

## COMETITION SECRETARY'S REORT FOR MEETING – 8<sup>th</sup> MAY 19

The February Tuesday medal was played on the 5<sup>th</sup> February and nine ladies took part on what was a chilly day with good playing conditions. Best of the bunch was Chris Leggett returning a nett 74 and taking the Order of Merit honours.

In the Daily Mail Foursomes competition, South Kyme was drawn to play away against Kirton Holme. The match was played on the 21<sup>st</sup> February between Nicky Foster and Jo Wallis from Kirton and Sue Roberts and Heather Dopierala from South Kyme. It was a glorious day with temperatures in the mid-teens and perfect conditions for golf. Sadly, Heather and Sue didn't have their 'A' game and the five shots given to the home side proved crucial. Playing a steady game, Kirton Holme won the match 2 & 1 and go through to the next round. Oh well, here's to next year.

The England Golf Medal pack-up (renamed after the Bridgestone Chase Your Dream Trophy sponsorship agreement ended) was received at the Club mid-February. Achieving a fabulous 10 under par through the summer of 2018, our runaway winner was Myra Le Sage. The appropriate paperwork entering Myra to the Regional Finals was completed and she awaits to see if her score is in the top 120 for the Midlands North Region and, assuming a positive outcome, the Regional Final will be held on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May at Woollaton Park Golf Club in Nottinghamshire.

March saw us back into qualifiers, the Sunday medal, played on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, was contested in awful conditions, courtesy of storm Freya. Most of our Sunday contingent exercised a good dose of common sense and stayed at home, however, four of us braved the elements, convinced the weather would improve. Needless to say, it didn't and our scores reflected this. Seemingly untroubled by the conditions, Helen Kirschner played an excellent game, returning a nett 76, a clear seven shots ahead of second place and thoroughly deserving maximum Order of Merit points.

Tuesday's medal was played on the 5<sup>th</sup> March in the blustery remnants of storm Freya with twelve competitors. Despite the conditions, Penny Gilbert played an excellent game carding a wonderful nett 74, 9 shots ahead of the field, and thoroughly deserving of maximum Order of Merit points.

The Winter Eclectic competition concluded on 31<sup>st</sup> March. Disappointingly, only seven ladies had signed up for this event, four less than last year, and so only one prize was awarded as there were not enough players to split into two handicap divisions. Coming home with a nett score of 65.8, the winner was Sue Annibal. The voucher will be awarded on Presentation Evening in October.

The April medals arrived on Spring's coattails, the Tuesday medal being played on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Disappointingly, only three ladies took part in the competition, Yvonne Prior taking the Order of Merit points with a nett 79.

The Sunday medal was played with a field of seven and Gillian Holder won the competition with a nett 73, taking her first Order of Merit points.

Good Friday saw the annual Easter Egg competition and fourteen couples signed up to play, two more than last year. Several prizes were up for grabs, the overall result, Nearest the Pin on all four Par 3s, Guess the Weight of the Cake (kindly provided by Heather Dopierala), and a guess to see how many chocolate Easter bunnies were in a jar (kindly provided by Myra Le Sage).

It was a glorious day and, as many Easter Eggs were donated, everyone got a prize. The winners of the overall competition were Myra and David Le Sage coming home with 39 points on countback from Jane and Steve Barlow. Margaret White, David Le Sage, Heather Dopierala and Paul Holder took the honours on the Par 3 Nearest the Pins. Dave Houlton had the best guess of the cake weight, Ray Duncan was nearest to the number of Easter bunnies in the jar, and a total of £ 79.20 was raised in donations on the day. All in all a wonderfully successful day. A big thanks to all who ran with this and other competitions whilst I was away.

The May medals could not have been played in more disparate conditions, Sunday was quite cold and overcast and the Tuesday was a glorious day. Eight ladies competed in the Sunday medal, played on the 5<sup>th</sup> and scores were very close. Best of the bunch was Jane Barlow carding a nett 78 and taking the Order of Merit points. Fourteen ladies signed up for the Tuesday medal and scores, for the most part were very close. However, way out in front by seven shots was Sue Annibal with a wonderful nett 70, not only taking maximum Order of Merit points but having her second handicap reduction in two days!