

**Introduction:**

2022 saw the Wednesday League return to its original format, namely we play, we dine together and at the end of the evening we hold a prize giving session.

With the assistance of our Sponsor, Ravenscroft, we had a League buy in of £15 and weekly round cost of £5. In return, winners achieved:

Individually: 1<sup>st</sup> £40  
2<sup>nd</sup> £25, and  
3<sup>rd</sup> £15.

Teams: 1<sup>st</sup> £15 to each player  
2<sup>nd</sup> £10 to each player, and  
3<sup>rd</sup> £5 to each player.

Nearest the Pin: Each week we rotate around the course picking the next Par 3. A sleeve of 3 Ravenscroft (Titlest) Pro V1 balls is won.

Birdie 2s: Each successful Birdie 2 received a sleeve of 3 Ravenscroft (Titlest) Pro V1 balls.

Draw: A sleeve of 3 Wednesday League (Titlest) Tour Soft balls drawn 4 times each week.

**Highs and Lows:**

Firstly, huge congratulations to Mark Sumner who made a “Hole in One” on the 15<sup>th</sup> hole in week 2. For this, Mark received a box of Ravenscroft (Titlest) Pro V1s and those taking part that evening all toasted Mark with a drink bought by him. Well done, Mark.

Eagles, aside from Mark’s hole in one, none were achieved this year. Last year (2021) we had 6, the previous playing year (2019) saw 2 !

Nearest the Pin: over the 14 weeks, we had 13 winners, Mark Warren won twice (8<sup>th</sup> on week 8 and 16<sup>th</sup> on week 10). On 7 occasions (half the time), the Birdie2 was also achieved. The closest: David Frank on the 16<sup>th</sup> on week 5 at 50cm. The furthest win, 7 metres by Mark Sumner on the 2<sup>nd</sup> on week 1 with a force 4 breeze coming off the sea. Needless to say, Mark didn’t make his Birdie2. The longest Birdie 2 was from Mark Wanless on week 6 at the 2<sup>nd</sup> hole from 3.5 metres.

Birdie2s, 42 players made a Birdie 2 this year with 75 sleeves being won. The most: Joe Fernandes with 6 (none on the 16<sup>th</sup>?). Mark Warren won 4, twice on the 8<sup>th</sup> and of particular note winning back-to-back birdie2s on week 10 on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Four players managed 3 Birdie 2s, Julian Bratley, Fulton Cheung, Tommy Jewel and Kevin Mundy. 15 players won twice and finally 21 won at least once.

Draw, 38 players won a sleeve with 53 being won. Well done Julian Roffe who picked up 4. George Reid won 3 times with 10 others managing two sleeves.

40 club (ie those players who achieved 40 points or more). This year 26 players made a score of 40 or more (2021 – 37, 2019 – 26). Within those scores, we must note two players, Joe

Fernandes (week 9) and Andrew Wignall (week 10) who achieved 46 points (equalling a record set in 2015 by Harry Smith in week 12).

Numbers – while our weekly turn out is down at around 45 vs 60 on that achieved before both the Worldwide Handicap System (WHS) was introduced and the Covid pandemic, it is pleasing to note that those committed to the league (playing 8 or more) remains at the same level. What does this tell us? The Wednesday League used to be a method of achieving a competition handicap before the WHS introduced the “General Play” handicap.

CSS: with the WHS rules, while 2021 saw the PCI stay at par 70 every evening, we witnessed two weeks early in the season when it moved! Week one at 72 and week 4 at 71 . The rest of the time – no adjustments as it stayed at 70.

Starting and finishing: we’ve continued the arrangement where we can, with the Rangers permission, tee off from 2:30pm. While this alleviates the pressure on the late starters and the resulting kitchen effort., this wasn’t the problem this year. This start was introduced when commencing play from the 1<sup>st</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and even 14<sup>th</sup> was not enough to meet demand. Given the lower numbers, it is probable the management committee may remove the 2:30 early start.

Dining – as mentioned, with the COVID scenario much reduced, we held weekly prize-givings. This meant that we gave out prizes around 9:05 every week after the late starters had come in.

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. Finally, we’ve seen fewer Social members this year and only one Junior. On the subject of the Social members, it was a disappointment that the Management Committee decided to nearly double the weekly green fee (from £20 to £38.50) in the Spring of this year as they attempted to reduce all concessions across the club.

Players: we had 94 players take part in the League this year. As stated above, the average was 45 per round with a high of 50 playing on week 4. We were blessed this year with some pretty miserable evenings, thunderstorms (twice), previously only once in the past 10 years, and a persistent breeze every week.

