

THE 'RIDGE' REPORT

October 2023



NEWS FLASH

Congratulations to our Chiltern Breakfast League Challenge Cup Team who were victorious at Shendish Manor Golf Club on Sunday 15th October beating 12-other clubs. Simon Kinley & Mike Trotter were also the best pair with a Stableford score of 46-points. The team were;

Mike Trotter, Simon Kinley, Ron Anderson, Russell Parsons, Lee Purvis, Martin Read, Aaron O'Neil and Craig Read.

A special mention also to the CBL Captain, Andy Caple for his inspired selections.



absolute nightmare and the format kept everyone guessing. Surprisingly, it ended up being remarkably close with my Red Team winning by just 1-point (20 1/2 to 19 1/2). Thanks to Paul Smart for working out the scores. The event was followed by a very tasty Spaghetti Bolognese, a few beers and watching Day 2 of the events in Rome. Thanks to all who took part for making this really good fun and to Eric and his staff for accommodating the idea.

CAPTAIN'S COMMENT

The unseasonably warm weather we had over the last few weeks has unfortunately broken and we have now been firmly plunged in Autumn, and Winter Rules. The course has been in great condition recently and I hope you all made hay while the sun shone over 'The Ridge.' A lot to report on in this edition including Captain's Day, Men's Open and The Ryder Cup. Also, a fantastic win by the CBL Team in the recent Challenge Cup. It really has been a highly successful year for CPGC across all sections, the shelves behind the bar are looking very full with a variety of new trophies.

COMPETITION REPORTS

Captain's Day - Seems like an age ago now. On a stormy Saturday in July, players battled against the elements to compete for the Captain's Cup. Eric was never far away with the air horn as the clouds gathered but miraculously the course and the competitors were spared the thunder and lightening. Refreshments at the half-way house kept up the energy levels and at the conclusion, Austin Barker was declared the winner with 44 points, Joel Jessop was 2nd with 42 points and Mike Horning was 3rd with 41 points. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all for taking part.

Men's 'International' Open – This event is truly international now with entrants this year from Ireland and Portugal. We had 13 external entrants to the Open, which is the highest number in recent years with some players returning for a second time; some with very low-handicaps. After 18 holes, the leading scores were tied between Andy Caple and John Duggan, both having shot 73 gross. A play-off took place down the 10th, 1st and 18th after which the scores were still tied. It was back up the 18th again and John Duggan sunk a long putt to take the scratch title. Finn Mason was 3rd. The handicap event was won by Austin Barker, Ciaran O' Neill (2nd) and Chris Redwood (3rd).

CPGC Ryder Cup – A fun Ryder Cup event was played on Saturday 30th September between my Red Team and Stu Pullar's Blue Team at the Marco-Stuone Championship Course (Chartridge). Teams played 6-holes of Foursomes, 6-holes of FourBall and 6-holes of Singles. Handicaps were an

'Fare-thee-well' Stu Pullar

The Ryder Cup event was effectively Stu's farewell to the club. Having retired from the RAF, he has now moved to his new home in Carnoustie. I would like to acknowledge Stu's contribution to the club as Captain, Committee member, match participant and all-round vibrant personality. I know you will all join me in wishing Stu and Zoe all the best for the future.

Thanks Capes!

Andy Caple is stepping down as the Chiltern Breakfast League Captain. Thanks Andy, for your hard work over the last 3 years. It is never an easy task coordinating fixtures and arranging teams with all the other competing demands. The recent victory in the Challenge Cup at Shendish Manor means you depart as a 'winning' Captain to add to your other accolades.

Committee Vacancies

If you have a bit of spare time and would like to get more involved in the club, then why not volunteer your services to the Committee. It is anticipated there will be some vacancies on the Committee as some long-serving members step down. If you think you can help, then please speak to me or Bruce Smith.

Competition Cards

Please ensure when marking a card for another player to keep a record of your own score as well. When you finish your round, compare your record to that of your marker. Once your score is agreed, you must sign your card to that effect and your marker must also sign. Then enter your score onto the computer making sure the entries reflect what is on your card. Recently, players have lost out when submitting cards, as scores have not been cross-checked.

Captain's Charity

Thanks to the enormous generosity of the membership, I have now reached my target of £3000 for my nominated charity - 'Mind Buckinghamshire'. This is fantastic and I am incredibly grateful to you all. I know the money will be put to great use across the county to help all those who require additional support when they need it most.

Winter Knockouts

Please do everything you can to get your matches arranged and played as soon as you can. It is likely the weather will interfere as we get into the winter so the more progress we can make in the Autumn, the better. Please notify results to Mike Trotter by email at cpgcmen@gmail.com, writing the result on the competitions board or by using the computer in the foyer.

Forthcoming Events

Celts v Crusaders – Saturday 28th October

Night Golf – Friday 10th November

Famous Grouse – Saturday 11th November

Winter Bogey – Wednesday 27th December