

## Senior Men's Golf Chairman's Blog – 2nd November 2023

Last week the seniors held the monthly Grail Competition followed by our Annual General Meeting. We were able to play the course in surprisingly good conditions bearing in mind the volume of rain which had fallen in the previous week. When the forecast predicted wet conditions, a few Members withdrew but, in the event, even buggies were allowed on the course.

The Grail yielded a clear winner in Stephen Jones with a magnificent total of 41 Stableford points. Following on behind were some familiar names:

2nd	Andrew Linford	38 points (countback)
3rd	Raj Vara	38 points (countback)
4th	David Moss	38 points (countback)
5th	Peter Sabine	38 points (countback)

Unfortunately, Stephen was not able to stay on to receive the Grail trophy but congratulations go to all prizewinners.

After a quick lunch where golfers were able to pre-order food to avoid large queues, we were able to start our AGM at 2pm. The first business was the election of our Chairman and I was gratified to be re-elected unopposed.

Our committee was also re-elected with Clive Nicholson (Treasurer), John Cardwell (Fixtures secretary), Geoff Bradford, Don Mackenzie, Stephen Jones, Nigel Karmel and Peter Sabine also having their terms renewed. Nigel and Peter share the direction of our over eighties team which again has had a busy year. To enable Nigel and Peter to concentrate on the over eighties, Nicholas Brown, a regular Wednesday attender, was also elected to join the Committee.

We then proceeded to present the prizes for 2023.

Those winning trophies were:

<b>Colum Sharkey Cup</b>	Winner	Jim Kumar
	Runner up	Stephen Jones
<b>Winter Foursomes</b>	Winners	Michael Godfrey and Anders Grundberg
	Runners up	Geoff Bradford and John Gilbert
<b>Senior Scratch</b>	Winner	Andrew Walker
	Runner up	Greg Waunford-Brown

<b>Ockleshaw Cup</b>	Winner	Roy Martin
	Runner up	Clive Nicholson
	Semi-finalists	Andrew Hine and Michael Murray
<b>Ockleshaw Plate</b>	Winner	Peter Bateman
	Runner up	Murray Feely
<b>Super Seniors</b>	Winner	Peter Sabine
	Runner up	Ralph Evers
<b>Seriously Seniors</b>	Winner	Peter Sabine
	Runner up	Michael Godfrey
<b>Spring Medal</b>	Winner	Peter Bateman
	Runner up	Mel Davies
	Gross winner	Roy Martin
<b>Autumn Medal</b>	Winner	Quentin Robey
	Runner up	David Moss
	Gross winner	Nigel Candelot
<b>Annual Medal</b>	Winner	John Wyn-Evans
	Runner up	Suresh Vara
	Gross winner	Roy Martin
<b>Summer Eclectic: The Hamid Lari Trophy</b>	Winner	Ken Pratt
	Runners up	Hassan Dajani, David Bouch and Gilbert Ellacombe
	Best gross score	Roy Martin
<b>Senior Winter Eclectic</b>	Winner	David Bouch
	Runners up	Ian Taylor-Restell, Gilbert Ellacombe and Ev Schenk
<b>Order of Merit</b>	Winner	Simon Lucas



*Michael Godfrey*



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*Ken Pratt*

That amounts to 30 seniors winning or being placed in our main annual competitions. Added to this, another four seniors were among the twelve Grail winners in the 2022-23 season. Coupled with the consistently large entry for the grail and a positive record in our matches against other clubs, the seniors are in a healthy state even if some of us are suffering physically!

Four of the main prizes will be presented at the Annual Men's Golf Dinner later this month. There are still places available and we will try to accommodate all seniors on the two seniors' tables.

The AGM also gave the opportunity for Members to discuss the general arrangements for golf and I undertook to take up some points made at the Golf Committee. Yesterday we played a team Stableford competition despite the wet weather. Congratulations to Nigel Brown, John Randel, Malcolm Turner and Mohamed El Guindi who won with an adjusted 77 Points! (83-6 due to having 4 players).

**Douglas Millar, Senior Men's Golf Chairman**