

## Highs and Lows:

The 2019 season teed off early this year on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May. This was a lowest turnout, not surprising when it rained heavily in the morning. Thankfully it was dry for most of the afternoon.

CSS: the club had its Standard Scratch reviewed last winter and our CSS (yellow tees) was reduced from 70 to 69. That said, the average Competition Standard Scratch was 69.6. Eight rounds had 69, one had 68 (week 6) and 5 rounds saw CSS move up to 71.

Starting and finishing: we've continued the arrangement where we can with the Rangers permission tee off from 2:30pm. This alleviates the pressure on the late starters and the resulting kitchen effort. As a result we are usually gone by 9:30pm.

Facebook, we've published weekly photos of the winners (individual, team and nearest the pin). This is our only Social Media outlet so we urge all members to have a look.

As always, the website has recorded all of our efforts and we hope that you have had a chance to see what we've produced. Thanks specifically to Chris Cole for his efforts here. The main thing is that it answers any potential criticisms that we hear. For instance, too many Social, Junior or Category 1 players. The answer; there's been no significant change since we started recording this information in 2011. The big difference as to the numbers is the Category 3 players of the club. These have doubled in the 8 years.

Players: we had 134 players take part in the League this year. The average was 58 per round with a high of 80 playing on week 3. Week 1 saw the lowest turnout (42).

40 Club: a slow start this year but 21 players joined the club. Well done to Tony Burt, John Pendergast and Tommy Mee for achieving this twice. In addition congratulations to the Captain who managed a 40 on week 7 and nearly did the double with a 39 on week 5.

Team balls: 80 players had a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 61 winning at least one sleeve of CBRE Titlist Pro VI balls where 123 sleeves were given out. (This is recognized by coming 1<sup>st</sup> – 2 sleeves each and 2<sup>nd</sup> – 1 sleeve each.) 8 players won 4 sleeves, 5 players won 3 sleeves, 28 players won 2 sleeves and 20 players won one sleeve.

Individual Vouchers: we gave out vouchers to 31 players this year. Two players won three vouchers: Mark Smith (2 \* 2<sup>nd</sup> and one 3<sup>rd</sup>) and George Reid (3 \* 3<sup>rd</sup>). 8 players won two vouchers, Tony Burt (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>), Matt Cornic (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>), Rob Davison (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>), James Draisey (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>), Robert Killen (2 \* 1<sup>st</sup>), Tommy Mee (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>), John Pendergast (2 \* 1<sup>st</sup>), and Emilio Perez (2 \* 2<sup>nd</sup>). Finally, we had another 21 players pick up a prize including one junior (Tommy Jewell – 2<sup>nd</sup>) who had a mention.

Holes in one: ONE! Well done Charles Canham – 8<sup>th</sup> hole on week 13. This is the first one in four years, the last one was in week 1, 2015 by Barry Phillips on the 8<sup>th</sup>. By our calculations, that's over 23,000 attempts to no avail.

Honours board: 2 eagles, well done Sam Jaakola (3<sup>rd</sup> on wk4) and Bob Bowden (1<sup>st</sup> on wk12).

Birdie2s: this year saw 64 players collect 113 Birdie2 sleeves of balls. Well done Tony Burt who achieved 7 and Mark Sumner, 5. Four B2s were won by 3 players, three sleeves by 6 players, two by 18 players and 35 players collected one birdie2.

Nearest the Pin: 13 winners of CBRE Pro VI sleeves over the 14 weeks with one person achieving it twice (well done, Paul Mooney). Closest: there were two at or very near 70cm; Aston Goode (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Peter Labey (8<sup>th</sup>). Week 7 saw Chris Borney win nearest the pin on the 4<sup>th</sup> at nearly 9 metres! The averages over the season: handicap 15 and distance nearly 3 metres. On only 4 occasions did the winner get the Birdie2.

Bingo Bob (Wall's Balls): 41 players won this year with Ian Brandon winning 4 times, Rupert Cuddon-Large and Wayne Gallichan three times. Thankfully John Turner won once starting most weeks with number "1". Thanks must go to Bob Denison (as draw master) and Chris (for stepping in once) where neither had their number drawn.

**Matches:**

Ladies: one of the most enjoyable match competitions that we ever play. Great camaraderie where each side were congratulating their opponents on good shots. All of the 13 matches (bar 2) were extremely close; finishing near the 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> holes. Sadly two teams of ladies played astonishingly well and routed our boys 6 & 5. The score, 8 ½ to 4 ½. Next year, as we've won all bar one, we'll remove the 90% handicap difference.

Juniors: another great afternoon. This is always a tough match to win given that we're in the middle of the summer and Junior handicaps are coming down rapidly. Thankfully our men prevailed 4 to 1. That said, we need to keep an eye on one Junior: Annabelle who dispatched Chris and Tim 5&4 with her partner Barnaby.

