

Senior's Open **Wednesday 1 July**

Due to an insufficient number of entries this competition had to be cancelled. Very disappointing indeed, so please look out for its rescheduled date, probably on Wednesday 9th September.

Weekend Monthly Medal **Saturday 4 July and Sunday 5 July**

Due to other competitions being played this weekend this medal competition suffered somewhat and low numbers took to the field on both days. Paul Dimmer topped the Saturday pack with a 70 but Des Fahy did better by posting a great score of 65 on Sunday.

Ruislip Open **Saturday 4 July**

About fifteen of our members graciously supported this years' Ruislip Open. Unfortunately we had no heroes on the day and all returned empty handed.

NAPGC Regional Qualifier at Birds Hill **Sunday 5 July**

A strong qualifying group set off for Birds Hill Golf Course on a lovely sunny Sunday to try and make it to the final of the Men's Championship of England. It proved a tough test of golf for all. Jimmy Cooley posted an impressive 2 over gross and Liam Cella posted an equally impressive 4 over gross. Both qualified to play in the National Final at Woodall Spa on 29th and 30th August. Congratulations to both Jimmy and Liam.

Rishton and Boswell Cups **Saturday 11 July**

Nearly 50 runners contested this double header. Players with handicaps 0 -14 contested the Rishton Cup and players with handicaps 15 - 28 contested the Boswell Cup. A beautiful day witnessed great golf and the scores reflected this. Michael Dollard and John Holyoke returned brilliant 64's with Michael taking top spot on count back. John Holyoke was declared the winner of the Rishton Cup and Michael Dollard was the winner of the Boswell Cup.

Bass Trophy **Sunday 12 July**

This is our annual three club competitions, contested between Haste Hill, Ruislip and Harefield Place (Uxbridge to you and me!). The match is played on each course on a

rotating basis and this year Haste Hill had the honour of hosting the match. Each club fields twelve players and playing stroke play with the best eight scores counting from each side. The winner is of course the team with the lowest aggregate net score. Historically this competition proves to be very well contested with much banter exchanged before, during and after the match. Unfortunately we did not take full advantage that the home fixture is expected to offer. The match was closely contested until the final three ball arrived in. The Ruislip player returned a blistering 65 net which blew us and Harefield into the ditch on the first!! Ruislip were declared the winners on this occasion, so well done Ruislip. Thanks to all our players for their gallant efforts.

Coronation Bowl at North Middlesex **Monday 13 July**

This is a three man team event run by the Middlesex County Golf Union. Steve Brownsea, Graham Wroe and Rajan Shah qualified earlier in the year to represent Haste Hill. Steve worked hard to post a respectable 37 points but came up short for the overall individual prize. Graham and Rajan found it hard going and unfortunately our team score was out of the running at the final count.

UKPCC at Royal Epping Forest **Thursday 16 July**

Seventeen of our players qualified for this UK Public Course Championship Regional Final at the Royal Epping Forest course in Chigwell. This beautiful and spectacular course provided a lovely setting and proved to be a good test for all golfers. With 'doglegs' a main feature of the course, together with small greens, our lads and indeed all players found it hard going. Playing a stableford format players were more than satisfied by breaking through the 30 point mark. The final score tally confirmed this and some players scraped through with 32 points, depending on the division. Unfortunately Haste Hill did not enjoy much success with only myself qualifying in Division 1 with 33 points. So well done me thanks lads - off to St Andrews on me tod...

Club Championship **Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 July**

Our Major event of the year; 36 holes of stroke play over two days. This two day competition really separates the men from the boys - there is no place to hide.

Our Course Championship offers the Ferndown Salver for the best gross score for the two days and the Ferndown Plaque for the best net score over the two days, with a Bronze Medal awarded for the best net score for players with handicaps 15 - 28. A player cannot win more than one trophy.

A field of 67 players set off on Saturday for Round 1 to put their skills, temperament and patience to the test. You can't win it on Saturday, but you can sure lose it, so the main objective was to stay in it. A stunning day indeed and the weather was just perfect. The course was presented in perfect condition so no complaints there. Steve Brownsea topped the leader board with a stunning 74 gross and Sudhir Shah a close second with 76. Kishen Sachdev led the net score with an excellent 66 with three 67's sharing second place.

Round 2 on Sunday was moving day. A day of nerve, patience and of course skill. All eyes were on the last match out - the leading gross contenders. Steve Brownsea and Mark Stanton were the front runners in this group with Sudhir and myself mere spectators. And what a battle we witnessed and enjoyed. Steve held his nerve and composure and bravely held off Mark's challenge posting a brilliant 72 gross. Mark did post a better gross on the day, a majestic 71. The combined two day tallies saw Steve record a 146 total against Mark's 149. It was enough for Steve to claim victory and the treasured Ferndown Salver.

Victory was sweet for Steve as it was his first Course Championship win, after 19 years of trying. Very, very, very well done Steve and a thousand congratulations on being our 2015 Course Champion.

However, whilst all this was unfolding, the net competition was being quietly contested. Overnight leader, Kishen Sachdev, felt the pressure and could only manage a 72 net. Steve Brownsea posted a blistering 66 net but is excluded from the net competition by virtue of winning the gross. Tom Hodgson returned with an equalling 66 net but I crept up on the rails posting another 68 net. This matched my score for R1 and gave me a total of 136 for both days. This was enough to get me over the line and claim The Ferndown Plaque. Again, like Steve, my first time winning this trophy - another box ticked!!

The Bronze Medal, for players with handicaps 15 - 28, was claimed by Kishen Sachdev with a net score of 138.

A great weekend of golf, thanks to all who played and well done to the winners.

Mitchell Thomson Match v Ruislip **Thursday 23 July**

A eagerly awaited fixture that proved to be a tad difficult to arrange. However we managed it on a late Thursday afternoon. We were really up for this and fielded very strong and capable pairings. All four pairings scored very well, our away pairings posting 40 and 39 points with our home pairings returning with 36 and 38 points. In normal circumstances this score of 153 points would be good enough to win any round if not the final itself. Unfortunately Ruislip were equally up for it and recored scores of 36, 39, 40 and 44 giving them a total of 159; enough to proceed to the next round. A disappointing outcome indeed but very well played and thanks to all our players.

Summer Shield **Sunday 26 July**

This is a stableford singles competition. Light, but rather persistent rain, saw many softies stay indoors. Just the hardened and seasoned 'nuts', although many might say 'mad' golfers, braved the elements. Regrettably only a few set off but even fewer completed the course.

Captain's Comment

May I take this opportunity to thank all those players who, over the past few weeks, expressed thanks to me for a great Captain's Day. It is very thoughtful, gratifying and indeed much appreciated.

A special thanks to John Paterson who presented to me a lovely hand written 'thank you' letter. John, you are a true gentleman and your kind gesture is genuinely appreciated.

Please keep an eye on our notice board, on your email and on your mobile for all forthcoming competitions and results. You can also log on to www.HowDidiDo.co.uk and check out all our competition results.

Thanks again to all for your support during July.

[Our 'OPEN' is on Saturday 15th August - so don't forget to book your place.](#)

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