for the day having arrived in a Kilt, Tam O'Shanter and ginger wig! The match resulted in victory for the Celts by a margin of 6 matches to 4. Dougie Bryce and partner Billy Kevan led the way for Scotland winning 2 up. Phil Millward and Richard Haines then brought the match back to all square for the English winning 4 and 3. Steve Wright and Bev Blake won 2 up and Mick Wilson and Doug Woolley had a resounding victory of a 6 and 4 margin to put England two ahead. The English lead continued with Mark Goodwin and Club Captain Terry Brown securing a half against Ian King and Kevin Griggs. Chris leader and partner Ryan Webster then began the comeback for the Celts winning their match by 5 and 4. Steve Haines and John Shelton brought the match back to level winning 1 up. John Webb with Jack Inguanta then secured the match for the Celts with their 3 and 2 win. The last match was halved by Mark Muggleton and Scott Abbott playing Brian Cole and Colin Guthrie for Scotland the match resulting in a 6 - 4 win for the Celts.

John Shelton won the **gents medal** played on the 30th October with a net 66 on count back from Ben Catlin also net 66. Simon Palmer in third place was two shots behind with a net 68 and Mick Pollard was fourth net 69. Mick Wilson shot the best gross with a 73. The two sweep was shared between Dermot Coady and David Stroud. The **Sunday Stableford** on the 24th October saw 51 players take part with in form Rob Smith leading the field with 39 points. Junior member Harry Litt was runner up on count back from Chris Copley both with 36 points. Mick Wilson secured fourth place with 35 and Alan Newton was fifth with 34. 4 twos were scored on the day with Bev Blake and Guy Rayson both shooting 2 each.

The onset of the winter season was confirmed by the commencement of the **Autumn Trophy** competition. A popular event the trophy is played over 6 rounds as a shot gun start through the winter months with competitors playing in teams of four, drawn before the event, and receiving league points dependent on their placing. Their best four scores are taken into consideration for the trophy.

The first round was played as a yellow ball Am-Am stableford and won by Tim Dean, Clive Sharpe, Richard Haines and Glenn Price with 111 points four points clear of Steve Goddard, Brendan Boyce, Dave Timbrell and Tim Buxton with 107. Alan Newton, Steve Roberts, Chris Jones and Dick Chapman were third with 104 points.

The Monday morning mingles are well into their season with the current in form pairs being Ray and Janet Hipkin and Paddy and Gwen Doyle. Monday 18th October competition was won by Paddy and Gwen with a net 34.2 followed in second place by Ray Foster and Maureen Stapleford 35.4, third Ray and Janet Hipkin net 35.6 - Best four ball was Paddy and Gwen Doyle with Vic and Mavis Newham net 72.2

Janet and Ray Hipkin won the 25th October competition with net 37.6 runners up, Paddy and Gwen Doyle net 39.2 and third was Pip and Peggy Coy 40.4 net. Best four was Ray and Janet Hipkin with David and Janet Bentley net 78.8

The 2nd November game was won by Terry and Julia Brown net 33.6 Vic and Mavis Newham were second net 36.0 and third was Denis Dayman and Alison Gatward net 36.2. Best four ball was Terry and Julia Brown with Denis Dayman and Alison Gatward net 69.8

The Seniors have played the two rounds of the **Tony Houghton Texas Scramble Trophy**.

In a closely run contest the first round was won by Owen Cook, Frank Williams, Tony Houghton and Mike Dempster with 65.2, 2nd was Tom Finn, Bob McCord, Ray Hipkin and Robin Jones 65.7 and third Paddy Doyle, Bob Stark, Tom Hall and Cis Robinson 66.6.

With only 0.1 between the first two places the second round was won by Tom Finn, Fred Johnson, Alf Tozer and Henry Coy 63.1 Runners up were Owen Cook, John Parker, Tom Hall and Mike Huggins 63.2 The winner of the trophy was Tom Finn.

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Captain's Course Development Fund Raising Am-Am Raises over £1,000!

On Saturday 9th October, Club Captain, Terry Brown put on a Fund Raising AM-Am with all entry fees to be donated to the Captain's course development fund plus proceeds from a fund raising raffle. Throughout 2010 Terry and Lady Captain, Julia Brown, have worked tirelessly to raise money for the Air Ambulance and also towards the development of a feature pond on the 18th hole and other course works carried out during the year.

The day was well supported with players paying £5 each to play. Prizes were vouchers for 4 people to play golf donated by other clubs from as far away as Hickleton in Doncaster and Wollaton Park in Nottingham. Many Leicestershire Clubs were also very generous in their support. The winning team of Steve Roberts, Tom Donachie, Ben and Mike Catlin returned a score of 82 points two ahead of runners up David Stroud, Paul Blount, Ian King and Les Stroud with 80 points. Third placed Mezz Watchorn, John Shelton, Brian Geeson and David Taylor took third position on count back from Tim Graham, Ken Longbottom, Keith Tomblin and Terry Brown both having scored 79 points. John Harvey, Simon Palmer, Chris Shardlow and Dermot Coady secured fifth place also with 79 points on count back. Terry was thrilled to have raised in excess of £1,000 on the day - £645 entry fees £317 from the raffle a generous donation of £100 from Alan Newton and £34 raised on Terry's recent Captain's Weekend Away.

Alan and Peggy Newton win the Ted Radford Trophy for the fifth time. The Ted Radford trophy final between Alan and Peggy Newton and John and Elaine Shelton was a nail biting contest with Alan and Peggy eventually winning the match on the 17th 2 up with one to play. Playing a mixed greensome match play format both pairs tussled tooth and nail for the contest with never more than one hole between them until the 17th. The Newton's were pleased to win the trophy for the fifth time having previously won it for three consecutive years 1998,99 and 2000 and then again in 2002 since then it had eluded them until this year.

