

News & Views

October 2024



President's Invitation Day

There were 75 players at this year's Presidents Invitation Day, with several withdrawals due to illness or injury. Following the 9-hole shotgun competition, the players were joined by another 23 guests/partners for the dinner and prize giving ceremony. After welcoming everyone, a toast was proposed to the Hinch family for the foresight in building a prestigious 36-hole golf course in the heart of Rutland, providing many local people the opportunity to play golf and make life time friendships within a friendly and relaxing facility.



Once the superb dinner had been consumed, the Club Captains', **Richard Wilson** (Men's Captain), **Gilly Grant** (Lady Captain), **Patrick Connor** (Senior Captain) and **Yasmin Bass** (Junior Vice Captain) gave reports on team results, for their respective sections. It was then time to congratulate the successful winners (pictured below), who were as follows:-

Lakes Front 9 Nearest the Pins

Sophie Beardsall (Ladies 6th)

Steve Harbour (Men's 6th)

Sophie Beardsall (Ladies 5th in 3)

Dave Copley (Men's 7th in 2)

Lakes Back 9 Nearest Pins

Bethany Gough (Juniors 14th)

Ellie Haughton (Ladies 12th)

Jack Diment (Men's 10th)

Yasmin Bass (Juniors 11th in 2)

Bethany Gough (Ladies 17th in 2)

Leon Wyche (Men's 18th in 2)

Lakes Front 9 Winners

Sophie Beardsall (1st Place Ladies)

Susie Ellis (2nd Place Ladies)

David Copley (1st Place Men's)

Graham Smith (2nd Place Men's)

Lakes Back 9 Winners

Liz Haughton (1st Place Ladies)

Tee Black (2nd Place Ladies)

George Brand (1st Place Men's)

Paul Clegg (2nd Place Men's)

Junior Winners

Bethany Gough (1st)

Tom Dorsett (2nd)

Lilly Goodliffe (3rd)



Thanks were then expressed to all the club officials, the bar/catering, the back of house and pro-shop staff for all their sterling work throughout the year. Especially during the transitional period taking place at the club at present.

Finally, what I consider to be the highest honour that can be bestowed on a Greetham Valley member, the winner of the Roy Jones Award was announced. This is awarded, not necessarily for the member's golf prowess but for their loyalty, commitment, assisting officials and other club members in every section, positive and constructive feedback.



The recipient this year was **Sophie Beardsall**, Lincolnshire's Lady County Captain, and single figure handicapper; holding the ladies course records on both the Lakes (68 gross) and Valley (67 gross); and many more accolades and achievements. Sophie experienced a well-deserved loud round of applause and a standing ovation from the players and guests.

Your President,
George Grant

PARKER/PEARCE TROPHY 80+ (Stableford)

Pos	Name	Result
1	Frank Hinch	38 Points
2	Peter Giblett	33 Points
3	Peter Palmer	30 Points

CLUB COMPANY – CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

On Sunday 29 September The Club Company invited all champions from their various venues to The Warwickshire to find the Champion of Champions. Greetham Valley were represented by **Leon Wyche**, as Club Champion, **Harrison Carter**, as Junior Champion and Men's Captain, **Richard Wilson**, as Seniors Champion.



Harrison (on left) and **Leon** enjoyed their breakfast before going out to compete.

In blustery, wet conditions scoring was tough and Leon managed a gross 80, Harrison 87 and Richard 88. Whilst not being last the boys could not match the winning gross score of 68, shot by plus 3 handicapper Sam Buss of Witney Lakes. Champion of Champions were:

Men's Champion of Champions 2024

Sam Buss - Witney Lakes / 68 gross

Ladies Champion of Champions 2024

Chloe Walkington - Castle Royle / 72 gross

Seniors Champion of Champions 2024

Andrew King - Witney Lakes / 77 gross

Juniors Champion of Champions 2024

Jonah Ashworth - High Legh / 76 gross

FRIENDLY MIXED MATCHES

A very friendly mixed match was played against Belton Park on Saturday 21 September on the Valley Course. It was a lovely sunny day and the course was playing well but unfortunately, not for the Greetham Valley players. There were a few Belton Park players playing well under their handicaps which made it very difficult for our team. In the end we lost 3.5 – 2.5. Well done to Ian Allum and Helen Woolley, also to Geoff Woolley and Valda Austin on their wins.



The mixed team enjoyed their last match away at Rothley Park on Sunday 29 September (pictured above). It started with a lovely breakfast but that is where the Greetham Valley team peaked!

The games were played in great spirit and there was lots of laughter and chatting afterwards. Despite their course being closed on the Friday due to heavy rain, it was in good condition with lush fairways and good greens. Unfortunately, the team lost 5-1. Well done to George and Gilly Grant, Lady Captain, Neil and Rachel Southwell, who managed to half their matches.

