

PANNAL GOLF CLUB

HARROGATE ADVERTISER REPORT

It was great to have all 18 holes open on Saturday for the 3 Club plus Putter 4BBB stableford competition, with some excellent scoring despite a stiff breeze and players leaving the majority of clubs at home. Nearly half the field achieved 40 points or more, with just 3 points separating positions 7 to 27. Andrew Booth (14) and Chris Booth (7) were the first pair to tee-off, and set a superb early target of 48 points which remained at the top of the leaderboard right up until the final two groups came in. They were ultimately pushed into second place by Alan Pater (5) and Paul Grover (15), also with 48 points, and also with 25 points on the back nine, but crucially 18 points versus 17 points on the back six countback. Tony Robinson (4) and Max Davies (13) came third with 46 points, a point ahead of Junior Captain Jamie Hardcastle (6) and Ben Chumas (10) in fourth place. The last of the prizes in fifth place went to William Mansfield (12) and Mike Needham (13), being the best of the pairs on 44 points. There is no unanimous view on the best combination of 3 clubs to use, but the winners' choices were 3 Wood, 7 iron, gap wedge (Alan), and Driver, 6 iron, gap wedge (Paul). There were 15 twos, so a modest Twos' Club dividend this week.

Pannal Ladies had a fine day last Tuesday for their Am-Am Stableford competition over 9 holes. The format was teams of four, with two scores to count on each hole. In third place were Sandra Taylor, Clare Davies, Ann Drinkwater and Margaret McNeill with 43 points, just beaten on countback by Vicky Eyre, Gillian Whiting, Martine Phipps and Heather Memmott with the same score. The clear winners were Amanda Finney, Amanda Dunn and Carole Whiles with a superb 47 points, especially given that their team was a player short.