



## WETHERBY NEWS REPORT 25/6/19

Our Ladies Scratch Team continued their successful start to the season by beating Brough at home 4½ - ½ in a closely fought encounter. Sue Smith, Jean Thornton, Maria Carnazza and Helen Roe won their matches and Kathy Page halves hers.

It was back to social golf on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June as the Ladies played their annual Yorkshire v Rest of the World Competition. This is a 4BBB format 'shotgun' start commencing at 8.30 am with the Yorkshire Team, wearing white and proudly captained by Sue Jacklin, taking on the blue-clad Rest of the World captained by a delighted Lady Captain, Trish Bell. As readers will imagine, this is a hotly contested match where much is at stake the result tending to reverberate through the rest of the season. However rivalries were forgotten as the teams enjoyed post-match sandwiches and delicious strawberry and cream scones. And the result? – a genuine half!

The weekend featured a highlight of the year as Captain's Saturday d with the usual wonderful weather and the course at its magnificent best. 199 men were competing for the coveted Captain's Prize so the tee was busy from 6.00am to 3.30pm. The atmosphere was enhanced by fun competitions and a raffle which raised funds for this year's charity, the British Heart Foundation.

The prize winners were; Richard Biscombe (putting), Jonathan Gill (nearest the pin), John Melson (nearest the Line), Clive Carnazza (best front 9 -22pts), Ken Dixon (best back 9 – 23pts), Ben Schur (best gross – 75) and Gordon Fisher (over 75 – 38pts). The main competition was won by Jamie Downie with a splendid total of 46pts, 4 pts clear of Archie MacDougall with Martin McCarney in third with 39. The day concluded with a celebratory dinner featuring a performance by the "Jersey Boys" all of which was thoroughly enjoyed by the 100 plus revellers!

The joint Captains' Sunday saw many of them returning to the course for a team stableford competition featuring mixed foursomes of varying composition. The presentation dinner brought a highly successful weekend to a close.

It was back to serious business on Monday as our Nett team were on their travels once more with their fourth away match of the season at Lofthouse Hill GC. Knowledge of this course with its internal out of bounds and fairways and greens still recovering from last year's drought is worth at least 5 shots and we subsequently learnt that one of their team had not lost at home for 5 years and another was unbeaten in 7! It is no surprise that they currently top the league following 4 successive home victories.

Wetherby were up against it from the start with Tom Robinson, giving 3 shots went down 3 and 2. Paul Smith was conceding 5 shots and after an even contest they proved crucial on the back 9 as he also lost 3 & 2. Our sole half came from Cam Newcombe, again giving 5 shots to his opponent, who birdied the last to earn our solitary point.

Wetherby are away again next week at Oulton Hall and then enjoy 3 home games. We need a good run of victories at home to ensure a successful season.