

The inaugural BGCC Sponsors' Golf Day was held recently at Burghill Valley Golf Club, Hereford. Some thirty six golfers arrived by coach from The Green after a tortuous journey punctuated by a series of sudden stops designed to allow our Kiwi star to deposit the contents of his bile duct, filled the previous night during the 20/20 at New Road, into various gutters and gullies along the byways of Herefordshire. This was later spotted as a ploy to attempt to distract likely contenders as Jono was seen to have money on the Alfrick Post Office team! On arrival participants were treated to bacon butties and coffee some of which stayed down and some of which was augmented by copious amounts of lager! In all twelve teams entered representing the following organisations;

Rob Richards Enterprises (R.Richards, C.Wilson, P.Simmons)
Classic Drives (J.Smith, A. Lamb, P.Schiaffino)
Malvern Independents Financial Advisers A (S.Jones,
District Sports Services A (T.Williams,J. Curtis,R.Lewis)
Automated Packaging Systems (L. Knudsen,J.Williams,G.Lewis)
S. Harris Heating A (A.Harris, C. Dendy et al)
Alfrick Post Office and Stores (J. Clarke,P.Knapper,,c.Churchill)
Malvern Independents Financial Advisers B (R.Boswell,K.Lewis,A.Creese)
District Sports Services B (
D.W. Stokes (General Builder) Powick (D.Stokes,M.Washbourne,H.Reed)
S. Harris Heating B (J.Hall,.M.Buxton et al)
Hancocks Has Beans (B.Hancock,d.sanders et al)

The draw threw up – as it were – an early departure for Rob Richards Enterprises followed by Classic Drives (a company not a description!) followed by S.Harris Heating B. The competitions included Team Stableford (best two scores on each hole based on $\frac{3}{4}$ handicap allowance), best Individual Stableford score, nearest the Pin, Longest Drive, Putting Competition, and Yellow Ball best team score. The Yellow Ball comp led to some intriguing play and was indeed won by the team that managed to keep it for the whole round! They scored 22 points only on it but the continued use of the putter even on the par fives proved a very astute move. Commiserations to District Sports A as James Curtis managed to lose the said yellow ball off the first tee!.....although Curtaise was alleging some jiggery pokery on the part of the preceding group from Sharris Heating; they of course deny this and it has to be said that the evidence is circumstantial in nature.(*n.b. Brooker....that means nobody actually saw it!*) Reference to matters suspect has to prompt a discussion on the rules of golf, preferably featuring Messrs Clarke, Knapper and Churchill. This can take the form of a series of quiz questions which readers may wish to answer, namely
Under what circumstances can the flag be left in the hole when a player is putting?
What is the penalty for infringement of this rule in a competition?
What are the limitations on a caddy's contribution and guidance to a player during a competitive round of golf?...And does this change if the caddy is an Antipodean?
Just how long can a short fat pie eating erstwhile leg spinner spend patting down the rough behind his ball before he plays it?
Is the plaintiff cry of ..'well I don't know the rules . I just try to hit the ball'' an acceptable defence?
Answers by e-mail please to jclarke3@worcestershire.gov.uk

Anyhow after an exhausting day and several hours in the bar attempting to decipher golfers cards and scores the following awards were presented:-

Wooden Spoon Award	Malvern Independents B
Not Nearest The Pin Award	Jim Smith (Classic Drives)
Yellow Ball Competition	Malvern Independents A
Putting Competition	Sean Jones (Malvern Independents A)
Nearest the Pin Competition	Andy Harris (S.Harris Heating)
Longest Drive Competition	Campbell Wilson (Rob Richards En)
Team Stableford Competition	Runners Up Alfrick Post Office Winners Rob Richards Enterprises
Individual Stableford Competition	Campbell Wilson (Rob Richards Ent)

A weary group of inebriated golfers returned to the Green around 830pm to dissect their rounds. Many thanks to all who participate particularly our regular sponsors. Around £200 was made for club funds and the next event will be a more grandiose event given the offers of help and extra sponsorship made after the day. Our Thanks also go to Burghill Valley Golf Course staff for their sterling work in making us so welcome and helping the day run smoothly

Andy Lamb