### **2022 League Prizes:**

A few years ago we replaced the glass decanters and mugs with Pro Shop merchandise on the final evening. We have now have five 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 re-established 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 GROSS Eclectic score across the season – the GOLF DECANTER,
- 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>: Joe Fernandes with 62 points (28 Individual [1<sup>st</sup> = ], 34 Team [2<sup>nd</sup>]) \*

**Individual (the “Gallichan Propeller”):**

1<sup>st</sup>=: Joe Fernandes with 28 points but 32 points over 10 rounds, therefore 1<sup>st</sup>

1<sup>st</sup>=: John Pendergast with 28 points but 31 points over 10 rounds \*, therefore 2<sup>nd</sup>

1<sup>st</sup>=: Fulton Cheung with 28 points but 29 points over 9 rounds and 30 points other 10 rounds, therefore 3<sup>rd</sup> \*

4<sup>th</sup> = Ashley Reddyhoff with 27 points but 31 points over 10 rounds \*

5<sup>th</sup>: Wayne Gallichane with 27 points but 30 points over 10 rounds

**Team (the “Three Buddhas”):**

1<sup>st</sup>=: Andy Conoops with 35 points over 8 rounds \*

2<sup>nd</sup> = Joe Fernandes with 34 points but 37 points over 9 rounds therefore 2<sup>nd</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup>=: Steve Davison with 34 points but 35 points over 9 rounds \* therefore 3<sup>rd</sup>

4<sup>th</sup>: Chris Matthews with 33 points \*

5<sup>th</sup>: John Pendergast with 32 points

**Eclectic GROSS (the “Golf Decanter”):**

1<sup>st</sup>: Julio Moniz with a net 61, with 30 on the back 9 \*

2<sup>nd</sup>: Joe Fernandes also with a net 61, but 31 shots over the back 9.

**Eclectic NETT (the “Silver Salver”):**

Ron Kirk with a net 42 \*

**The TEETH:**

This individual has kindly offered us a few words – Joe Fernandes

**The ALTHAM / McGLYNN:**

We always wonder who can claim this venerable prize. Well, there was one winner this year. Paul Rebours.

Why?

In week 2, Paul played 18 holes in the morning. He then came out again in the afternoon and scored 37 points (3<sup>rd</sup> =). Sadly the rules of golf do not allow you to play a competitive round in either a medal or stableford competition in the afternoon on the same course without being disqualified.

**Florida (~~Texas~~) Scramble:**

24 teams with 94 players this year (including 7 teams of Ladies) with a great afternoon to play golf. (94 dining) Variable but pleasant afternoon out on the links. We think everyone enjoyed the competition.

The winners were:

1<sup>st</sup> Tim Allbut, Steven Clayton, Fulton Cheung, Julio Moniz; net: 57.45

2<sup>nd</sup> Sam Quail, Adam Hayward, Tommy Jewell, James Draisey; net: 57.4875 (4 birdies, 3 eagles)

3<sup>rd</sup> David Frank, Mark Sumner, Andy Dingle, Simon Crowder; net: 57.5125

Best Ladies Lynne Cottignies, Anette Wade, Linda Blake, Maureen Cox; net 60.75 (6<sup>th</sup> overall)  
(Tommy Jewell, Sam Quail, Adam Hayward, James Draisey; team handicap 2.5125; Gross: 60!)

**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 Ravenscroft (through Nigel Smith) for their generous support of the League this year and it was confirmed at the Scramble & Prize Giving evening by Haydn Taylor that they will be supporting us again in 2023.

**Matches: Ladies**

On a very pleasant warm and with the course starting to suffer due to the long dry hot weather, 22 players from each side took to the course. Given that the WL have won this event 8 times against the Ladies only once, the challenge was to keep the momentum.

Over the years we have fine-tuned the shots received and given. This year we played off the WHS index rounded as necessary with the Ladies receiving 4 parity shots. The competition is played off the Men's Stroke Index and we ensure that all Ladies receive shots from the Men.

In 2021, the matches were extremely close with the cup going to the Wednesday League on the last hole of the last match out on the course.

This year, the close matches all went to the Ladies. As a result, the Ladies won a well-deserved win of 8 matches to 3.

The match and the dining afterwards were enjoyed by all (photos posted on the WL's facebook page).

**Match - Juniors - to follow**

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**Spring Tour:**

Bob Bowden, the organiser, is trying to arrange a tour for next year (late April 2023) to the southwest of London. This is a great trip and if anyone wishes to take part, then please get in touch with Bob.

**2023:**

So that concludes 2022.

We hope to play the League again next year – this is subject to approval by the Management Committee of the Royal Jersey Golf Club. If we are granted approval, we expect to start on either Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May or Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> May.

Any ideas to make this more fun, please let us know. As usual, we would like to hold a 3 club competition as done a number of years ago early in 2023, subject to the consent of the club's Management Committee.

Chris and John  
11<sup>th</sup> August 2022