

Seniors Open Pairs BB Stableford Friday 17th May 2019

Once again Honiton Golf Club hosted the first of its Seniors Opens – The Pairs Stableford – on what was a reasonably fine, if somewhat chilly, day. The rain held off and allowed some 64 Honiton players and 68 visitors to get round the course at a varied pace; slow play in some cases illiciting a few complaints but overall the feedback from visitors was favourable.

Compliments for the condition of the course were received from many visitors (and members) especially the greens, which were considered by some to be very testing in their speed and subtlety of borrows, both factors contributing to the special challenge that is Honiton!

Sponsorship of various holes was increased this year which helped to fund bottles of wine for 'birdies' on designated holes, with 13 bottles being won. In addition, there were ten 'twos', each player receiving two sleeves of balls.

As a change from the raffle of previous years, a Tombola was successfully run by a team of volunteers which, together with funds raised at the Halfway house amounted to £533 for the captain's charity.

Overall winners of the event were the home pairing of Eric Short and Keith Major with an impressive score of 48 points.

Home team successes were- in third place- Stan Squire and John Fleetwood with 43 points, just losing out on countback to – in second place – Tom Stanton and Vic Wood also with 43 points. First place went to Keith Ham and Keith Crane with 44points.

For the visitors, Toby Downer and Stuart Witheridge from Dainton Park led the field with 43 points, beating Stuart Lewis and Chris Davies from Teignmouth with 43 points on countback, into second place. A not untidy 42 points gave Ben Laite and Mike Power from Bath third place.

For the record, 20 pairs amassed 40 points or over.

Special mention must be made of the unsung heroes of the day i.e. the small army of volunteers who gave of their time and experience doing the things that need to be done to make an event like this run smoothly – thanks to you all.