**League Prizes:**

A few years ago we replaced the glass decanters and mugs with Pro Shop merchandise on the final evening. We have four principal trophies:

- the Combined Prize for the person winning the most points across both the Individual and Team Leagues is recognized by a very nice pair of mounted silver CANDLE STICKS (donated several years ago by Terry Ruane).
- We have an Individual trophy, the GALLICHAN PROPELLER for the most Individual League points being a mounted boat propeller recognizing the efforts that Bob Gallichan put in for the years 2005 – 2015 when he reestablished and ran the League.
- In addition, we have a Team Trophy, the THREE BUDDHAS, reflecting the teams of 3 that play each week, for the person who accumulated the most points in the Team League.
- The lowest Nett Eclectic across the season wins the silver SALVER.

We therefore have a trophy to go with the Pro Shop merchandise for all the major League season prizes.

Please note that the golf related prizes that can be exchanged, if need be, in the Pro Shop (thanks to James for his help). [[\\* below denotes a Pro shop prize](#)] In addition, and as in the past, no one can win two Pro Shop prizes.

Combined (the "Candle Sticks"):

1<sup>st</sup>: Robert Killen with 56 points (26 Individual [1<sup>st</sup>], 30 Team [7<sup>th</sup>]) \*

Individual (the "Gallichan Propeller"):

1<sup>st</sup>: Tony Burt with 28 points \*  
 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rob Davison with 27 points \*  
 3<sup>rd</sup>: Robert Killen with 26 points but 30 points over 10 rounds  
 4<sup>th</sup>: John Pendergast also with 26 points but 29 points over 10 rounds  
 5<sup>th</sup>: George Reid also with 26 points but 27 points over 9 rounds.

Team (the "Three Buddhas"):

1<sup>st</sup>: Chris Matthews with 31 points \*  
 2<sup>nd</sup> =: Ian Brandon with 30 points but 36 points over 12 rounds \* (who couldn't be separated from)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> =: Robert Killen also with 30 points but 36 points over 12 rounds  
 4<sup>th</sup>: John Pendergast with 28 points but 34 points over 11 rounds  
 5<sup>th</sup>: Kevin Mundy also with 28 points but 33 points over 11 rounds

Eclectic NETT (the "Silver Salver"):

John Pendergast with a net 48 and 23 on the back 9 \*  
 Well done Roy Noel who also had a 48 but 24 shots on the back 9

The TEETH:

This individual has had a lot to say. David Blake.

The ALTHAM / MCGLYNN:

We've had a real challenge this year trying to identify something of note. However, last year the award was given to Paul King. Paul promised to return the trophy but has sadly flown off to Australia for a month without returning the same. On this basis, he retains the trophy. (This is NOT a precedent.)

(An honorable mention must go to Peter Whitsey for his remarkable 66 stableford points in week 3.)

**Texas:**

24 teams played this year (including 4 teams of Ladies) with a force 3 breeze from the south. While it was wet before the round, it was dry for most save for 3 or 4 holes in the middle. Well done everyone who turned out. The weather forecast was sadly fairly accurate. We believe everyone enjoyed the competition.

The winners were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> : Paddy O'Connell, John Smith, Mark Keaney, Mike Brooks; 9 birdies; net: 55.75
- 2<sup>nd</sup> : Jon Carter, Julian Roffe, Colin Taylor, Andy Keites; 7 birdies, 1 bogey; net: 56.875
- 3<sup>rd</sup> : John Eddy, Mike Russell, Chris Cole, Rob Leader; 8 birdies, 2 bogies; net: 58.00 (31 on back 9)
- 4<sup>th</sup> : Tommy Jewell, Mike Labey, Tim Herbert, Roy Noel; 5 birdies, 1 bogey; net: 58.00 (35 on back 9)

**Support:**

Thanks to the Pro Shop staff, the Rangers and house staff (front and back) for their assistance this year in helping to make the league the success that it is.

**Sponsorship:**

Thanks to CBRE (through Jon Carter) for their generous support of the League over the past four years. At this time, CBRE are unable to commit to any future support of the League until later in the year. Therefore if there is any firm that would like to discuss working with the League, please get in touch.

**Spring Tour:**

Bob Bowden the organiser is arranging a tour for next year (late April) to the south west of London. This is a great trip and if anyone wishes to take part, then please get in touch with Bob. In the meantime, there's a home match at the end of next month against Woodcote Park requiring 24 players.

**2020:**

So that concludes 2019.

We hope to start next year – this is subject to approval by the Committee of the Royal Jersey Golf Club. We expect it to be Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May, however it may be Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> May.

Any ideas to make this more fun, please let us know. Next year, we will enquire about the possibility of holding a 3 club competition early in 2020, subject to the consent of the club's Management Committee.

Otherwise, good night and see you all again soon.

Chris, John & Kevin  
15<sup>th</sup> August 2019