

Men's Golf Blog – 11 January 2024



I hope you all had a fun packed festive season and I wish you a successful golfing year ahead.

As we nudge into the New Year many of us will turn our thoughts to the year ahead and set resolutions so we might as well make them relate to golf.

Mine will be to attempt to hit the centre of the club face more regularly and take dead aim.

Played Competitions

The New Year got off to great start with a well attended 4-club challenge on Saturday 6th despite the course being closed the previous day due to flooding.

Although conditions remained wet with several temporary greens and tees it proved to be a closely fought competition with Ben Angood pipping his good friend and our Golf Chairman Niels Verbeek on countback with 38 points

I often wonder whether we really need 14 clubs in our bag given that nine players played to or beat their handicaps with four clubs. There is a school of thought which suggests it may be more fun to play with three clubs, maybe next year.

On 16th December we held one of our principal charity fundraisers for Small Steps with the Christmas Charity Competition followed by an auction. Caroline and I would like to thank everyone who played and help raise funds for our charity. Approximately £3,000 was raised through match fees and the participants in the auction, which alone raised £1,000.



Small Steps is a fantastic local charity which supports preschool aged children with disabilities and their families. Your generosity will have a big impact and we hope to raise more funds during the year.



I wish to thank Keith Duncan, our staunch Blackpool football supporter for standing in at the last minute to run the auction. Keith brought his medical experience to the fore and explained how charities like Small Steps have a positive impact for medical professionals.

The results were:

Nearest to the pin in 2 Ladies – Alison Post

Nearest to the pin in 2 Men – David Birn

3rd place – Niels Verbeek, David Birn, Connor Hamilton, Rob Findlay

2nd place – Andrew Bacon, Jock Lennox Kathleen Bacon and Sue Lennox

Winners – Justin Barton Bridget Barton Caroline Nettel and Julian Nettel

Although the Club remained closed on Boxing Day, a number of eager golfers played in the Christmas Foursomes. Congratulations to the winners, mother and son, Kate, and Harry Blake with an excellent 36 points.

Upcoming competitions

We have roll ups on three Sundays 14th, 28th January and 11th February

Our monthly stableford is on Saturday 27 January

The roll ups are a great way to meet and play with new players – while you may tee off as strangers invariably you will end up as friends on the eighteenth.

Until next time, Grip it and Rip it

Peter McGovern
Men's Golf Captain