

Numbers

This year we've seen the average number of players each week increase to 68 with a high point of 82 (wk4) and a low of 56 (wk13). Year on year, since 2011, we seem to be increasing by 10 each year. It'll be interesting to see if we can increase by the same next year. The course has proved that more than 80 is possible with everyone moving round easily. In addition, the league numbers have grown again, this year 153 (883 rounds) - an increase of 14 members over 2014 which was also a bumper year (835 rounds). I would also like to add that 13 of you have now played every year since 2005 and another 7 of you have managed 10 years of play. For the 1st year players (31), welcome and we look forward to your company again in the future.

Achievements

Last year we all failed to get a hole in one. This year on the first evening, Barry Phillips achieved a "hole in one" on the 8th. We also must mention John Bataille. He achieved an EAGLE on the 7th (wk10) where I understand he hit a good rescue at the flag. On arriving at the green, the ball wasn't visible and guess what, "it was in the hole". Well done.

We should also say that over the year we've kept records of various items, not least birdies. The 7th was only birdied once - well done Mark Davies in wk1.

Other noteables:

Eagles on Par 4s: Luke Sullivan (18th-wk2); Julian Roffe (14th-wk3); Phil Evans (13th-wk11)

Eagles on Par 5s: on the 1st: Steve Vincent, wk3; Adam Pearce, wk9 and Tony Burt, wk12

On the 3rd: Siggi Hafsteinsson in wk3

40 club

We decided this year to identify the 40+ stableford points. This was achieved 26 times! Thomas Raine (Junior) managed it 3 times, the De Figueiredo brothers - all 3 of them, 2 of you with 42 points and one (Mike) only a 40 (but Mike managed a 39 the month before). On the subject of repeats - Rob Christensen, three 40's in a month, 2 in the league! Finally, we must talk about Harry Smith - 46 in wk12 and Julian Guegan - 45 on wk7. Week 7 saw 8 of you get 40 or more with 81 players and a CSS 69. Ben - the course must have been too easy, but certainly not for most of us.

Birdie2s

This year was another record. 75 players (60 in 2014) had 145 B2s (96 in 2014). In addition, 350 birdies in total, last year 266. Indeed, last year's figures were similar to 2013, so something positive changed this year. The maximum won this year was 5 by 4 of you, last year 2 on 5 and 1 on 6.

Handicaps

We took a note of all handicaps at the start of May (the league) and compared the same with last week. Thomas Raine (Jnr), an improvement of 8 to 13! That said there were several other significant

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improvements: Rob Christensen 3.3, Conrad Coutanche 3.2, Kevin Mundy 3.1, also Harry Smith (Jnr) 2.5 and Julian Guegan 2.0. Finally it looks like 2/3rds went up over the course of the league. Well done to the third of you who improved their handicaps.

Matches

To date we've only played the Ladies - last week on the Battle of Flowers afternoon. A lovely afternoon after the deluge the day before with the threat of more rain. The matches were played with great spirit and good humour. We won (6-4). The juniors will be sometime next month. Good luck to those that play, let's have another win.

Awards:

Combined - 1st: John Eddy (61 points)

Individual - 1st: Jimmy Hughes (Social) (27 points but 30 over 9 weeks)

- 2nd: John Eddy (27 points, but 29 over 9 weeks)

- 3rd: Steve Davison (26 points) with Mike De Figueiredo winning the 4th set of bottles.

Team - 1st: Rupert Cuddon-Large (35 points)

- 2nd: John Eddy (34 points)

- 3rd: Kevin Mundy (28 points but 30 points over 10 weeks) beating Sandy Stewart (29th Pts)

Junior - 1st: Thomas Raine (30 individual points, 303 stableford points or an average of nearly 38 points on each counting round!)

Altham/McGlynn: Mark Davies – who scores 38 points but then fails to sign his card?

The Teeth: Tony Burt – always has a word to say.

Texas

Well done the Junior team winning on count back of Samuel & Henrik Jaakola, Iain McCallum and Josh Plowright with a gross 59 (net 54.875), 2nd place were the Ashburton crew with a gross 63 (net 55.125) with 3rd place going to the team of Derek Altham, Mike Lawrence, Philip & Mike De Figueiredo with a gross 64, net 56.125. Not very nice conditions and thank you to all 101 players who played. Results with hole breakdown available on the website for your review. Lowest gross was 59, next was 62 and then 3 teams on 63.

Sponsorship

We are delighted to report that CBRE will be supporting the league for the next 3 years.

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Given the success of the league, evidenced by your turnout each week and the numbers joining, we're obviously doing something right. Therefore, next year, more of the same however, if any of you have any recommendations, we'll gladly discuss ideas and see if we can add them in some way. (We cannot rest on our laurels.)