



PANNAL GOLF CLUB

HARROGATE ADVERTISER REPORT

The golfing gods demonstrated their ironic sense of humour at the weekend, when competitive golf returned to Pannal in weather more suited to October when the last qualifying competitions were held.

Despite the timelag and the conditions, there was some good scoring on Saturday for the Barber-Bratby qualifying medal, with around a fifth of the 190 entrants achieving or beating the CSS of 73. Division 1 was won by Dom Jesper (5) with net 68, just edging Ross Counsell (6) into second place on countback. Jack Rushworth (5) had six birdies in his net 69 for third place ahead of four others with the same score. Jon Mountford (2) bogeyed the final two holes, robbing him of a place on the leaderboard, but he at least had the consolation that his gross 72 was the day's best. In Division 2, Charles Denwood (11) had the best overall score of the day with net 67, a shot ahead of Ben Chumas (10) in second place. Callum MacNair (10) was third with net 69. Martin Wicks (21) won Division 3 with net 69, a shot ahead of Fraser Dunlop (23) in second place, with Paul Addle (18) third on net 73. The top 4 scorers across all divisions qualify for a matchplay knockout to determine this year's winner of the Barber-Bratby Trophy. There were 11 twos, so a decent TwosClub dividend this week. Special thanks to the Golf Committee for their work on new protocols and score input procedures to facilitate safe competitive golf for all concerned. Members were delighted to have the clubhouse open again from Saturday – also with new policies to enable safe eating and drinking. All in all, the weekend felt like a big step forward in a return to near-normality.

Conditions were even worse for players in Sunday's Open Medal, with 60mph winds making scoring extremely tough, especially the final three holes. Tom Page (15) was the winner with net 76, a shot ahead of Stephen Rogers (5) in second place and Ian Latham (19) in third. Michael Holmes got the day's only two.

There was a superb demonstration of "girlpower" in Sunday's Junior stableford, Entering one of her first competitions, Sophie McCormack was the clear winner with 49 points, reducing her handicap to 47 in the process. Tara Phipps (14) was second with 43 points, a point ahead of Rachel Memmott (18) in third.