

# **Doncaster Golf Club** 125th Anniversary Festival Week

# **Dear Members**

I have the great pleasure of introducing the special Doncaster Golf Club 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition of the club's newsletter. The main focus of the festival week was to have both golfing and social events where as many members and sections within the club could enjoy and celebrate the clubs anniversary.

As you can see from the newsletter below all the planned events were hugely successful. So my thanks go to the participating members who embraced the week's events and in particular all the DGC staff on and off the course that with their enthusiasm and professionalism ensured a great week.

**Captain Allan Beaumont** 

## **Sunday**

The Golfer Non Golfer event introduced the start of the festivities for the 125th Anniversary week on Sunday 7th July.

Ist place went to Steven Leedale 2nd place Ray Smith **3rd place Nick Huby** 

Best non golfer prize went to Sandra Carling with 14 putts

We also had events for the children to come and have a go at golf. Hot roast sandwiches and hot dogs were enjoyed after the event. **Monday** 

The Monday Stableford was sponsored by Premium Motorhomes who brought a couple of mobile homes down to the Club serving complimentary refreshments on the 11th Tee and a nearest the pin prize of a 3 night hire of a motorhome which was won by Anthony Rennoldson. Bob Rawson won the gents 1st prize and Judy Steingold the ladies.

## **Tuesday**

As part of the 125th Anniversary events Seniors & Rabbits played in a Waltz competition.

Captain Allan Beaumont joined by Tony Hobbs & John Elvidge who had the best score of 80 pts, Peter Hepworth, Steve Makepeace & Alan Connelly 79 pts and third Mike Squire, Bill Day & Martyn Dixon 76 pts. **39 Members turned out to play and then** enjoyed an evening meal and presentation.



### **Wednesday**

Right in the middle of the week the Club was host to the YUGC 2nd Division Team Championships. A fitting venue for YUGC as they are also celebrating their 125th Anniversary this year. A couple of fantastic reviews from players posted on social media accounts are shown below, its great for the Green Keepers to receive some recognition for all their hard work. The best score of the day was Ben Hutchinson from Howley Hall

Duncan McCarthy @Dun... -4d ~ What a superb day @DonGolfClub today in the Yorks Team Champs - I would recommend this place to anyone wanting a day out golfing. Best greens I've played on this year, a superb layout & awesome clubhouse! 2 2



1 Duncan McCarthy Retweeted

" Good afternoon, I would like to comment on the excellent condition of the course on the day of the yugc 2nd division champs. all the green staff deserve credit in providing us with great greens that were fast and true."regards David, hallowes golf club.

## **Thursday**

Our fabulous Lady Captain and lady members played in traditional dress to celebrate our 125th Anniversary year. They recreated a photo from 1913-14 before playing a Stableford Competition. Winner was Anna Clish, 2nd Maureen Appleyard, 3rd Gill Langford and 4th Karen Winfield. The Best Dressed lady prize went to Diane Wade.



Back Row: Pat Craven, Anne Lockwood, Julie Horncastle, Doreen Savage, Karen Winfield, Lady Captain Carole O'Neill, Gill Langford, Audrey Blake, Anna Clish, Cilla Leach, Geraldine Kaill Seated: Chris Ellis, Kay Vickers, Alison Stratford, Pat Taylor



Willy Fry & Greta Curtis





Alison Stratford & Laura Ste-

Best Dressed Lady - Diane Wade

After a recent appeal for help with our oldest framed photograph in the history of the club. David Horncastle who has been trying to track down info for 25 years has finally managed to get some relevant information. It was provided by the Women Golfers's Museum, based in St Andrews. The following entries are to be found in the LGU Handbook for 1914. It transpires that the Yorkshire Ladies Second Team Championship for 1913 was held at Starbeck CG (now Harrogate GC) on Tuesday 11 November. This solves the puzzle as to why the ladies are wearing such warm clothing! In the morning our team defeated Skipton 4-3 and won the trophy in final played in the afternoon against Moortown by the same score.

The lady in the centre of the photo is Mrs Greener, who captained the Ladies Section in 1912 and 1913. Naming the remaining ladies is still not solved. However the LGU Handbook does provide a list of the names of our ladies who played in the qualifying matches.





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Karen Winfield & Sheila Robinson



Wendy Parker & Cilla Leach



Pat Taylor & Cynthia Smith

Chris Miller & Maureen Appleyard



Pat Craven & Gill Langford

Joan Graham & Jean Pascoe







Beryl Batchelor & Anne Lockwood

## **Friday**

32 pairs took part in Greenkeepers Revenge a fun 9 hole competition with 4 teams reaching the amazing score of 17 points. On the 1<sup>st</sup> there were 30 nailed down golf balls to negotiate, golfers had to pass oil drums on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or score bonus points for hitting one of the photos attached to each drum. The 3<sup>rd</sup> then had the player teeing off on the down slope at the front of the tee and putting to a "crowned" hole on the green. 4 & 5 were just easy red flags. On the 6<sup>th</sup> the pin was off the green next to the front bunker which John Bissett managed to get within 1.6 metres of. After getting through the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> they then had a mini club to tee off with on 9 and a putter made by the pro of a golf ball on the end of a graphite shaft. Next year we will devise more trickery and after realising after how successful this one was incorporate a start sheet. Complimentary food was provided by the Club whilst another very successful gin evening gave members the chance to sample 5 gins accompanied by Fever Tree tonics who hosted the event.



1st - 30 nailed down golf balls







3rd - Slopes & Crowned Hole

9th - Borrowed Clubs

6th - Pin off the Green

8th - Trailer obstacle

Tying for 1st place with 17 points were: Graeme Adams & Craig Clingan Wendy Bennett & Paul Elwis Neil Harvey & Jason Clapham Stuart Anderson & Alison Stratford

John Bissett got nearest the pin

Birdies went to Jason Clapham, Neil Harvey, Steve Brennan, Mark O'Reilly & Mike Vickers



## **Saturday**

The final golf event of the week was a Club AM AM Stableford, 36 teams entered the event which was won by Jack Gregory, Jake Causier, Jack Ciullo & James Bellamy receiving a golf bag each. Runners up Paul Elliott, Steve Wollerton, Clive Whitfield & Simon Fearns who received leather belts. 3rd place Neil Allen, Roger Myatt, Graham Needham & Michelle Allen received Golf Shirts and Golf balls for the 4th place, all prizes were donated by Graham Bailey.

The week culminated with a fantastic Gala Dinner to end the 125th Anniversary festival week. As befitting of a Gala Dinner the room was dressed with floral displays, balloons and chair decorations which made a fantastic venue for diners to enjoy and show off our facilities to their guests. Diners were greeted by Front of House Manager Stuart and presented with a complimentary glass of fizz before Captain Allan Beaumont gave a welcoming speech to open the event and commence the start of five wonderful courses. Entertainment was from the fabulous Jessica Armstrong who ensured the dance floor was kept busy.











Raffle tickets are still available to win a years free Subs and the Porsche Experience Track Day at Silverstone priced at £10 each both offer a great prize whilst raising funds for our Charities.