

## COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR MEETING 6 AUGUST 18

The Cook Shield was played on the 10<sup>th</sup> July with fourteen pairs taking part, one down on last year. It was slightly cooler than recent days and made for very pleasant playing conditions. The competition was a Greensomes Stableford format and six of the fourteen places were decided on countback, the first four pairs all returning scores of 41 points. The runners-up were Anne Clayton (stepping in at the last minute to replace the injured Jane Barlow) and Jody Kirschner but, courtesy of a better back nine, the winners of the Cook Shield were Helen Kirschner and Alan Cowie. The Shield was presented on the day and will be awarded again on Presentation Evening.

The PING Fourball Betterball competition was next on the agenda, played on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Seven pairs signed up to compete, one less than last year. It was a hot, breezy day with the ball running well on rock hard ground. The top three places were very close with 42 points, scored by Jane Barlow and Jenny Atherton, and 43 points, scored by Sue Annibal and Myra Le Sage, deciding third and second places. However, returning a score of 44 points, the winners were Shirley Westlake and Joan Cowie. Their card was sent off to PING and we hope the score will be good enough to get them on the National leaderboard, which will be released in early August. PING will send winners and runners-up prizes to be awarded on Presentation Evening.

The Williams Trophy took place on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July and seven pairs competed for the prize. This competition was moved from a Thursday evening to a weekend in an effort to encourage more players to take part and, with seven 7 pairs (three more than last year), this proved to be very successful. This was the largest field of players since I took over as Competition Secretary in 2014 and has more than justified the move.

It was a very windy day and Greensomes is not an easy format at the best of times. Undeterred, the ladies generally coped very well with the conditions with the top three places all scoring 32 points. On countback Paula Young and Helen Kirschner scored 16 points on the back nine, Myra Le Sage and Yvonne Prior scored 18 points but, with a back nine of 20 points, the winners of the Williams Trophy were Sue Duncan and Elaine Sturton. The Trophy was presented on the day and will be awarded again on Presentation Evening.