



PANNAL GOLF CLUB

HARROGATE ADVERTISER REPORT

During the past few weeks since golf courses were allowed to come out of lockdown, many players have enjoyed social golf without the pressure of “a card in their hand”. For those who have missed it, the good news is that competitive golf returns to Pannal from 4th July, following a lot of hard work behind the scenes to ensure it can be done safely. New procedures now apply to scorecard handling and recording as well as the on-course protocols which have been operating successfully for several weeks. Given that nearly three months of the normal qualifying season has been lost, the golf committee has had to cancel some Trophy Competitions and reschedule others in a revised format, but there is still much to look forward to over the coming months. Unsurprisingly, there is a full field for the Barber-Bratby Trophy on Saturday 4th July, a medal competition with the best four scorers progressing to matchplay knockout to determine the winner. There is an Open Medal on Sunday 5th and Stableford on Tuesday 7th. Another piece of good news is that, following the Prime Minister’s announcement last week, the Clubhouse will reopen on Saturday 4th July, with a limited food & beverage service and some restrictions in place to enable safe operation for staff and members alike.

Congratulations to Pannal’s Lennie Huxter, who achieved one of golf’s “holy grails” on Saturday by “shooting his age” during a friendly fourball match. A competitive 5-handicapper, Lennie turned 72 a fortnight ago and had just picked up his birthday present from his family – a new set of Taylor Made irons, supplied and fitted by Pannal Professional Martin Padgett. A great present indeed as they helped him to score a genuine gross 72 and achieve one of golf’s rarest feats.



