

Pannal Men's Captain Neil Douglas was delighted that the weather was superb for his Captain's Day on Saturday. Neil and his wife Dawn, together with Ladies' Captain Joy Bowler, greeted all the competitors personally at the halfway house with a generous selection of refreshments. A full field took part in the stableford competition from the yellow tees on a course in stunning condition, and scoring was good across all the divisions. There were 24 twos, but special mention to Anthony Robinson whose two came on the Par4 5th hole. Gordon Macfarlane was nearest the pin on the 10th, and Jack Rushworth nearest the pin in two on the 18th having driven the green with his tee shot.

Division 3 was the most closely contested with the top three all scoring 38 points. After a tight countback calculation Paul Grover (16) was declared winner, ahead of Tim Considine (21) in second place and Keith Sorsby (24) in third. Division 2 was a battle of the MDs with winner Max Davies (13) just edging Matt Donnelly (13) into second place on countback, both players scoring 39 points. John Langham (15) was third with 37 points. Division 1 saw the day's best scoring, with Rick Warburton (7) in third place with 39 points. Michael Crack (5) held the clubhouse lead for most of the day with 41 points, but he was overtaken late on by Ed Towers (7) whose 42 points won the Division and the Captain's Prize for the day's overall best score. Apparently Ed's putting was as hot as the weather, having had a lesson the day before with professional Dave Padgett.



In the separate Juniors' competition, the top three demonstrated their talent and hard work having reduced their aggregate handicap by 16 shots since this time last year. Oliver Hunter (8) came third with 36 points, behind second placed James Matthews (5) on the same score. The clear winner was Junior Captain Oliver Abbott (3) with 40 points, earning him the Captain's Prize for Juniors for the second consecutive year.



A prize presentation was made to a packed clubhouse in advance of the Captain's Ball, where an excellent meal was followed by an evening of dancing to the fantastic Nightjars.

Due to very heavy rain, Tuesday's scheduled Audrey Charles Medal competition was postponed until August. However, a few hardy ladies still braved the conditions and played a non-qualifying stableford. Rebecca Booth (28) was the clear winner with 34 points, 6 points ahead of Helen Mountford (20) in second place, and Anne Padgett (16) was third with 25 points. Pannal's Ladies' Scratch team recorded a couple of notable victories in the last fortnight with a 5-2 win over Huddersfield GC, followed by a 4-3 success against Ganton GC.

Scoring was very close in Thursday's Mixed Stableford competition, which was won by Will Eardley (2) with 38 points, continuing his winning form from the previous Saturday's Club Championship. Jason Taylor (0) was second on countback with 37 points ahead of Kjeld Rasmussen (9) and Tom Hayes (20) with the same score.

Last Sunday's Mixed Open Stableford was won by James Matthews (6) with 40 points, 2 points ahead of Neil Richards-Smith (12) in second place. Amaan Iqbal (5) was third with 37 points.