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Newsletter

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Team Games

By way of a change from 9-hole Mixed Open Stablefords, the C&HC has decided as a trial to introduce some team games over the winter months. The first one will be a Mixed Betterball, over 9 holes, on Sunday 3rd December.

Winter League A

Sponsored by Billy Kewley

The 2nd round of fixtures took place on a Sunny Saturday and the first match out was Ronan & Weir who beat Halsall & Price 3&1 in a very closely contested game. Second out was Stoddart & Sutton who were keen to bounce back from a 5&4 hammering in week 1. Unfortunately, they were outgunned and outclassed by Campbell & Evans who won 3&2. Galloway & Meehan sit top of the table after fine play saw them win 6&5 against Cox & Dunbar. Unfortunately, Whitehouse & Robinson were unable to play which meant Clague & Denard got the walkover win. Matching up against the reigning champions next week, Denard took the chance to fine tune his game, playing a full 18 on his own and won nearest the pin on the 13th with a beautiful shot that was pin high. According to Denard, this was verified by Dunbar, coincidentally the only person to have left the clubhouse. Organisers Ronan & Weir yet again won the Bonus Ball, making it 2 out of 2. This caused mumblings in the clubhouse, but the bag has been inspected and they have not just included balls with their number. Finally, a big thank you to Billy Kewley who has very kindly offered to sponsor the league this year, much appreciated by all.

Haven Homes Winter League

Week 2 of the Haven Homes Winter League at Rowany on Saturday 11th November was played in unseasonal conditions with bright blue skies, sun and not a breath of wind. Short sleeve shirts and shorts were commonplace out on the course. The green staff did an excellent job during the week by getting all 18 holes back into play, albeit some holes were shortened, and 2 temporary greens were in use.

As Steve Gandy is on his holidays to the sun, his replacement was none other than our league sponsor Billy Newton, who was supposed to be enjoying his free week, and Dan O'Hare to be gunning for a third consecutive title. This week they dished out a tasty drubbing of Andrew 'Coz' Corrin & Orry Teare 4&3. O'Hare managed a couple of birdies on 5 & 11, with Newton contributing on 15. The game could have been done and dusted early doors with Corrin & Teare 4 down after 5 but they managed to scrape the ball round to the 15th. Teare was in a world of his own on 11 when trying to fit his trolley through a gap in the fence, when a square peg won't fit in a round hole!

The Toonies of Ste Charmer & Kev Roberts got their season back on track with a comfortable 2&0 win against Ste Grant & Ricky Bridson. Charmer was also one of the three winners of the Super 7s predictions even though his name wasn't on the sheet. Luckily his partner Roberts was on hand with a message to highlight the schoolboy error.

Young guns Josh Cowley & Patrick Gandy came unstuck against the aging pair of Dave Corrin and his stand-in partner Martyn Redmayne 2&0. Gandy produced a sublime approach shot to a few feet on the third hole to win the nearest the pin in 2, and Redmayne managed a 2 on the tricky 8th temporary green. Gandy also picked up a 2 himself on the 13th when he holed from 12 feet. Due to there being 5 people to make a 2 this week, the money rolls over to the prize pot next week.

Dickie Corrin & Pete Holt's woes continued again this week as they succumbed to a 2&0 loss against Gary Allen and son-in-law Chris Wray. Allen's driving, chipping and putting from distance was a pleasure to watch and Wray dovetailed nicely to allow his partner to use his shots wisely. This was not the case with Holt with his 5 shots as he sprayed them into trees, gorse, but not on the green. Corrin can also hang his head in shame as the putter was not working with too many 3 putts on lightning-fast greens. A bright ray of sunshine for Holt was short lived after he fluked a chip in for a 2 on the 15th temporary green, maybe next week Pete! Newbies Marc Morley & Andy Sewell once again came up short 2&1 against Paul Thomas and his substitute partner Bruce Thorn. It was a tight game all the way round with Thomas showing a nice bit of form, even with

the world's worst swing. Sewell had a mare on 16 when playing his second from the side of the green onto the putting surface only for his ball to roll off. Third on and off, fourth on, fifth putt off the green. Pick up and move on boys.... Morley's only contribution was a chip-in on the shortened 11th for a rollover of the 2s sweep. There was a bit of needle in the next match due to an administrative blunder by David Stacey by calling Big Trev Mundell "Blundell" on the start sheet. Stacey and Kev O'Loughlin were 2 up after 5 but all level after 8. Paul Mitchell played some excellent par golf and went 1 up after 11 with a good par from Mundell, but a putt on 14 from the big guy from 15 feet went 22 feet and he missed the return but redeemed himself with a great par on the tricky 16th. The game was closed out with wins on the last 2 holes. There was also a "Racing Incident" on the 9th when Stacey ran over a sign, his playing partner O'Loughlin picked up said sign, only for racing driver Trev Blundell to run over the hapless Irishman.

