2016 - CBRE WEDNESDAY LEAGUE



Highs and Lows:

The first year without Bob Gallichan in ten years fronting the revised Wednesday League, which has been running for 40 years. Chris and I think we've continued the success as we're seen more players and if it wasn't for the less than perfect weather we would have seen some very big weekly numbers. The allowance to start half an hour earlier has made a big difference.

(We propose a trophy for the Individual League winner with a nautical connection. Any ideas, positive or negative – please contact the committee of the Wednesday League who will consider all comments carefully.)

14 weeks (rather than last years 13 weeks) saw 157 players (153) play 910 rounds of golf (883). As a result of one very wet Wednesday, where 25 hardy souls played, we've averaged 65 players each week over the season (last year 68). That said, the weather most weeks has seen a stiff breeze with the result that the average CSS has been 70.6. Over the past 6 years, only 2012 saw a higher average (71.1).

40 club: 19 players (26 in 2015) made it into the 40 club with only 1 player achieving it twice (Ian). That said, one managed it on the evening we were all pulled off the course due to thunder and lightening (hard luck, Chris, no voucher or handicap reduction).

Thunder and Lightening: that must be a first in a competition at Grouville!

Vouchers: we had only one person win 3 vouchers – well done Ian with 2 firsts and a second. We also had 4 players pick up 2 vouchers, well done John, Julian, Robert and Tony. Juniors: we had a junior place twice – keep it up Harrison. Finally, we had another 23 players pick up a prize and 2 juniors get a mention.

Holes in one – NONE! The last one was in week 1, 2015 so we've now had 8,605 chances to no avail.

Honours board - 4 eagles, well done Jon, Phill, Andy on the 1st and Stuart on the 13th.

Birdie2s: this year saw 83 players get 136 B2s (2015: 75 / 145). Has the course become harder or did the stiff breeze have this effect? Two with 5 B2s, well done Danny and Fred.

Nearest the Pin: this has been a great addition to the weekly competition. 14 different winners, the nearest was 64cm (Fred on the 4th – week 12) whilst the average has been 227cm. Interestingly, the average handicap of the nearest has been 14.

Bingo: 56 players won this year with 3 people winning 3 times, 8 with 2 sleeves and 45 others getting one sleeve. We think this is more fun than the previous method and intend to continue.

Sponsorship:

Thank you to CBRE [and Jon Carter] for their support this year and we look forward to the remaining [2] years to come.

Matches:

Ladies: a very close contest against the Ladies on Battle of Flowers afternoon. We won 7.5 to 5.5 however it was so nearly a draw with the last match fighting to the 18th to win 1 up. Thank you Roger and John. (Great photos – check out the website.)

Juniors: date set for Sunday 16th October. Names please, probably need 16 players. (Report to follow.)

League Prizes:

This year we've changed from giving out glass decanters and wine to offering golf related prizes that can be exchanged, if need be, in the Pro Shop (thanks to Aaron and James for their help). [* below denotes a prize] In addition, and as in the past, no one can win two prizes.

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Combined:

1st: Chris Wall with 56 points (25 Individual [5th], 31 Team [3rd]) *
2nd: Julian Roffe with 55 points (22 Individual [11th], 33 Team [1st])
3rd =: John Eddy with 54 points (27 Individual [2nd], 27 Team [7th])
3rd =: Gary Parsons with 54 points (22 Individual [17th], 32 Team [2nd]) *
5th =: Robert Killen with 53 points (23 Individual [8th], 30 Team [4th]) *

Individual:

1st: Ian Black with 28 points *

2nd: John Eddy with 27 points going back to 11 rounds for 33 points *
 3rd: Tony Burt also with 27 points but 32 points aver 11 rounds *
 4th: Reuben Legge also with 27 points but 29 points over 11 rounds

Team:

1st: Julian Roffe with 33 points *
2nd: Chris Wall with 31 points
3rd: Robert Killen with 30 points *
4th: Steve Davison with 29 points *

Eclectic NETT:

Mark Smith * – well done with a net 48 (63-15) winning on count back from Chris Borny (76-28).

Effort:

Charles Canham * – 10 rounds, 8 points. Better luck next year, here's a golf lesson.

The TEETH:

We always love to hear what you have to say - infectious. Nigel Simpson

The ALTHAM / MCGLYNN:

Two nominees for your vote:

- Chris Cole shot a 42 points, knew he was doing well on the 18th tee when we were all pulled off the course but decided to risk it and finish his round with thunder and lightening all around.
- Luke Sullivan played 5 times this year but; week 1 his marker failed to signed his card DQ and in week 2 he failed to sign his card DQ. Two consecutive DQs.
- WINNER Chris Cole

Texas:

21 teams battled it out this year (slightly down in numbers on previous years for some reason) but a great success.

The winners were:

1st: The Captain, John Eddy, Mike Russell and Stuart Hamilton; 9 birdies, 1 bogey; net: 56.87

2nd: Tony Ronayne, Andy Esnouf and Justin Jouan (3 ball); 9 birdies, 1 bogey; net: 57.00

3rd: Julian Roffe, Derren Le Breton Glover, Alan Hunt, Damian Harrison; 8 birdies, 1 bogey; net 57.125

4th: Ben Andre, John Andre, Aaron Falle, Ian Carfield; 1 eagle, 7 birdies, 3 bogeys; net 57.125 (lost on CB)

Nearest the Pin on 16th: Tony Burt (210cm)

Within 2 metres on 8th: Emilio Perez, Howard Cooper, Fred Cottignies

2017:

So that concludes 2016.

There's now another 37 weeks until we start again which will be on the 10th May, 2017.

Any ideas to make this more fun, please let us know. Otherwise, good night and see you all again soon.

Chris & John

17th August 2016