

Our qualifying competition for the Daily Mail Foursomes was held on Saturday 18th February with seven ladies competing for the honour of representing South Kyme in the competition. Held as a Stableford qualifier, the best scores by some distance were Paula Young and Helen Kirschner, both returning scores of 37 points. The draw for the first round saw us drawn to play at home against Woodhall Spa, however, due to a dispute over when a mutually convenient date had been agreed, Paula was unable to play due to work commitments and so Sue Annibal, as the next best scorer was partnered with Helen with the match to be played on Friday 3rd March. The weather on the day was atrocious with the forecast only to get worse. However, the match went ahead and it was nip and tuck all the way. Despite being 1 Up at the turn, the conditions began to favour the visiting side with the course becoming virtually unplayable and waterlogged. Woodhall eventually closed out the match 2 Up on the 18th. Taking the match to the last hole was a superb effort by our pair all things considered.

Our qualifying competition for the Daily Mail Foursomes has previously been held in February with the first match to be played by mid-March. As the course is still in the grip of winter conditions, this is perhaps not the best time to hold the qualifier and so it was put to the membership at the AGM to move the qualifier to the end of the summer when the course is in good condition and all players have had a full season to hone their games. This was unanimously agreed with the format to remain as a Stableford competition. To that end, our qualifier for 2018 will be held in October of this year so that our representative pair will have ample opportunity to play some foursomes games and really gel as a pair. It will be interesting to see how we get on.

A dank and wet February played havoc with the Tuesday medal as it was constantly postponed due to winter greens being in use, or only half the course being open due to waterlogging. It was eventually played on the 28th with nine ladies taking part. Five shots clear of the field, the runaway winner was Paula Young with a nett 74, just pipping Jenny Atherton to maximum Order of Merit points by a single shot.

The weather was also a factor in disrupting the March medals. Sunday 5th March had to cancel as the course was still waterlogged and, with no other Sundays available due to other Club commitments, it was agreed to hold the medal on Saturday 18th March. The day was cold but fine and the course had dried out a little so the ball was ran more. Making the most of the conditions were Sue Duncan, who came home with a fabulous nett 68 and a one shot drop in handicap but, even better was Paula Young who carded an excellent nett 67 resulting in a two shot reduction in handicap. The March Tuesday medal was also postponed due to a wet course and the only free Tuesday was the 28th. The day was foggy when we started but once the sun broke through, the medal was completed in sunny conditions. Coming home with a nett 71 was Sue Roberts, her best result for some months. However, she was pipped at the post by Joan Cowie who also scored a nett 71, a better score on handicap. However, no-one could come close to Paula's nett 67 and she deservedly took the honours on the Order of Merit table.

Our first competitive match is always against the Seniors towards the end of March and, for the first time ever, the ladies fielded a side of eight pairs. The men matched us and we were set for a good day's golf. Sadly, Pat Mundy had to withdraw at the last minute due to injury and so Jody Kirschner (known as Julie on the day) kindly agreed to step up to the mark and play for the ladies. Despite our best efforts, the Seniors won 5-3, a score that didn't really reflect the quality of play, as several of the matches went all the way to the 18th.

The Winter Eclectic competition ended on 31st March with fourteen ladies having taken part, five more than last winter. The field was split into two divisions, those with handicaps 14 – 26 and those with handicaps 27 – 36. A $\frac{5}{8}$ adjustment was made to everyone's handicap to determine the winners in each division. The winner in Division 1 was Sue Annibal with a nett eclectic score of 64.2 and the winner in Division 2 was Joan Cowie with a nett eclectic score of 63.2. Awards to these winners will be made on Presentation Evening.

The Summer Eclectic is now underway. Here's hoping for an equally successful competition. The April Sunday medal was contested on 3rd April with seven ladies taking part. It was a beautiful day with conditions conducive to good scoring. Making the most of the favourable conditions and leader in the Clubhouse for most of the medal was Jane Barlow with a nett score of 70, earning herself a 0.4 reduction in handicap in the process.

April is packed with the Tuesday medal, the monthly Stableford, the Easter Egg competition, mixed matches against Stoke Rochford and Kirton Holme, a Ladies friendly match against Boston and League matches against Kirton Holme and Spalding all due to take place this month. Details of these will be included in the next report.