Jill and Gilly would like to thank all the members who played in the mixed matches this year. We hope that you all enjoyed the matches as much as we did. Thank you all for your support!

MEN'S NEWS

SCRATCH TEAMS END OF SEASON OUTING

Vice Captain, **Iain Affleck**, organised a Scratch Team visit to The Warwickshire on Saturday 21 September. For most of the players it was their first visit and they got a pleasant surprise as they took on the challenge of the Earls course. Fortunately, the weather stayed dry all day whilst less than 20 miles away, there was flooding. Summary of results are below.



BEFIT winner, with lowest gross on the day, was **Chris Steele** (pictured below) with a gross 74

Stableford Winners

Pos	Name	Result
1	Chris Steele	35 Points
2	Chris Thomas	34 Points
3	Joe Sargood and Richard Wilson	33 Points

Nearest The Pins

Ricky Richard and Ben Easson

First Team Player of the Year

Rob Wride, Dylan Ross and Chris Steele for reaching Bramley County Final

Second Team Player of the Year

Garry Evans

Team Captains' For 2025 Season

Rory Smith will continue as Captain, with **Rob Wride** as his Vice (to take over in 2026) Men's Captain, **Richard Wilson**, will be Second Team Captain with Vice Captains **Tony Swindell** and **Dan Kettle**. (Photos from the day follow)



Pictured (left to right):

Chris Thomas, Luc Affleck, Darren Sargood and Chris Steele



Pictured (left to right):

Josh Bartlett, Paul Clegg, Men's Captain, Richard Wilson and Tony Swindell



Pictured (left to right):
Men's Vice Captain, **Iain Affleck, Andy Bass, Garry Evans and Ben Easson**



PRESIDENT'S CHARITY CHALICE

Pos	Name	Result
1	Neil Ross	42 Points
2	David Thompson	41 Points
3	Justin Perry	40 Points

CAPTAIN'S AWAY DAY

On Friday 27 September, Richard Wilson, Men's Captain, held his second away day at the impressive Stanton on the Wolds golf club, who boast some of the best greens in the area. In windy conditions, all players were tested with the following scores winning.



WINNERS pictured with **Richard Wilson** (from left to right)

Best gross (82) **Dan Kettle** 2nd
John Sparks (32 points on c/b) 1st
Alan Grummitt (35 points) and
3rd **Chris Ellis** (32 points)

NEAREST THE PINS pictured
with **Richard Wilson** (from
left to right)

15th Hole (with shot of the
day) **George Brand**, 5th Hole
Mark Holmes and 18th Hole
Neil Crees



BOB FORD PAST CAPTAINS TROPHY



On Friday 4 October, past Greetham Valley Men's Captains enjoyed a hearty breakfast prior to competing for the Bob Ford Past Captains Trophy on the Lakes Course. Men's Captain, **Richard Wilson**, organised the day and accompanied the players on the course. The overall winner, with a great score of 40 points, was **Neil Crees**, Club Treasurer. The highlight of his round was a hole in one on the 14th!



George Grant, Club President, (left) presented winner **Neil Crees** with the Bob Ford Past Captains Trophy.

Neil pictured retrieving his tee shot from the hole on the 14th



LADIES NEWS

LADIES OVER 70's TROPHY

Pos	Name	Result
1	Chris Edwards	32 Points
2	Margaret Littlemore	31 Points
3	Irene Bastow	30 Points

Well done to all the ladies that managed to play 18 holes in such awful weather conditions on Wednesday 11 September!



The Ladies played a Stableford competition over 9 Holes on Wednesday 25 September. Following the competition, they enjoyed a platter of sandwiches and chips, kindly organised by Lady Captain **Gilly Grant**. Gilly then did a presentation on the new IG App with the kind assistance of Doris Kerry. Following the presentation, Gilly announced the winner of the day as Rachel Ellis with an amazing score of 23 points!

She also took the opportunity to present the Ladies Over 70's Trophy Winner, Christine Edwards (pictured above), with the trophy and a bouquet of flowers (kindly supplied by Jim Wheeler).

LADIES MEADOWS TRAVEL CHARITY CUP

Pos	Name	Result
1	Margaret Littlemore	35 Points
2	Heather Morgan	35 Points
3	Hayley Taylor	33 Points

Another day of heavy rain! Well done to all the ladies that completed 18 holes in such awful weather conditions.

LADIES MEDAL WINNERS

Well done to all ladies that won a Medal this year (listed alphabetically below) and will be competing for the Medal Winner's Medal on Saturday 26 October. Good luck to:

Sandy Begy, Janet Dandeker, Bev Dolman, Jackie Friend, Dee Ginnity, Ellie Haughton, Pat Jamieson, Annie McCulloch, Heather Morgan, Nicola Toon and Lesley Young.

