

## COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR MEETING 3<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 2016

August continued to be predominately hot and dry, baking the fairways and generating a good amount of run on the ball.

The Cancer Spoon Stableford competition was held on 21<sup>st</sup> August with eleven ladies taking part. The day was very windy making club selection difficult. Conditions were such that Joan Cowie reduced the 13<sup>th</sup> to a driver and an eight iron! With firm fairways, there were some excellent scores carded and the result was a close affair, being decided on countback. The winner of the Cancer Spoon was Sue Roberts with 38 points.

The Cancer Spoon is played in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support and our entry fee, together with any donations on the day were sent to Macmillan in return for the Spoon. Heather Dopierala baked a cake to 'Guess the Weight', the winner being Jane Coleman who kindly shared the spoils with the group. All together £136.00 was raised on the day, a fantastic amount from a relatively small number of people.

The Club Championships were held over August Bank Holiday weekend and ten ladies signed up to compete for the trophies. The Championships are decided over two days of competition with the Club Champion returning the best overall gross score and the Handicap Champion returning the best overall nett score. Scoring was steady with Sue Roberts holding a narrow gross lead and Sue Annibal a nett lead after day one. Almost all players bettered their score on day two and the Championship was not decided until the final putt had been sunk. Returning gross scores of 89 and 89, a total of 178, Sue Roberts was the Club Champion, and Sue Duncan took the Handicap trophy with nett scores of 75 and 72, a total of 147.

We then moved into September with the Sunday medal being held on the 4<sup>th</sup>. The result was very close with Sue Annibal taking the honours by a single shot with a nett 71. The Tuesday medal was put back a week due to the Ladies Open, another very successful day, and was held on the 13<sup>th</sup> September. The result was another close one with Heather Dopierala winning by a single shot again, returning a nett 75. Overall Order of Merit points were awarded to Sue Annibal. In addition, in return for a donation, the LGU award a brooch to the player who cards the best nett score in a strokeplay competition in September. With her nett 71, the winner of the LGU brooch was Sue Annibal and it will be presented on Presentation Night in October.

The Ladies Fun Day was scheduled for the 10<sup>th</sup> September but was cancelled due to inclement weather. A full calendar makes it unlikely that we will be able to shoehorn it in this year. Thanks to all those who signed up to play, here's to next year.

The Masters followed on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September with four ladies taking part, having qualified via various Club competitions. With an excellent nett 72, Jane Barlow was the winner of the Sue Rainton Trophy, only 3 shots off the overall winning score and one outside the main Club prizes. A great result, well done Jane.

The last event to be played in September was the Mixed Foursomes Vase, played on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>. Support for this competition was great with ten couples took part, four more than last year. Considering the difficult format, scores were reasonably close and any of the couples had the game to win the Vase. Having gone out in the third group, Sue and Paul Roberts had their fingers crossed, carding a nett 77, the best score to date. However, as the saying goes, it's not over till it's over, you can't count your chickens etc. etc. Coming home in the last group, Shirley and Len Westlake scored a fantastic nett 75, whipping the rug out from under the Roberts' feet and deservedly taking the Mixed Foursomes Vase.

Having delayed the Clifton Trophy deadlines in an effort to get all the matches played rather than conceded the final was eventually played on 1<sup>st</sup> October between Jane Coleman and Pat Mundy. The match was played on a cold, windy day, miserable conditions to be out on a golf course. Jane won the match on the 15<sup>th</sup> and took the final points in the Order of Merit. The trophy will be presented on Presentation Evening, well done Jane.

Due to course maintenance week, the October medals have been put back towards the end of the month to allow the greens to recover and so these will be recorded at the next Committee meeting.

→ The summer eclectic competition ended at the end of September & 15 ladies took part. There were enough entrants to have two divisions - Division 1 consisting of handicaps 14 - 25 and 26 - 36.

The winner of Division 1 was Sue Annibal with a nett 62.2 and the winner of Division 2 was Joan Cowie with a nett 60.2