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# Newsletter

## 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024



Our Club Captain for 2024, Ron Strathdee, plays the first shot of the year on the Course at the Captain's Drive-in.

*Photograph courtesy Don Davis.*

### Quiz Nights

The list of Quiz Masters is:

|                  |          |                       |
|------------------|----------|-----------------------|
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | January  | Brian & Alexia Hewett |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> | January  | Bill & Sue Denard     |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> | January  | Geoff Corke           |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | February | Hetheringtons         |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | February | RHJ                   |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> | February | The Scotts            |

Maria and Peter will have the usual food available from 6.30pm. Please order your food in advance.

Thank you.

*David Stacey*

### Haven Homes Winter League

The New Year at Rowany Golf Club saw us continue with Week 8 of the Haven Homes winter league on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

With all the heavy rain the island has seen over the festivities, the golfers were happy to be out in dry conditions albeit on a course that consisted of 1, a shortened 3rd, 4 to 7 and 13 to 18.

Champions elect Steve Gandy & Dan O'Hare managed to pull a rabbit out of the hat from being 2 down with 4 to play, and managed to grab a half when their opponents Paul Thomas & Tim Williams "bottled it". The latter were even more depressed when they realised in the clubhouse after, that they could have gone top of the table with a win.

David Stacey & Kevin O'Loughlin went 1 up after two holes, but Andy Sewell & Marc Morley won four and five to go 1 up. Back to all square after 7, Stacey then 3 putted from 12 feet on 13 to give away the hole. O'Loughlin birdied 14 to go back to all square, but Sewell & Morley nosed back in front on 16 and saw the game out 1-up winners.

The "battle of the besties" took place between Ian 'Buntie' Haworth & Gary Allen up against Steve Grant & Ricky Bridson. The smile on the ever-chirpy Grant couldn't have got any bigger as they dished out a resounding 3&2 win, and he also won the ball out of the bag prize.

Olde father time Dave Corrin and his 'dad' Allan Tasker treated Rowan's loveable rogues Andrew 'Coz' Corrin & Orry Teare to a closely fought match, with the former coming up with a 1-up win. Slow and steady wins the race.

Paul Mitchell & Trev Mundell started off quickly against Wilf Lowey & Carl Albright with the unlikely Mundell bagging a birdie on the first hole. Level thru 3&4, Albright won 5 with a shot and back to all square, but proceeded to miss a 2ft putt on 6 with a shot thus losing the hole. 14 was halved courtesy of a good par from Mundell which kept the lads 1 up, and when looking like going all square on 16 turned into 2up; Mitchell holed a great birdie and the only 2 of the day and Carl fluffed his lines again. The game was closed out on 17 with an impressive 2&1 win and second in the table.

The New Year started off as the last one finished for the hapless pairing of Dickie Corrin & Peter Holt with another loss. With Steve Stringer off on his holibobs, Billy Newton called upon one half of the toonie pairing Steve Charmer, as it was their free week. It was Charmer who did the damage early on going 2 up after the 6<sup>th</sup>. Corrin thought they were back in the game when nearly breaking the pin on 7 from a thunderous putt, only to see Newton come up short but manage to half the hole with a good 8-footer. Newton was at it again on 13 & 14 with his putter to keep the game at 2. Corrin missed a chance on 15 when his putt on the temporary 'it's a bird pecked fairway' green slid by. Holt was up by the pin in 2 on 16, but Newton went inside him to close the match out 3&2. Corrin did put a tenner in the pot with closest to the pin on the shortened 3<sup>rd</sup> hole, it's about time Holt upped his game and put some money in the pot for the end of season commiseration drinkies.

Josh Cowley & Patrick Gandy kept their chances ticking over with a close 1-up win against jovial Irishman Maurice Hughes and substitute. Orry Glover was keeping the wheels of industry turning, allegedly...

3 teams are joint top with 17 points, with 3 teams near the bottom with 4 points, and the laughingstock of Corrin & Holt at the bottom with 1 point.

*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](mailto:john@jdtinsley.co.uk), visit [teeitup.im](http://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**

| <b>23<sup>rd</sup> December</b> |                | <b>9-hole Open Stableford</b> |
|---------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Winner Division 1               | Maurice Hughes | 17Pts                         |
| Winner Division 2               | Stevie Meehan  | 16Pts                         |

**26<sup>th</sup> December**

|            |  |      |
|------------|--|------|
| Winners    | Joan & Alan Guy with Harvey and Anthony Skelly           | 62.3 |
| Runners-up | Marc Morely, Peter Holt, Steve Gandy & Dan O'Hare        | 66.2 |
| Third      | Paul Mitchell, Andrew Cregeen, Orry Glover, John Cairney |      |

**2<sup>nd</sup> January****Rum Run***Sponsored by Robin H-J & Fred Gray*

|                  |  |        |
|------------------|--|--------|
| Winners          | Coz Corrin, Orry Teare, David Western, Ian Haworth       | 64Nett |
| Runners-up       | Guy Sutton, Bill Denard, Albie Stoddart, Richard Bates   | 66Nett |
| Third            | Alan Teare, Kevin Walls, Eric Grace, Phil Hayes          | 67Nett |
| Nearest the Pins | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Guy Sutton, 13 <sup>th</sup> Andrew Cain |        |

**7<sup>th</sup> January****9-hole Open Stableford***Sponsored by Tower Insurance*

|                      |                       |           |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| Winner Division 1    | Dave Corrin           | 21Pts     |
| Runner-up Division 1 | Mike Kewley           | 18Pts     |
| Winner Division 2    | Robin Humphreys-Jones | 18Pts     |
| Runner-up Division 2 | Noel Kelly            | 17Pts c/b |

**Upcoming Competitions and Events****January**

|          |                  |   |
|----------|------------------|---|
| Saturday | 13 <sup>th</sup> | Winter Leagues                          |
| Sunday   | 14 <sup>th</sup> | 9-Hole Mixed Open Individual Stableford |
| Saturday | 20 <sup>th</sup> | Winter Leagues                          |
| Sunday   | 21 <sup>st</sup> | 9-hole Mixed Texas Scramble             |
| Saturday | 27 <sup>th</sup> | Winter Leagues                          |
| Sunday   | 28 <sup>th</sup> | 9-Hole Mixed Open Individual Stableford |