

PANNAL GOLF CLUB

HARROGATE ADVERTISER REPORT

Congratulations to last year's Ladies' Captain Annie Burke, who achieved a career-first hole in one last Friday on the third hole whilst playing a social round with friends.

There was some impressive scoring on a fine and dry Saturday in Pannal's first qualifying competition of the year, the May Medal and Beanland Qualifier. Division 3 had three players tying on net 71. Graham Watson (18) was declared winner on countback, thanks to a superb back nine of just three over par gross. Second placed Derek Christmas (19) had a pair of twos, just edging Eugene McDonough (18) into third place. Simon Barnicoat (17) won Division 2 with net 69, a shot ahead of Jeremy Halliday (17) in second place, with Julian Graham-Rack (11) third on the same score. Division 1 saw the best scoring, with 14 players at par 72 or better. Billy Johnson (9) had four birdies in a superb net 66 for first place, 2 shots ahead of Will Eardley (0) in second, whose gross 68 was comfortably the day's best. David Barden (7) was third with net 70, just edging Callum McNair (5) off the podium on the tightest of countbacks. The top sixteen scores across all divisions have qualified to compete for the Beanland Trophy, with players being drawn in pairs to play a foursomes Medal on September's Finals' Day. Twos' Club Dividend was moderate, with a better than usual 35 twos being scored, half them on the 10th hole thanks to an accessible front pin position.

The top two competitors in Sunday's Open Medal both scored an excellent net 67, off 16 handicap. Consecutive birdies on holes 10 and 11 helped winner Andrew Asquith to 3 over gross on his back nine, one better than Nick Buckle in second place. Peter Dunne (15) also scored net 67 for third place, 3 shots ahead of his son Thomas (1) in fourth, though the younger man's gross 71 was the day's best.

