



PANNAL GOLF CLUB

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A full field took part in Saturday's festive competition – the Turkey Trot – a greensomes stableford competition. It was reduced to 9 holes because of yet more heavy rain on Friday night, and competitors had to battle strong gusty winds and frequent squally showers throughout the day. This undoubtedly affected the scoring, with just 3 points separating the 15 pairs who achieved or exceeded the notional par score of 18 points. Seven pairs achieved 19 points, the best of whom were Nigel Friskney (12) and James Hall (13) for the last of the prizes in fifth place. Three pairs scored 1 point better, with Paul Addle (18) and Andy Brooks (12) in fourth place on countback behind Mark Homer (19) and Andrew White (7) in third and Roy Woodburn (18) and Ken Bryant (15) in second. The winners with 21 points were Russell Tanner (19) and Philip Cave (9), helped significantly by four points for a two on the 15th hole. This was one of only three twos scored all day, so a bumper TwosClub dividend was a nice early Christmas present.

Pannal ladies weren't so lucky last Tuesday as horrible weather caused their 9 hole Xmas Greensomes stableford competition to be cancelled. There was still an excellent turnout for the traditional Christmas lunch, with a weather-themed musical contribution from the Ladies' Committee. The socialising continued on Friday with the French Bistro night, where the excellent food was accompanied by the wonderful voice of Niamh Boyle as she sang songs from the musicals, especially Les Miserables, which helped to raise money for the Macmillan charity. There was a distinctly youthful vibe in the clubhouse on Sunday for the ever-popular Children's Christmas Party & Family Lunch, including a visit from Father Christmas himself to distribute presents to the excited children. A wonderful Pannal tradition to begin the countdown to Christmas.

There was an excellent turnout on Monday evening for Pannal's Junior Section AGM, which celebrated another increase in membership and some superb performances during the year in both internal and external competitions. Pannal was represented by no less than 12 different players over the season, on their way to winning the Harrogate Union league title for the first time since 2003. The Club will now represent the Union in the Yorkshire Championships in 2020. Junior Captain Oliver Abbott, James Matthews and Oliver Hunter represented the Harrogate Union team as they won the Yorkshire title for the first time in 16 years. In the Pannal Rosebowl, Lewis Wells took the nett prize with a brilliant 65, whilst James Matthews and Oli Abbott were runners up in the gross competitions with 74s. Rachel Seal was again selected for the England Girls' Regional Squad, finished 8th in the Junior European Open in Spain, another 8th place in the Yorkshire Girls' Championship as well as representing Yorkshire Ladies' 2nd team. Within the club there have been several notable individual performances by the Juniors in Senior competitions. Oliver Hunter retained the 36 hole Pannal Trophy competition. James Matthews, Jamie Hardcastle, Ben Chumas and Hector Bowerman all won medal competitions and both Tara

Phipps and Rachel Memmott played successfully and regularly in Ladies' competitions with the latter winning the Marjorie Whitehead Trophy. The winners were presented with their trophies by Men's Captain Neil Douglas. Jamie Hardcastle was appointed as the 2020 Junior Captain supported by Oliver Hunter as Vice-Captain. A vote of thanks was given to Oliver Abbott the retiring Junior Captain for both a successful golfing year and a tremendous charity fundraising effort for Frank's Fund. Finally, Men's Vice-Captain Bruce Allison led a round of applause for Junior Organisers Craig Hunter and Tim Matthews for their hard work during the year.

