



## **Captains Round Up**

*When you are arranging anything outdoors you pray for good weather ... Club Championship mid September, evenings drawing in ... mmm ...*

*Ten to eight Saturday morning 24 September, a beautifully still Autumnal day ... a queue spiralling out of the door, it felt like a doctor's surgery as players waited patiently to register ... over 60 competitors of all standards, including 4 brave ladies ... Issy, Ali, Marion and Jane.*

*8.30am ... the claxon sounded by our effervescent pro Jason (he of bunker fame) ... who would hold it together over 36 holes with tricky pins and Tiger tees at 1,5, 9 and 17 (many players had never seen these tee positions before !!!) The young and low handicappers stood with their caddies (yep ... the Club Championship is a serious business) ... Bill Cairley looked liked the primary school teacher with his ohh so young compatriots ... For those with lower aspirations a handicap competition beckoned too ... let play commence ...*

*Phil Golding, European Tour Pro, sponsored by Quindell lead the way at the first. An arrow like drive landed in the fair way bunker, a crisp strike from the back tee... a safe par at the first. A true gent and a bloody good golfer too ... later to present the crystal-ware to the winners at the end of the day.*

*At half way ...*

*An excellent buffet ... who cares about the golf ... Bill Cairley does ... he's in the lead ... wily old dog ... all those mind tricks up his sleeve ... sorry Bill positive thinking I believe ... Neil Harding is there too ... but he's already showing the strain ...*

*The day passed, Richard Youngs had holed in one ... Dave Terry had nearly caught his own golf ball (he can explain) .. and Phil Golding's car (sorry that one will remain a mystery). Golfers traipsed back to the club house, many with stories of woe and maybe's... others just knackered...*

*A good day nevertheless ... thanks guys and dolls for your wonderful support ... it was worth the torment of re-writing the playing order 5 times !!!*

*To the winners a VERY WELL DONE ... to the rest ... the competition does not work without those that tried and failed ... next year perhaps ...*

*To the Retreat (apt under the circumstances) ... a fun and relaxed evening, enjoyed by tired golfers and golfing widow's alike, a little bit of hip shacking, a few sherbets and the inimitable waiter who loves to sing...*

*And finally the winner's presentation ... including the awarding of the summer comps.*

The role of honour:

## Club Championship

### Scratch Competition

#### Club Champion

Liam Jinman

#### Runner Up

Bill Cairley

3<sup>rd</sup>

Freddie Sizer  
Adam Jennings

5<sup>th</sup>

Stuart Andrews

#### Our Summer Winners :

Summer Opening Challenge Stableford  
Summers Opening Challenge Medal  
Summer Challenge Stableford  
Summer Challenge Medal  
August Mixed Stableford Challenge  
August Midweek Stableford Challenge  
August Ladies Stableford Challenge  
August Medal Challenge  
Autumn Mixed Stableford Challenge

### Handicap Competition

#### Winner

Mike Pilgirm

#### Runner Up

Andy Basson (apologies for  
The miscount)

3<sup>rd</sup>

Michael Brandt

4<sup>th</sup>

Gary Taylor

5<sup>th</sup>

Neil Harding

Nick Hurst  
Kevin Barrie  
Brian Hearn  
Alistair Campbell  
Alison Brown  
Michael Brandt  
Pauline Bower  
Freddie Fuggle  
Ryan Hurst

Thanks for your support ... keep it coming ... a winter programme to look forward to ..  
Match play League and Christmas Turkey Trot ...

Kind regards

*Nick Hurst*

Mens Captain