

## PANNAL GOLF CLUB

## HARROGATE ADVERTISER REPORT

Congratulations to Russell Tanner who achieved his first ever hole in one on Sunday at the 10<sup>th</sup> hole.

There was a full field competing in Saturday's Texas Scramble Medal competition for teams of four, with each team member having to contribute at least four drives. Scoring was excellent, helped by the fact that the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> holes were considerably foreshortened by a temporary green and temporary tees. The last of the prizes in fifth place went to Stephen Rogers, Alec Walton, James Gardiner and Jonathan Kershaw with gross 62, net 52.8. The clubhouse lead for most of the day was held by Roger Emmett, John Jones, Steve Drinkwater and John Kitson with gross 61, net 52.6, but they were eventually pushed into fourth place by Gary Macnair, Philip O'Connor, Callum Macnair and Vince Chambers also with gross 61, but net 52.4. The best gross score of the day was 57, 13 birdies and an eagle, by the low handicap quartet of Michael Jonas, Callum Jonas, Jordan Jonas and Tony Robinson, but their net 52.4 was only good enough for second place. The winners were Andrew Ruffell, Jonathan Honeysett, Adrian Law and Jon Gregory with gross 61, net 50.8.

On Thursday evening, Pannal Ladies held a celebration dinner to commemorate the past 12 months. In between an excellent meal and a golf-related quiz, the main part of the evening was devoted to presenting trophies for all the main competitions held during the past year, ranging from the Joyce Griffiths Trophy for last March's team event to the Winter Trophy which reached its climax in February. Prizes were won by over 30 different members, some of them winning more than one trophy. Special mention to Ruth Skaife-Clarke who won the Club Championship, Vicky Eyre who won the Pannal Trophy, and Amanda Dunn who won the Handicap Reduction Trophy, recognising an improvement of 6 shots during the qualifying season. At her final event before next week's AGM, Ladies' Captain Joy Bowler thanked everyone who had helped her to enjoy immensely her year of captaincy. On behalf of the members, Ruth Skaife-Clarke gave a vote of thanks to Joy for her hard work and enthusiasm in what has been a very successful year for Pannal Ladies' Section.

The going was soft on Friday for the annual Cheltenham Gold Cup Golf competition, an AmAm stableford reduced to 9 holes. Three teams finished on 45 points, and after a closely contested countback, the winning team was announced as Men's Captain Neil Douglas, Ladies' Captain Joy Bowler, Michael Rhodes and Nick Rusling. Nick also won nearest the pin on 17<sup>th</sup> with Jon Clayton nearest the pin on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. After food and refreshments in the clubhouse, attention turned to the racing, with competitors able to choose horses in the Cheltenham Gold Cup sweepstake in accordance with their finishing position from the morning's golf. Thanks to Paul Nee for organising this fun event.

Saturday night saw the last of this year's Captains' social events, courtesy of Cris Quammie Soul Sensation, a superb four-piece Motown tribute act. The dance floor was full all night as members dusted off dance moves to great songs which in many cases were the soundtrack of their youth.

