



PANNAL GOLF CLUB

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Pannal's Club Championship took place on Saturday, and competitors were treated to a superbly presented course and perfect sunny and calm weather. The combination of back tees, difficult pin placements, and fast greens, proved to be a tough challenge for this 36 hole scratch medal competition, with CSS at 73 for both rounds. Competitors went out in reverse handicap order, and a good crowd had gathered by the early evening to see which of the final groups would produce the winner. Gordon Macfarlane has been club champion three times previously and posted 73 to lead at the halfway stage, followed by 74 in the afternoon for a 147 total. As he holed his final putt, he knew he had been pipped by playing partner Will Eardley who followed his morning 75 with the afternoon's best score 71 for a 146 aggregate. Following a nervous wait as the final group came through, it was confirmed that Will Eardley is this year's Club Champion, with Gordon Macfarlane runner-up. Jason Taylor was third with 152, a score which would have won the trophy last year.

Players were also competing for the Butterworth Trophy, awarded for the best aggregate net score with handicaps restricted to 12 maximum. Chris Hastings (5) had a morning net 68 to lead at the halfway point, a score equalled by Will Caldecott (3) in the afternoon, but as is often the case, the podium places were taken by players showing consistency over the two rounds. Jamie Hardcastle (9) held the clubhouse lead for a long time with net 144, but ultimately came fourth on countback to third placed Peter Daffern (6) with the same score. In a reversal of their Club Championship battle, Will Eardley (2) came second with 2 under par net 142. Congratulations to Gordon Macfarlane who is this year's winner of the Butterworth Trophy with rounds of net 70 and net 71 for a 141 aggregate. Gordon has won most of Pannal's premier competitions during his thirty years at the Club, but this is his first Butterworth victory.

Pannal Ladies also had fine weather last Tuesday for their stableford competition, though scoring was tough with CSS increasing to 77. Silver Division was won by Julie Parry (6) with 36 points, reducing her handicap to 5 in the process. Gerry Callander (13) was second with 33 points, a point ahead of Sophie Jacob (13) in third. Martine Phipps (31) won Bronze Division with 34 points, 3 points ahead of Gill Roberts (28) in second place and Anne Smith (27) in third. The 9 hole Green Course stableford was won by Doreen Jardine, a point ahead of Betsy Haldon and Julia Urquhart. Pannal Ladies have reached the fourth round of the Annodata Golf team competition, following a hard fought victory over Bingley St Ives GC. They are hoping to reach the November finals which will be held in Spain. It was also a successful week for Pannal Ladies' A-Team with a 5-2 victory at home to Ghyll GC.

Monday's Open Stableford competition was won by Martin Owen (14) with 39 points, ahead of 4 players on 38 points. Freddie Eyre (19) was awarded second place on a closely contested countback from Charles Denwood (11) in third.