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SOCIAL REPORT

OCC Golf Day - Fri 14th July 2006

The annual OCC Golf Open was this year held at Lullingstone GC. After a bacon roll and cup of coffee, the usual banter began re: people's handicaps and the 'draw' that had taken place. Although there were no clear favourites for the main afternoon singles prize, the crowd wondered whether BT Clarkson [T for Tiger rather than Terrance in this case] could perform at the highest level playing off 9. There was also some interest in whether the two times previous winner Stockers could reproduce the goods of a generous looking 27.

The morning entertainment comprised a 9 hole texas scramble competition played around the tight 9 hole course. Who knows how many balls were lost by our 7 groups, but the strong winds certainly made it a testing time for all concerned. The eventual winners were Gaston. Stockers and Harry.[photo link] In the morning we also played a nearest the pin comp on the par 3 5th - and after I had hit a tremendous approach shot to be leading it, Pabs apparently hit a Sally Gunnell to nick it from me at the death so a very well done to him.....

After some lunch and a couple of 'light' refreshments, the afternoon competition began in earnest. In addition to the individual stapleford comp, two team comps were being played for along with 2 nearest the pin holes and a longest drive hole for good measure.

The yellow ball team comp was not played well by any team, which wasn't surprising given the climatic conditions and long rough. Nevertheless, a special mention goes to Pagey who managed to lose the yellow ball on the first tee! The overall winners of this comp were messrs Ingram, Whiting, Game and Game, who scored 21 points in the 10 holes that they kept the ball for. The same 4 ball were also to go on and win the team stapleford, scoring an 'unbelievable' 88 points in their 2 best scores per hole.

Moving onto the one hole comps, Pete Smith won the nearest the par 3 comp on the 17th, yours truly won the nearest the pin in 2 comp on the 18th, and Neil Bradford won the longest drive comp. [He hit an amazing 150 yds into the wind!]

Finally, the big one in terms of honours - the individual stapleford. Only one man was to go under par on his round for the afternoon - Mr Paul McCracken, who accumulated 40 points. Although there was some discussion over his real handicap after he was shot at several times by some passing cowboys [and note that his handicap will be reduced next year!], he was it was decided a deserved winner once several Hurlimanns had been consumed. In second place followed Yamma on 36 points, and 3rd was Jon Whiting on 35.



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In addition to the main golfing awards above, special mention must also go to the following - in no particular order.

1. Pagey - who came last in the afternoon stapleford accumulating 15 points. In addition to losing the yellow ball on the first tee he really deserved his prizes!
2. Steve Bradford - seemed to think he was in with a bit of a chance after being given a generous 20 handicap and having played well in his 27 corporate bank golf days this year. 16 big points later, (not forgetting that tee shot in the morning that went backwards), Steve pushed Pagey all the way!
3. Messrs Coleman and Bradford snr - all credit to the most mature members of our party, who were aged 75 and 76 respectively. Ron Bradford was more than happy to put his younger sons to shame on the course, and JC also performed admirably.

My thanks also need's to go to Neil Bradford for organising the betting competition based around the day's golf. We were all 'delighted' to see that Keith won the main prize of £125 - although it has to be said that he did buy several jugs of the big H to help us forget this.

Narrowly following Stockers in this comp was Mr Geoff - for coming last he received the grand prize of one pint of the Big H containing a double scotch - who would not have wanted that as a consolation prize for coming last? Anyway, well done to Geoff for putting it away in such style....one wonders if he was able to sleep soundly later on in the evening?!

Finally - thanks to everyone for their attendance on the day itself and the excellent spirit in which proceedings were carried out. I would also like to thank the Woodman for putting up with us in the evening - I am sure you will agree that the food and venue as a whole were an excellent way to finish of a highly enjoyable day.

See you all next year.

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