



PANNAL GOLF CLUB

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There was an excellent turnout on Saturday for The Pheasant Phlutter Greensomes Stableford, the first of the Men's festive competitions, played over 13 holes. The weather was dry all day but with a strengthening gusty wind which made playing conditions tougher for the later starters. Half the field achieved or bettered the notional par score of 26 points, and just one point separated the top 9 pairs. Four teams finished with 30 points, and David Robinson (13) and Tom Page (15) were awarded fourth place on the tightest of countbacks behind Tom Boyle (13) and John Branton (19) in third. The clubhouse lead was held virtually all day by early starters Jason Taylor (0) and Chris Hastings (4) but they were ultimately beaten into second place by Mark Puleikis (13) and Craig Hunter (6), the very last pair to tee off.

Last Tuesday, Pannal Ladies played an individual stableford competition over 9 holes. Silver Division was won by Pam Dodds (12) with 16 points, a point ahead of Gerry Callander (13) in second place. Ros Samuels (13) was third with 13 points. Amanda Finney (33) won Bronze Division with 15 points, ahead of four players on 12 points. Helen Mountford (21) was awarded second place on countback from Julie Smith (28) in third, just edging Rae Long (30) and Amanda Dunn (26) off the podium. This competition counts towards the Annual Winter Trophy, which is awarded to the player with the best aggregate three scores from competitions played between December and February.

A full field of 78 men took part in Thursday's Annual Seniors Rosebowl competition. This is both a team and individual stableford competition played over 13 holes, with shotgun start. After a superb meal in the packed clubhouse, the winning 3-man team on the day was announced as Men's Captain Neil Douglas, Tony Booth and Lawrie McWilliams with 70 points. In the individual competition, this year's Seniors Rosebowl Trophy went to Ian Latham with 30 points. A presentation was made to Kevin Lynch who is stepping down after 5 years' superb contribution as Seniors' Co-ordinator, during which time the section has gone from strength to strength. Kevin responded by thanking members for their support during that time, and recounted some hilarious incidents during his role, and also from his time as a referee in the top flights of English football. Andy North succeeds Kevin Lynch as the new Seniors' Co-ordinator, ably assisted by the day's winner Ian Latham.

On Saturday night, 100 members and guests attended one of Pannal's most popular social events, "Carols by Candlelight", with music provided by Harrogate Brass Band. The climax of the evening was the "Twelve Days of Christmas", with each table taking their own "Day", and desperately trying to out-sing their fellow guests in the increasingly rousing chorus. As always, it was a wonderful feel-good evening as we approach the festive period.

