

CAPTAIN'S REPORT - JANUARY 2016

Following a very wet end of year and no real improvement throughout January, the course has suffered badly, and many competitions had to be rearranged and indeed some cancelled.

However, the hardened few keep ploughing on. What would we do without you boys - Paul Dimmer, Tom Hodgson, Gary Harrison, Jimmy Cooley and John Kaseke. My hat goes off to you all for your commitment - keep it up.

January Stableford

Saturday 2 January

In poor weather conditions, and the course feeling the winter blues, only 15 brave runners left the starting blocks. Good scores brightened up the day; John Shervill topping the pile with 38 points, followed by John Kaseke on 37 points and Zahid Yousaf on 36 points.

J Taylor Final

Saturday 9 January

This is our opening trophy competition for 2016. Again the weather was the main opponent and members chose to rest rather than brave the conditions. However, great scores were returned; Jimmy Cooley claiming victory with 39 points closely followed by Paul Dimmer on 38 points and Denis Rafferty on 35 points.

Bogey

Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 January

Only 8 players donned the wet gear, and wellies, and set 'sail' in very, very wet conditions. With the course now completely saturated and much surface water making golf near impossible. This made the competition, Player v Course, a bit one-sided.

Conditions proved so bad that only half the field completed the course. Paul Dimmer, again, headed the field with 2 down to the course, followed by Fergus Farrelly 6 down and George Sheriff 12 down.

Winter Greensomes

Saturday 23 January

With the weather not abating, the course was so bad that closure was imminent. The introduction of a trolley ban made playing far less appealing, especially for those of us over 60!

Only 4 teams made the starting blocks. Paul Dimmer's team returned safely with a stunning 43 points and Gary Harrison's team a distant second with 35 points.

Mail on Sunday v Ruislip

Sunday 31 January

This was our first inter club match for 2016. A stiff opener v our neighbouring rivals Ruislip. This match consisted of 5 single match play matches. The Ruislip course proved no better than our own course with very very wet conditions under foot. However, our selection of the 'real men', those guys who played every weekend so far this year in whatever conditions proved successful. Paul Dimmer, Tom Hodgson, Gary Harrison, John Kaseke and myself, Patrick Clasby outplayed and outclassed the Ruislip boys and secured a resounding 3 1/2 to 1 1/2 victory.

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 to you all for your support during January.

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