



County Newsletter

April 2019

Headlines

- Moseley dominate winter scratch foursomes finals
- Boys come a close 2nd in Four Counties
- Mixed start for Seniors season
- Huge response by our clubs for club team handicap tournament
- Our referees pass their new rules exams
- England golf to raise fees from £9.00 to £9.50 per member in 2020

Many congratulations to **Moseley GC** for winning both the **Droitwich Shield** and **Kidderminster Cup** this year. This is a fine achievement and it's the first time a club has won both competitions in one year. The Abbey GC pair of **John Finch and Ashley Davies** won The R&A Salvors defeating the Redditch GC pair of **Chris and Paul Hastings**.

Blackwell GC hosted the finals again and the hospitality provided as well as quality of the course were, as expected, first class.

The Four Counties is a season opening event for our juniors. This year our team finished in 2nd place (by 1 point) to the overall winners Staffordshire at Drayton Park GC. Played between Worcestershire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire and Gloucestershire its tough singles matchplay format is a fine test. Our excellent team this year was: **Brandon Sarfo** (Worcester G&CC), **Evan Lewis** (Bromsgrove), **James Lloyd** (Worcester G&CC), **Harvey Jones** (Kings Norton), **Aaron Bryan** (Worcester G&CC), **Tom Wakeman** (Hagley), **James Yorke** (Kings Norton), and **Harrison Leaver** (Gaudet Luce). In other matches, the U18 team lost 8-7 to Derbyshire at Chesterfield GC whilst the U16 team also lost 8-7 to Gloucestershire at Naunton Downs GC.

The County Senior Team have had a mixed start to their 2019 season. They lost away to Leics & Rutland (10 ½ to 7 ½) at Forest Hills GC, defeated Notts (12 to 6) at Hollywood GC and drew with Northants (9-9) at Gaudet Luce GC. Their annual match against the County Boys, involving 40 players, resulted in a 2 point win for the boys.

The annual **County Club Team Handicap Competition**, designed for players in the 10 to 28 handicap range has had a huge response. This 'free to enter' competition is growing in popularity with our clubs and will take place on **Thursday 9th May at Hagley GC**. Players will compete for the David McDermott Bowl (Team) and The Brenda Smith Cup (Individual).

Congratulations to our **County referees**, who've all passed their R&A Level 2 Rules Exam. They are **Tony Edwards, John Brothwood, John Whitehead, Colin Day, Brenda Binnie and Clive Werrett**.

Upcoming events in May 2019

- **The County 1st and 2nd teams** will play Nottinghamshire on Sunday 12th May. The 1st Team are at Sherwood Forest GC and the 2nd Team are home at Stourbridge GC. Good luck from everyone for the season ahead.
- Sunday 19th May – **The Boulton Salver at Moseley GC**

Please check our very informative website for all results, entry forms and match reports.
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