The gents **Muir Plate** singles match play knockout competition has been decided. Played by handicaps 16 to 28 as a singles match play knockout throughout the summer the winner was Brian Haines beating Karl Yates in the final 4 up with 3 to play. Having knocked out Gavin Sanger and Graham Aldridge in the semi finals Brian and Karl had a nip and tuck match where a hole won was immediately pulled back to all square. However Brian pulled away from Karl on the back nine to win on the 15th hole 4 up with 3 to play.

Due to excavation works for a pond commencing on the 18th hole the gents played a **17 hole non qualifying medal** on Saturday. The winner and runner up were father and son Dean and Chris Carmichael with Dean beating his dad by three shots shooting a net 61 and Chris as runner up shot a net 64. John Harvey was third one shot behind on net 65. Steven Keast and Mick Pollard were fourth and fifth respectively both returning net 66. There were only four two's scored on the day by Bev Blake, Nick Baines, Guy Rayson and John Swayne.

The senior section played a three ball better ball stableford competition last week with all to count on the par three holes. In first place were Owen Cook, Tom Eadon and Kevin Selby with 78 points. Second were Malcolm Bryson, Alf Tozer and Mike Dempster with 75 points.

The ladies played a EWGA medal on 6th October. With the medal season coming to an end the competition was well supported. The winner was Jane Berry net 76 and runner up was Peggy Newton net 77

The Monday morning mingles are well under way with the third round of the season played this week. As count back isn't used in the competition the joint winners were Tom and Kathie Finn and David and Janet Bentley both returning with 34.2net. Runners up were Tom Hall and Joyce McLaren 35.2 and third Tom Eadon with Elaine Shelton 35.5. The best four ball was Tom Eadon, Elaine Shelton, Terry and Julia Brown with a combined nett 72.2

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KIERAN WINS COUNTY CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS TOURNAMENT

Kieran Foster won the Leicestershire and Rutland Golf Union Champion of Champions tournament on Saturday 2nd October. The competition was played at Birstall Golf Club and open to all 2010 Club Champions from Golf Clubs affiliated to the Leicestershire and Rutland Golf Union.

Played over 36 holes the weather was kind being the best day of the weekend. Kieran shot a four over par in the morning round which left him lying in fourth place behind the Champions from Birstall, Longcliffe and Humberstone Heights however a superb afternoon score of a two under par 68, some four shots clear of the next best score, clinched the championship title for Kieran his aggregate score of 142 four shots better than that of second placed K. Dandy from Longcliffe. The County title another addition to the many highlights of a superb Golfing year for Kieran one of the best achievements having qualified to represent England boys against Scotland at Fairhaven Golf Club in September. Sadly the competition was abandoned after the morning foursomes due to the heavy rain but Kieran and his partner had won their foursome match 5 up with 3 to play and England won the day having completed the morning rounds by a margin of 8 matches to England and 1 to Scotland.

INTERNATIONAL PAIRS

Having won the East of England Finals at the start of September, Neil Eaves and Nick Pattison went through to the UK finals at Wychwood Park in Crewe for the UK Finals last weekend. Only 18 pairs (6 event winners and 12 runners up) had made it through to the UK finals from a predicted 12,000 pairs and played on a relatively new course that hosts the qualifying events for golfers to become part of the professional tour. Needless to say, the course was set up to really test all the golfers and overcast, cold conditions only added to the challenge faced by the finalists. Having scored 43 points in the club round held at Melton Mowbray Golf Club and achieving the same score at the East of England finals at Belton Woods, expectations were high for Neil and Nick to grab one of the 3 places available to go through to the International final and represent the UK at Loch Lomond golf club and be shown on Sky Sports.

The Front nine saw the pair struggle to sink many of their first putts on incredibly fast greens and they could only manage 18 points based on better-ball scoring. Having been given a live scoring device, the pair could see that they lay in 16th place coming to the turn. Having had a talk between themselves, Nick and Neil set about trying to improve their position and Neil promptly chipped in from 30 feet for a birdie on the tenth. Nick sank his birdie putt on the next after both players then hit their tee shots to within four feet and by the time they reached the 15th tee, they lay tied for 3rd place. A wicked deflection for Neil saw his second on the long par four 15th kick into a pot bunker and Nick could only find the front of the elongated and steep green. Neil sank a nervy putt for 2 more points and both players missed their par putts on the 16th having hit good drives but poor second shots. Knowing that other teams tied for 3rd had now moved ahead of them, they stood on the par 3 17th needing to carry 190 yards over water to hit the green but both mishit their shots to see the possibilities of ending in the top 3 disappear. Two points from Neil at the long 18th was little consolation and they finished up with 37 points, having been hoping for at least 40 on the 15th tee. There were 5 teams though who tied for 1st place with 41 points, and so two teams were left to go home having known that they weren't going through to represent the UK based on count back from their final 6 hole scores.

It was a great experience for both Neil and Nick and hopefully they'll make it back to this position next year and hope to go one better and make it through to the UK finals.

The Monday Morning Mingles are back! The new season started this week with a lower than normal 36 members taking part in the first competition. Playing a greensome over nine holes the pairs play for league points throughout the winter months to have the honour of winning the 5M's trophy (Melton Mowbray Monday Morning Mingles) at their presentation in April. The season started well with the first winners being John and Avis Webb with a net 33.6 Runners up John Parker and Margaret Keightley scored net 33.8 and third place with a net 34.8 was taken by Alan and Drina Terzza and also Ray Foster and Di Orson. The best four ball was John Parker, Margaret Keightley, Frank and Brenda Williams combined net 70.0