LADIES ORDER OF MERIT WINNERS

Many congratulations to **Kay Ropson** on winning the Sargood Ladies Scratch Order of Merit and to **Margaret Littlemore** on winning the Jackie Friend Nett Order of Merit.

BARBARA FORD PAST CAPTAINS TROPHY



Greetham Valley Past Lady Captains enjoyed a delicious Continental breakfast on Wednesday 16 October, prior to competing for the Barbara Ford Past Captains Trophy on the Lakes Course. Lady Captain, **Gilly Grant**, organised the day and, as a past Captain, competed for the Trophy.

The overall winner, with a great score of 41 points, was **Pat Jones** (pictured right, with **Gilly Grant**, Lady Captain). **Bev Dolman** was placed second with 39 points and **Jackie Friend** third with 36 points.



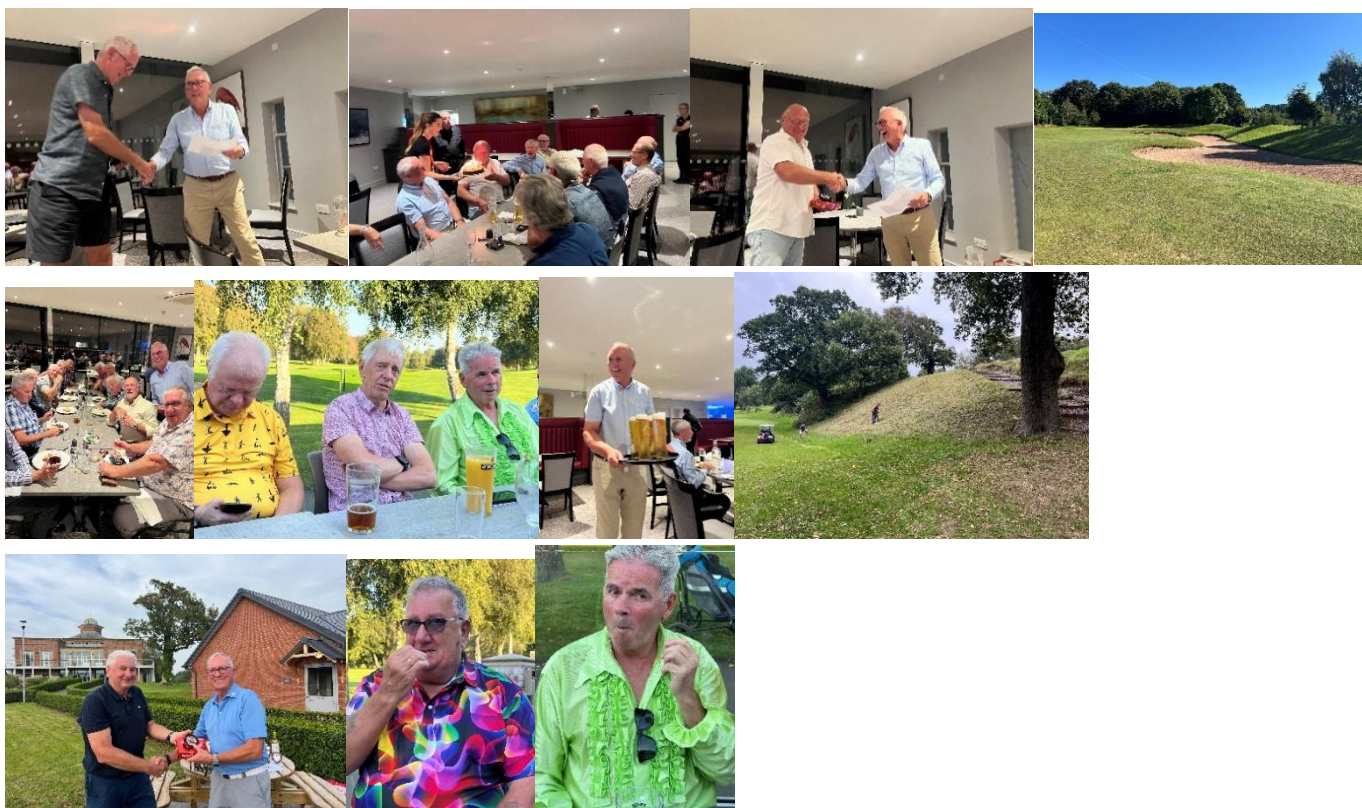
SENIORS NEWS

Back to Winter Rules again guys, still a thoroughly enjoyable Summer of golf for the Seniors and some great competitions completed in September and some postponed due to the heavy rains we endured between the sunny days.

On 12 and 13 September some of us competed for Seniors Veteran Cup Over 70s and the Parker/Pearce Trophy Over 80s. **Radley Wardhaugh** won the Over 70s Comp with a score of 39 Stableford points. Second place was **David 'Chisy' Chisholm**, third place stood **Keith Heppenstall** on countback. Parker/Pearce Over 80s was won convincingly by **Frank Hinch** on 38, second was **Peter Giblett**, third place was **Peter Palmer**.

