

PANNAL GOLF CLUB

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Gale force winds made for tough playing conditions on Saturday for competitors in the Dubai Waltz Stableford. The format was teams of four with one score to count on the first hole, two scores on the second hole and three scores on the third, this 1,2,3 sequence then repeated across the remaining holes. The third and eighteenth holes were ultimately key in determining the podium placings, requiring three scores but playing directly into the teeth of the wind. The winning quartet was Gareth Whiles, Philip Miles, Nigel Wright and David Wilby with 87 points. They were 2 points ahead of the second placed team of Allan Phillips, Jonathan Kershaw, James Gardiner and Lawrie McWilliams whose 4 points on the third hole compared with 7 points scored by the winners. Roger Emmett, Malcolm Taylor, John Jones and Richard Sharp were third on countback, also with 85 points, a point ahead of John Heaps, Tim Rhodes, Frank Flaherty and Vince Chambers in fourth. The last of the prizes in fifth place went to Richard Weddall, John Gladstone, Robert Searle and Nigel Friskney with 83 points. There were only nine twos all day, so a good Twos Club Dividend this week, and special mention to Alan Pater who got two of them.

It was a case of four seasons in one day for Pannal Ladies on Tuesday who had to contend with snow, rain and sleet as well as sunshine during their Tee for Two Greensomes Stableford competition over 13 holes. Congratulations to Rebecca Booth (25) who achieved a hat-trick of wins in successive weeks, scoring 26 points with her partner Amanda Finney (31) for first place. Gerry Callander (13) and Sandra Taylor (9) were second with 24 points, a point ahead of Julie Parry (5) and Ros Samuels (13) in third.

Despite the incredibly wet weather over the past few months, pairs taking part in the Men's Winter Foursomes knockout competition have done very well to play their early-round matches by the appropriate deadlines. Seven of the eight quarter finals have now been decided, and players and "owners" alike will have a keen interest in the lucrative final stages. In the top half of the draw, Tim Rhodes and Ian Webber will play Ian Davison and Simon Stalker in the first semi-final. In the bottom half of the draw, Jon Clayton and Russell Tanner await the winners of the only remaining quarter final.