Game of the day was saved till the last match with Wilf Lowey & Carl Albright out of the traps early winning the first 3 holes. Maurice Hughes & Orry Glover managed to keep themselves in contention by getting back to level after 12. Lowey then showed his class by chipping in for a 2 on the 13th and Albright then won the 14th to go back to 2 up. Glover won 15 with a 3 and then with more carnage on the tricky 16th due to the fast greens and horrendous front pin position, the hole was conceded and back to all square. Going down the last, both Lowey and Hughes had similar length of putts. Hughes offered the half, but Lowey saw what he thought was a sign of weakness and refused. Hughes then proceeded to sink his putt and Lowey missed his, for the self-proclaimed Peoples Champions to win 1 up.

The ball out of the bag this week went to the charity box as Dan O'Hare wasn't present in the clubhouse at the time of the draw.

The table is starting to shape up nicely for some and maybe not for others. Let's hope the weather continues like Saturday, and not of the time of writing this report.

On behalf of the members of the 'Haven Homes Winter League' we would like to pass on our thanks to Fred & Fenella Gray for providing a free drink in the clubhouse afterwards for the members in memory of their son Neil who has no longer been with us for a year. Neil was a stalwart of the league and ran it for numerous years, and our thoughts are with his family.

Dickie Corrin

Preferred Lies

Preferred Lies are in operation. The Local Rule has been posted on the Notice Boards.

The Tee Caddy

The Tee Caddy is on winter hours and will be open from 10am until 2:30pm-ish each day, except Saturdays (opening at 9:30am) and Thursdays (closed all day).

Peter has said if there is sufficient demand The Tee Caddy will remain open beyond these times which he will judge on a daily basis.

Care of the Greens and Fairways

Players are requested to ensure that they repair their pitch marks on the greens – and those of others if seen. This to help our greenkeeping staff maintain the greens in top condition.

They are also asked to replace divots and to consider using mats (*except in counting competitions*)

Coaching

To book a lesson contact John Tinsley on 452262, e mail john@jdtinsley.co.uk, visit teeitup.im for further details. John caters for all levels of player from beginner to elite. He is the islands leading golf performance coach with NLP Sports Coach, NLP Golf, Mindfulness Golf and Mind Factor Golf Certification.

Recent Results

Club

12th November	9-hole Remembrance Day Open Stableford	
	<i>Sponsored by Mike Kewley</i>	
Winner Division 1	Kevin O'Loughlin	19Pts
Winner Division 2	Robin Humphreys-Jones	17Pts

Seniors

14th November	3-man Texas Scramble - 17 Holes	
Winners	Roy McLean, Ron Strathdee, Bob Eastham	54.4
Runners-up	Dave Corrin, Phil Scott, Richard Miller	57.2
Nearest the Pins	4 th Duncan Matthews, 13 th Bill Denard, 18 th Robin Humphreys-Jones	

Upcoming Competitions and Events

Saturday	11 th	Winter Leagues
Sunday	12 th	Remembrance Sunday 9-Hole Stableford <i>Sponsored by Mike Kewley</i>
Saturday	18 th	Winter Leagues
Sunday	19 th	9-Hole Mixed Open Individual Stableford
Saturday	25 th	Winter Leagues
Sunday	26 th	9-Hole Mixed Open Individual Stableford
Thursday	30 th	Turkey Shoot Ends
December		
Saturday	2 nd	Winter Leagues
Sunday	3 rd	9-hole Mixed Betterball
Saturday	9 th	Winter leagues
Sunday	10 th	9-Hole Mixed Open Individual Stableford <i>Sponsored by Tower Insurance</i>
Saturday	16 th	Winter Leagues
Sunday	17 th	9-hole Mixed Open Individual Stableford
Saturday	23 rd	9-Hole Mixed Open Individual Stableford
Sunday	24 th	9-Hole Mixed Open Individual Stableford
Tuesday	26 th	Cross Country
Saturday	30 th	9-hole Mixed Open Individual Stableford
Sunday	31 st	9-hole Mixed Open Individual Stableford