

## COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR MEETING – 9 APR 18

The first competition to be reported upon was the February Tuesday medal. A prolonged period of wet weather saw much of the course waterlogged and needing the use of winter greens. Therefore, the medal was a non-qualifier, contested by six ladies on a day that would have frozen the proverbial off a brass monkey.

Considering the conditions, Sue Roberts thought she was a shoe-in for the winner's enclosure with a nett 74; however Shirley Westlake was determined to reinforce her win in the Sunday medal by carding a fabulous nett 69. Sadly, as the comp was a non-qualifier, there was no reduction in handicap; still, it's only a matter of time, Shirley.

Because the Sunday medal was played on regular greens and therefore a qualifier, and the Tuesday medal was played on winter greens and therefore a non-qualifier, a committee decision was needed as to how to award Order of Merit points when each medal was contested on different greens. The unanimous decision was that OOM points would only be awarded against the medal played on regular greens and so Shirley Westlake took full honours.

The draw for the Daily Mail Foursomes was carried out at the beginning of February and South Kyme was drawn to play Boston at home, and it was agreed to play the match on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February. Sue Roberts and Helen Kirschner were South Kyme's representative pair up against Ann Hodgson and Barbara Unwin. The handicap allowance meant that the home pair received two shots so it was almost a scratch match. The day was a dank, mizzly day but the course was in reasonable condition with one winter green being used on the 7<sup>th</sup> hole. Sadly this was not Sue and Helen's best performance and, against some steady play from the visitors, could not get a foothold in the match. Boston closed out the match on the 13<sup>th</sup> hole winning 6 & 5. Never mind, here's to next year.

Winter weather then started to affect our monthly medals with both March medals being postponed due to snow, and a waterlogged front 9. The Tuesday medal was unable to be played but the Sunday medal eventually went ahead on the 25<sup>th</sup> with Sue Duncan taking the honours with a nett 80 on countback from Sue Annibal. As only one medal was played in March, Order of Merit points were awarded against this result.

The annual Easter Egg comp took place on Good Friday with twelve couples taking part (one less than last year). Such were the numbers of Easter Eggs donated, prizes were awarded down to 11<sup>th</sup> place. The format was a Greensomes Stableford and the scores were very close with several placings being decided on countback. Taking top honours were Penny Gilbert and John Stephenson, coming home with 37 points.

Prizes were also awarded for Nearest the Pins on all Par 3s with John Stephenson, Heather Dopierala, Sue Duncan and David Le Sage taking the spoils here.

As in previous years, Heather Dopierala made a cake for a Guess the Weight prize and Sue Annibal provided a jar of small Easter Eggs for a Guess How Many Eggs in the Jar prize. Gary Noble was nearest to the cake weight, being only 2oz out, and Penny Gilbert and Alan Jude shared the prize by guessing there were 230 eggs in the jar (in fact, there were 229). Thanks to Heather and Sue for providing the goodies.

The day was also a fundraiser for the Lady Captain's charity, which this year is the Butterfly Hospice in Boston. A total of £74.45 was raised on the day.

A big thank you to Helen Kirschner who ran with this competition in Sue Roberts' absence due to holiday.

In December of each year, the England Golf Union awards a memento to the Club player who has returned the best four nett scores throughout the calendar year from January to December. This result is sent to the EGU and the best 120 ladies in a variety of regions are invited to play off in a series of Regional Finals, the top tens of these then go on to compete in a Grand Final to be the overall Medal winner.

Last year Sue Roberts was South Kyme's winner with her four best nett scores coming in at 8 under par and, not surprisingly, has made the Regional Finals. The Midlands North, of which Lincolnshire is part, will play their Regional Final at Burton-on-Trent Golf Club on 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

The Winter Eclectic competition came to a conclusion at the end of March. Eleven ladies had signed up and numbers were split into two divisions, based on handicap. The winner of Division 1 (handicaps 14 – 25) with a nett score of 66.4, was Jenny Atherton, and the winner of Division 2 (handicaps 26 – 36), with a nett score of 71.6, was Helen Kirschner.

The summer Eclectic competition is now under way and will run until 30<sup>th</sup> September.

A prolonged bout of wet weather saw the course closed for a period of time, or only 9 holes open at other times. This affected the April Sunday medal, which was cancelled as it could not be played on its planned date and there were no other Sundays available. I think this is the first time a medal has had to be cancelled so far into the year but, hopefully, spring will arrive and normal service will be resumed.