

MATCH REPORT

South Kyme Rabbits 3.0 v 3.0 Sandilands Rabbits

Monday 3rd September 2018 (Away)

Well what a glorious day it was for our first Rabbits Match at Sandilands Golf Club many of us of which had either never played there or hadn't played on a Links Course before. We were treated to coffees on arrival followed by a superb Full English breakfast.

Group 1: Myself (21) and Mark Williamson (25) played Captain Peter (Pedro) Martin (20) and Ian Wallace (16).

This was Mark's first match since coming back from his holiday and initially he was still feeling the effects of the San Miguel and Paella! I therefore won two of the first three holes whilst he was blowing out the cobwebs in the fresh sea breeze to give him time to wake up and get into a Rhythm! I warned Pedro and Ian that he will either play off 18 or 30 but I didn't know which one! I think they thought I was joking until he started by winning the 4th, 5th, 7th and 8th and halving the 9th by which time Pedro was questioning his scores and coming out with all sorts of expletives and having found themselves 4 down at the turn!!

Sorry Pedro that's 5 down after the 10th (keep it up Mark whilst I practice my drives with my 3 wood!). After Ian sneaked in to win the 11th with a superb par to claw it back to - 4 Mark has the audacity to Birdie the par 4 12th to which Pedro thinks wrongly they are now 6 down! At this point I gave Mark a rest by winning the 13th to make it a 6 and 4 Win for SKGC. At this point Pedro was calling Mark every type of Bandit under the sun.

In the 13 holes I won 3, Mark won 6 (and halved the 9th) and Pedro and Ian won 3. As we come off the 13th Vice Captain Dave Burrows has seen us shaking hands on the win and goes off chomping to Dave Dickinson that they need to up the ante on their 4 up streak if they are going to win the booty!!

What a superb round Mark Williamson you need to go on more holidays between rounds.

Group 2: Nick Milburn (18) and Josef Kirschner (24) played J Putts (16) and L Jackson (15).

Nick and Josef both stormed into a 4 shot lead by the 7th hole each having won 2 holes in the process. By the turn their opponents had clawed one back to leave them 3 up.

At the 10th hole the Sandilands pairing had reduced the deficit to 2 holes until Nick restored the 3 shot advantage on the 11th followed by Josef winning the 12th to make it 4 up and in true team effort our boys both parred the 14th to win the match 5 and 4 to SKGC.

Well done guys on a superb win, especially as you both won your matches against Kirton on Saturday.

Group 3: John Huthwaite (17) and Helen Kirschner (30) played Dave Allen (27) and P Warmes (19).

Unfortunately, there was no card handed in for John and Helen for me to record the match, however I believe it was a closely fought competition throughout the round but despite their best efforts found themselves losing 2 up. Well played both of you.

Group 4: Paul Roberts (15) and Jenny Atherton (23) played A Skyes (14) and Ron Christmass (9).

Paul and Jenny started absolutely superbly against the lower handicaps by halving the first 5 holes and each winning the 6th and 7th respectively. This must have given their opponents the momentum to then win the 8th and 9th to make it all square at the turn.

That momentum continued on the 10th as our pairing went 1 down for the first time and this was followed by 6 halved holes and then on the 17th hole the Sandilands pairing finally won the match 2 up.

This meant that there were 11 halved holes and 6 wins, which was a very tight match, well done Paul and Jenny on a good match.

Group 5: David (Taffy) Evans (15) and Helen Huthwaite (29) played G Leadbeater (21) and Bob Lees (28).

First of all a big thanks to Taffy Evans for representing SKGC against his own club, by way of exchanging pleasantries at the start he was asked whether he supported Cardiff or Swansea to which he replied Man United, lol!!

David and Helen had a good start and by the 7th hole were 3 up and at the turn were 2 up. By the 14th the Sandilands pairing had clawed it

back to all square and followed this up by winning the 15th and 16th to end up winning 2 up. Hard luck Helen and Taffy, a good effort.

Group 6: The final grouping was Vice-Captain Dave Burrows (18) and Dave Dickinson (26) playing Mark Jackson (25) and Mick Evans (28).

After the first two holes the match was all square, Dave B then parred the 3rd hole whilst the Sandilands brought it back to AS on the 4th. At this point Dave D having warmed up wins the 5th, 8th and 9th to take our pairing to 2 up at the turn.

At the 10th Dave B won the hole to take SK 3 up and Dave D pars the 11th for 4 up! Another par on the 12th for Dave D to keep it 4 up and despite Sandilands winning the 13th Dave D wins the 14th to bring it back to 4 up.

On to the 15th and a little bird (or Seagull) informs me that Mr Burrows' Wayward Drive is seen landing on the top of a van and is trundling down the main road towards the club house and Dave is dreaming of recording a 700-yard drive lol! Despite Dave D efforts Sandilands win the hole and shake hands on a 3 and 1 win to SK.

Well done guys a superb win and Dave D has been in his element with his drives on an open fairway.

In Summary

First of all, this was SKGC Rabbits very first match at Sandilands Golf Club and from the outset we were given a good welcome and enjoyed a superb breakfast, a thoroughly enjoyable round of golf which was followed by drinks and banter outside on the tables overlooking the 1st and 18th holes.

A big thanks to everyone at SK who agreed to play especially on a Monday and especially to Pedro and the Sandilands Players for giving us a really good day out and the final result of 3 – 3 was a fair reflection of the match. Also as usual a big thanks to my Vice-Captain Dave Burrows for his help on the day.

We look forward to welcoming the Sandilands players to SKGC for the return match on Monday 24th September.

Many Thanks

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