

BARNARDS GREEN C.C Sponsors' golf day report

The expurgated version - unexpurgated to follow!

Despite a very discouraging weather forecast 28 intrepid golfers set out on the Barnards Green Sponsors Golf Day last Wednesday and were rewarded with an excellent days sport, entertainment and camaraderie. The forecast proved over pessimistic and it was warm, dry and even sunny throughout everyone's time on the course.

The standard was set early on with first class bacon rolls on arrival at Burghill Valley and as expected the allure of food resulted in the first recorded instance of Robbie Lewis arriving early for an event! Prior to this Green members had welcomed former favourite Jono Boulton, now playing for Bewdley. This prompted speculation as to whether Jono would reach Hereford before throwing up given his track record of only managing Stoke Edith last year. There are those who think he stopped the bus at that point because he thought the sign was an instruction not a direction!!

The draw for order of play was eagerly anticipated as there was a general uneasiness about who would be behind the aforementioned Robbie Lewis but, wonder of wonders, Hanco's Has Beans were last out of the hat so Robbie was in the last group.

First off were the Classic Drives team with organiser Andy Lamb hitting the first ball straight down the middle - this did not last!!

There were the usual quota of lost balls, mishit shots, visits to the various water features, even assaults on buggies before all groups eventually returned to the clubhouse. An additional feature was the ever-popular yellow ball competition whereby each player takes the yellow ball on successive holes. Only two groups managed to keep the yellow ball all the way round and Flynny even managed to lose it by the 2nd!!

Many thanks to Rob Richards for supplying the 'yellow balls' which were a revelation!

Following a first class meal which featured return visits to the counter from those dedicated gourmets such as Chris Hill, Chris Dendy, Steve Freeman, and Rob Boswell the presentation of prizes took place and the winners were as follows;

Wooden Spoon Award (lowest team Stableford score)
D.W. Stokes Builders team..... 63 pts
Derek Stokes
Mike Washbourne
John Foy

Madcap Award
John Foy.....14 pts

Putting Competition
Gary Lewis.....17 putts

Nearest the Pin
James Curtis

Longest Drive
Nick Wilson

Yellow Ball competition Winners..... 30 pts

Portuguese Rejects
Dave George
Anthony Perkins
Bob Saunders

Team Stableford Runners Up..... 87 points

Classic Drives
Jim Smith
Andy Lamb
Gary Lewis
Paul Stanley

Team Stableford Winners
District Sports B.....89 pts

Neil Bond
Nick Wilson
Mick Heathway

Individual Stableford Runner up
Dave White.....40 pts

Individual Stableford Winner
Mick Heathway..... 41 pts

Final thanks go to all the sponsors represented for their continuing support....