TOUGH GOING FOR PAR EVENT

This week's main event was the second round of the two ball aggregate par event with competitors finding the going very tough in the prevailing wintery conditions. Attracting a field of 41 pairs with a similar result to last week where only a few were able to break par. Playing for the time honored Ewan Costain Trophy the best score in for the day was a plus three scored by the regular pairing of Trevor Franklin and Harry Huyskens just the one point to the better of John Coutts and Geoff Roberts. Peter Johnson and Ian Lidstone were the next best in with a score of plus one. A final score of minus one to a count back was required to win a ball down the line. The top eight pairs have now qualified to play for the trophy via next week's stroke match play quarter final stage. The pairing of Mick Mathews and Peter Scott remained as the top qualifiers, courtesy of last week's brilliant plus eight, whilst backing up this week with a score of minus three. The team to beat account two solid rounds of square , are Peter McNeish and his regular partner, Craig Hunter.

Thursday's regular competition of single stable ford attracted a field of 48 players with a couple of excellent rounds in particular being played. Firstly Richard Perry scored a magnificent 41 points, way under his handicap of just 11 to win the A Grade event, whilst John Scale also had a nice round of 40 points playing off his mark of 14 to take home the runners up prize. John Gay won the B Grade event with a round of 37 points, just the one point in advance of Peter Johnson and a further two points to John Richer in third place. Charlie Barnes also deserves a mention with his score of 39 points playing off his mark of 15. A final score of 34 points or better was required to win a ball down the line.

Next week sees the playing of the quarter finals of the Ewan Costain Trophy and for those who didn't make the cut it will be a game of single stable ford.

RESULTS

TUESADAY / LADIES / SINGLE STABLE FORD WINNER Chris Caig 28 DTL Deb Huyskens 26 GOBBLERS Deb Huyskens 8^{TH} & 9^{TH} NTP 16^{TH} Chris Caig

THURSDAY / SINGLE STABLE FORD / FIELD OF 48

A GRADE Richard Perry (11) 41 2ND John Scale (14) 40 3RD Charlie Barnes (15) 39 B GRADE John Gay (25) 37 2ND Peter Johnson (19) 36 3RD John Richer (28) 34

DTL Stephen Croker 36, Grant McKay 35, Ian Archer 35, Richard Gould 34

NTP 4TH Ross Martin 8TH Richard Perry 9TH Terry Webster 11TH Ian Archer 14TH Peter Marquis 16TH Malcolm Hirt

SATURDAY / 2BALL AGGREGATE PAR / FIELD OF 41 PAIRS

WINNERS Trevor Franklin (14) & Harry Huyskens (21) Plus 3

R/UP John Coutts (15) & Geoff Roberts (20) Plus 2

DTL Peter Johnson & Ian Lidstone Plus 1, Peter McNeish & Craig Hunter SQR Peter Smith & Barrie Cousin Minus 1, Geoff & Rex Turner Minus 1 C/B

NTP 4TH John Scale 8TH Ian Hopper 9TH Lou Milner 11TH Greg Needham 14TH Daniel Blake

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2ND SHOT A GRADE Gary Bassett B GRADE Greg Needham

LADIES Jill Gay (26) 36 DTL Heather Payne GOBBLERS Bernie Clark 8TH Megan Barker 9TH

NTP 14TH & 16TH Jill Gay RAFFLE Graham Thorp

EWAN COSTAIN TROPHY STROKE MATCHPLAY QUARTER FINALS THIS SATURDAY 26^{TH} MAY

Peter Scott & Mick Matthews V Rex & Geoff Turner

Trevor Franklin & Harry Huyskens V John Scale & Des Kerr

Mick Jusic & Pat McDonagh V Peter Smith & Barrie Cousin

Peter McNeish & Craig Hunter V Trevor Male & Gary Bassett

SUNDAY / SINGLE STABLEFORD WINNER Peter McNeish (6) 38 R/UP Tony Power (21) 36