On the 16 September we enjoyed a Seniors Team Stableford comp. Winners with 112 points were **Scott Stevenson, Tony Medd, Ian Bain** and **Bryan Birchall**. Well done guys! Second place was **Stephen Burgon, David Copley, Graham Smith** and **Paul Clegg**. Third were **Arthur Boath, Mike Pare, Geoff Bentley** and **Fred Want**.

We all enjoyed a fantastic golf break to Hawkstone Park near Shrewsbury this month, courtesy of **Chris Doherty**, my Vice Captain. He certainly put in some serious investment to pull this break off. Absolutely brilliant was the overriding feedback, he even ordered and delivered great weather. **Steve Bennoson** won many of the accolades over the three days, including the overall singles Winner. Chris' VC team won the comp and retains the VC trophy. Guess who won the 'Loud and Awful' Shirt Comp? Fantastic break and great to celebrate Steve Benno's birthday too!





26 September saw Birstall Seniors play our Seniors team at Greetham. A resounding victory to complete the 13th match against local 'rivals'. Scores ended 4-2 to us, overall drew 8, lost 2, won 3 over the season. Personally nice that both Captains won NTPs, thanks Radley.



Well done to all the winners of this year's knockouts. **David Copley** and **Stephen Burgon** won the Senior Pairs. Stephen also won the Div 1 Singles Brian Hockey Trophy too. **Stewart Macdonald** won the Div 2 Churchill Cup.

Well done to all the winners in 2024

Enjoy your golf!

Kind regards and thank you for your support,

Patrick - **Senior Captain**

JUNIORS NEWS



Congratulations to **Lilly** and **Ed Goodliffe** for winning the Junior County Fundraiser at South Kyme Sunday 22 September with 49 points!!

Ed and Lilly are pictured with their winnings, presented by Lady County Captain, **Sophie Beardsall**

Henry Hunter successfully entered the Loughborough College Golf Academy in September and played his first tournament at Ramside in Durham, on Wednesday 25 September. alongside Greetham Valley's Junior Vice Captain, **Yasmin Bass**. Here's to a great two years at Loughborough College for Henry!



BCCS NATIONAL FINALS WEEKEND

Greetham Valley Juniors **Tom Dorsett, Lilly Goodliffe, Alfie Freeman** and **Bobbie McVeigh** competed in the Finals weekend at Staverton Park on Saturday 28/Sunday 29 September. They faced a difficult first day without giving up and enjoyed a very different environment vs a quality golf club today. In the end it came down to an exciting play off with Bobbie and Tom playing a +2 and a 4 handicapper. They took it to the 2nd play-off hole and lost to a birdie. A really good match! Well done, Team!

Overall, a weekend of some great golf and fun times together and our Juniors were a credit to Greetham Valley and The Club Company.

Junior Organiser, **Liz Haughton**, was grateful to all supporters especially parents and Grandparents who got the team there and to all our away days on route to the finals. Special thanks to Osprey Property Investments and Gateley/Smithers Purslow for their kind sponsorships and support. Our Juniors easily won the best dressed, coolest looking set of players and supporters in our new kit!



Team members **Tom Dorsett, Lilly Goodliffe, Alfie Freeman** and **Bobbie McVeigh** looking proud and smart in their new kit. Proud Parents, Grandparents and supporters (pictured below with **Liz Haughton**, Junior Organiser) also looked smart in their gear!



OTHER NEWS



The ladies played their final friendly match against Peterborough Milton Golf Club on Thursday 17 October. The day was warm and sunny and everyone played with a smile! It was a close fought match which ended in an honourable draw. Lady Captain, **Gilly Grant**, would like to thank all the ladies who have played in all the matches throughout the year for their support.

PRIZE NIGHT – FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER

We look forward to celebrating the achievements of all winners at our annual Prize Night. Most of the winners will be attending, if you haven't been fortunate this year why not come along anyway to support and applaud your friends/fellow members.

LAKES COURSE – HOLE 18 PENALTY AREAS

Due to uncertainty and inconsistencies of where to take relief from the penalty areas on Hole 18 on the Lakes course, we have produced guidelines and options available. These guidelines are on display on the general notice board in the passageway close to the disabled toilet area. The guidelines have been approved by the County Secretary, Jim Lammin.

NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION

This will be the final issue of the year. We hope you have enjoyed catching up on the Club's news and will return next May.

FINALLY thank you for your patience and understanding during the change of our competition software from HowDidIDo to IG (Intelligent Golf). As with all changes, there have been many teething problems and testing times for our Officials, **Steve Harbour** (Seniors Competitions) and **Gilly Grant** (Ladies Competitions). Well done Steve and Gilly for your appreciated hard work!