

AGM 2022 INTER CLUB REPORT

We normally have a few questions around wet weather situations but this year we had the opposite with the scorching hot weather in July, we took the decision to extend the season by just over a week giving clubs a chance to rearrange matches if they chose to do so.

I am pleased to say all clubs got their matches completed by the end of July.

We also had a couple of non-Weekend League matches played on a weekend day. Remember this is always an option for Scratch, A, B and White Rose leagues, always with the agreement of both team Captains. Likewise, the Weekend League teams may play their matches any weekday evening, again with the agreement of both Captains.

Following Inter Club discussions at the Delegates meeting on the 14th of March held at Pike Hills GC, a survey was composed and sent to all clubs to obtain feedback on those discussions' points.

The results of the Inter Club survey were taken fully into consideration when determining the Terms of Competition for Inter Club 2023.

The decision was taken by the Executive to leave the player numbers and HI limits the same; but allow players with a HI above the maximum limit to compete but play from the maximum HI limit.

It is intended that the flexibility in handicapping offered for teams should only be used to enable participation; and not to change the ethos of the Inter Club matches.

As a team may now have players with a higher HI than the limit, there will not be any exemption for a team to field less than 7/5 or 3 players. It is expected that if a club enters a team in any league, it is with the intention of fulfilling their fixtures.

Wherever possible the draw has been done to make sure that it is near/mid and far. Sometimes this is impossible due to several reasons.

Location of club entries, Yorkshire is a large county, if clubs were to play the furthest clubs it would be more than a 2-hour drive. I can assure you that when doing the draw every consideration is taken to accommodate the near/mid and far.

We do apologies however for those clubs who may have had a little way to travel, or those not travelling far enough, unfortunately numbers and geographics don't always allow us to do an ideal draw.

We do thank you all for being understanding of some of the difficulties and making every possible effort to play your matches.

Again, what always must be remembered is that the draws are dependent on the number of teams entered and where they are located.

The first final was the B Final held at Leeds GC on the 2nd of September.

In the Semis Cleckheaton played Whitby and Wath played Knaresborough

Wath and Cleckheaton winning through to the final, the winners Wath, who were also the leading qualifiers, won on the last putt in the 7th Match on the 18th, it was all very exciting

The weekend League final was held at Low Laithes golf club on the 4th of September

In the Semis: - Hull played Bracken Ghyll and Skidby Lakes played Bondhay

Hull and Skidby lakes winning through to the final, Hull who were also the leading qualifiers took the double, winning the final in a very close match.

The Scratch finals were held at Lindrick on 6th of September

In the Semis Ganton played Woodsome & Malton & Norton played York

Ganton played Malton & Norton in the Final. Ganton the leading qualifiers took the trophy after some very exciting and very close matches

Then came the A final at Wetherby which had a few challenges as the 18th hole was out of play.

In the Semis the KP club played Ganton, & Dore and Topley played Keighley

In the final the KP Club played Dore and Topley, the leading qualifiers, the KP club again took the double, winning the A league trophy.

The white rose finals were the last finals to be played at Silkstone golf club.

In the semis Rawdon the leading qualifiers played Hillsborough and Thirsk and Northallerton played Bondhay

Rawdon played Thirsk & Northallerton in the final, after a few holes the heavens opened, we had thunder, lightning, and flooded greens. We did try to re-start, but the weather got the better of us, so we returned to Silkstone two weeks later.

Thirsk and Northallerton won a very closely fought match. Both teams had 2 wins, and it was the fourth match that went all the way to the 18th, with Thirsk & Northallerton clinching the win on the final putt.

Our thanks as always go to all our host clubs who make us feel so welcome. Also, many thanks to President Winifred and Captain Alison who tirelessly gave their support to the finals, and to my assistant Linda, who has been amazing in her first year.

Well done to all the teams who reached the finals, you all help to make our finals days something special. As you can see by the trophy table, we will be re-presenting the trophies so that we can all celebrate the success of the winners.

Linda and I also took part in the two delegates meetings held at Pike hills GC. It was great getting some questions and feedback on Inter Club. I would like to remind you that the Delegates meetings really are the forum for putting your questions forward and we always welcome your views. Obviously, we know, as the saying goes, we can please some of the people some of the time but not all of the people all of the time, but if we don't know what you are thinking we struggle to please any of the people any of the time. So please, please have your say at the meetings or, if you don't want to voice your opinions in front of others, you can always drop us an email. I can assure you every suggestion or view is taken seriously

and discussed thoroughly. But, without your Input it makes the decision making that much harder.

Lastly, I would like to inform you about a new English women's champion club tournament being introduced in 2023.

This is a 3 player 36-hole scratch stroke play competition played over two days.

All 3 scores count towards the team's final score. The Club with the lowest gross score is declared the English Champion Club for the year and goes on to represent England at the European Club Trophy later in the year.

The qualifying club team will be the leading qualifiers in the scratch league, if the leading qualifier club is not available then it will be the runner up.

The English Women's Champion Club Tournament will be held at St Ives Golf Club, which is in Cambridgeshire on the 2-3 September 2023

The Winning Club shall represent England in the European Ladies Club Trophy Tournament, 5-7 October 2023.

Full terms will be on the website and in the handbook.

That's it from me, I would like to wish you all a very happy golfing season in 2023, if you have any questions please come and see myself or Linda after the presentation of trophies

Thank you

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