**MATCH REPORT**

 **South Kyme 3.5 V 2.5 Louth**

**29th July 2017 (Home)**

**Group 1**: Myself and Bill Lesley Campbell lost by 2 and 1 to Andy Fay and George (B Team) Webster, this was in spite of a very closely fought match that was all square for a good part of the match never more than one down and then back to all square we were finally undone when we run out of shots having given Andy Fray 9 shots! But despite this we had a very enjoyable round.

**Group 2:** Kevin Wright and Jo Kirschner, well what can I say, these guys don’t do things in halves, they were playing 14 and 15 handicappers one of which was a B Team Player and won 5 and 4. After winning holes 4, 5 and 6 and being 2 up at the turn the paring never looked back. Jo apparently enjoyed his putt that much on hole 8 to win the hole his tee shot on the 9th almost finished back there via a couple of obstructions (trees!).  Key long putts at key times and good solid Golf from both helped secure in the end a comfortable victory.  Kevin & Jo have now played together twice and are so far undefeated.

**Group 3:** Nick Milburn and Mark (won at Rutland) Harbin played 15 and 16 handicappers and the match ended All Square. However, after two holes and two down, they soon realised it was going to be a tall order. According to Mark by the end of the 9th they were three down and rolled into Rio Lobo (halfway house) to water the horses and fill their bellies with chow. Disappointed by the lack of (no I can’t write that Mark) they saddled up and headed out of town to the 10th. Stemming the tide of the Louth bandits Nick "Rooster Cogburn" and himself noticed smoke on the ridge as Andy "Doc Holiday" Davis' wagon broke down under the onslaught of a renegade Louth Pairs while Bill "Wild Bill" Campbell could be seen with a frying pan cooking up some smokey on the 11th. After 3 holes halved, Rooster and Mark "Butch Cassidy" rallied to 4 straight wins heading off the Louth Apaches at South Kyme Pass. With two holes to go and one up, Nick emptied both his pistols to secure a half followed by a valiant finale resulting in the last hole lost but a battle drawn.

 Whatever that was about Mark it was a good result well done you two.

**Group 4:** Likely Lads Steve Smeeth and Andy Murton our immediate two past Captains played a pair playing off 28 and 25 and won 1 up. It was a very close match only one shot difference all the way round, they finished the front nine with a par on the ninth to go one up despite Steve holing 5 pars on the front nine but was giving away 9 shoots to Glen Wray. They went down the 18th 1 up and Andy scored a 6 to half the hole for the win. Steve apparently had his only wayward drive on the 18th as he was concentrating on a fly that had landed on his ball!!! Andy came in to form on the back nine with another three pars and that makes it two wins out of two for Andy.

 **Steve Smeeth was also nearest the pin on the 14th Hole and was presented with a sleeve of Srixon Balls.**

**Group 5:** Mike (Steady) Meates teamed up with Peter Sivill and had a good match with Ken Haddon and Dave Nutten from Louth.  They eventually Lost 2 and 1having come back from 2 down to 1 down with two holes to play.

**Group 6:** And finally when we thought it was going to be a tied match, the “Two Dave’s Messer’s Burrows and Dickinson casually stroll into the clubhouse with a 4 and 2 win to cap an overall win for SK Rabbits. Their match went well as Dave Dickinson had a steady start (amazing he was even playing given his list of injuries!). Their partners Mick and Ian were great company on the day and apparently they will be leaving a note for our Handicap Secretary about Dave Burrow’s play (good luck with that one we’ve already reported him)!!

Apparently it was pretty close until half way when they started to creep forward winning Hole 10 with a 4 from a long putt, this seemed to upset them and they just edged forward with halves and wins for the remainder of the match 4 & 2 with a win from Dave Dickinson to clinch the match on the 16th.

On a serious note once again a very respectful result against some strong opposition of lower handicaps, that’s two games on the bounce against Blankney and now Louth.

Special thanks go to Janet and the staff for a wonderful meal and Helen and Heather for the lovely food at the Halfway House and Dave Burrows for his assistance. As always we had a lot of comments from the Louth players about the great condition of the course especially the greens by our Goundstaff. Well done Peter Chamberlain.

Many Thanks everyone.

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