



PANNAL GOLF CLUB

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Saturday's competition was a Dubai Stableford, though there has been precious little of the warmth and sunshine conjured up by the title. After yet more persistent rain throughout the week, members were grateful that the event was able to go ahead at all, even though it was shortened to 9 holes. The format was teams of four, with 1 score to count on holes 1 to 6, 2 scores on holes 7 to 12 and 3 scores on holes 13 to 18. With holes 1 to 4 and 8 to 12 out of action, team success was heavily weighted towards the later holes. It was difficult for players to know what would be a potential winning score, though 2 points per hole from each contributor was seen as a minimum target, and exactly 50% of the teams achieved this 44 point benchmark. Three teams scored 47 points, the best of which was the quartet of Russell Tanner, Philip Cave, Mike Rogers and Ian Shay for fourth place. Alan North, Peter Chambers, Simon Everingham and Richard Weddall were third with 49 points, 2 points behind Gareth Whiles, Philip Miles, Derek Lunn and Bruce Allison in second place. The clear winners with a superb 54 points were Richard Parker, Graham Watson, Simon Stalker and Paul Maguire, helped significantly by a 17 point haul from the 2 par3 holes. Special mention to Derek Lunn and Stuart Macfarlane who achieved the day's only twos, earning a whopping 20 balls each from the 2s club.

Over 100 Pannal Members and guests enjoyed an evening full of excellent food, wine and entertainment at the recent Gentlemen's Annual Dinner held in the Clubhouse. Following a delicious four course meal topped-off by a welcome glass of port, those present were pleased to listen to a short toast to Pannal Golf Club given by the Immediate Past President of The Yorkshire Union of Golf Clubs, Eric Wainwright. This was followed by the Response from Men's Captain Neil Douglas, and then Men's Vice-Captain Bruce Allison eloquently proposed a toast to the guests. Finally, Master of Ceremonies Frank Flaherty gave a witty introduction for the guest speaker Austin Knight, who proceeded to keep the audience highly amused with one well-crafted joke after another, in what was the perfect ending to a very enjoyable evening.

