



## PANNAL GOLF CLUB

### HARROGATE ADVERTISER REPORT

Pannal's course reopening coincided with a week of dry weather to welcome back members, after what has felt like a long three-month lockdown. Multi-layers and woolly hats even gave way to shorts and shirts for a couple of days of unseasonably warm sunny conditions, with the course presented in superb condition.

The reopening also coincided with the Club's AGM, conducted "remotely" this year under Covid-related protocols. Despite the challenges faced over the past twelve months, Pannal has successfully maintained its good financial and membership positions. Andy North and Janet Jones were confirmed as the incoming Men's and Ladies' Captains, with Lindsay McKenzie and Ann McDonough the new Vice-Captains. Congratulations also to Martin Boyle, Ian Webber and Russell Tanner, who were elected onto the Board. The formalities of a socially-distanced Captains' handover took place on Monday. Outgoing Captains Bruce Allison and Annie Burke were delighted to report that over £9,000 has been raised for their nominated charity St Michael's Hospice, an excellent achievement considering the degree to which the usual fund-raising events were unable to take place during the year.

Given that many members want to ease themselves gradually back into golf, the start of the qualifying competition season has been delayed a little until the beginning of May. However, for those players whose competitive juices are already flowing, there was a 4BBB Stableford Pro's Comp on Saturday. It was also the first opportunity to experience how the new WHS handicapping system will work in practice. The winning pair were Simon Fawcett and Jason Schofield with an excellent 45 points, 2 points ahead of runners-up Matt Thompson and Matt Donnelly. Michael Rhodes and Alan Morris came third on 41 points. There were 9 Twos overall, including a pair each from Steve and Jason Taylor.

Understandably, many returning golfers will feel their game is very rusty after the long lay-off. Now that coaching is allowed to commence again outdoors, Pannal Professionals Dave and Martin Padgett have been busy with individual lessons. They have also introduced a series of "Get back into golf" small group lessons, each one designed to refresh the key elements of the game – the swing, chipping, pitching, putting and bunkers. These sessions, for a maximum of three people, properly socially-distanced, have proved very popular, and more sessions have now been added. Please ring 01423 872620 if you are interested.

