

## Captain's Day Competition - result



On a glorious Bank Holiday Monday, over 50 members assembled wearing various shades of green to fulfil the dress code for our annual Captain's Day Competition. The format for each of the 4 games was different, which kept the players on their toes. And the teams and rinks were drawn before each of the games started and so, quite literally, every game was different.

The day started with a traditional 'starburst', where all players stand around the green with one foot in the ditch and bowl one wood to a jack placed in the centre of the green. In spite of some 50 woods heading to the same point on the green, it was a draw shot from Ray Le Cornu which finished the closest and won the prize. After that, it was on to the first game of the day, the scoring for which was 3, 2, 1 and 1 extra point for a toucher over 8 ends. 6 rinks of triples and 2 rinks of pairs filled the green.

After a short break, the teams were then drawn for Game 2, which was played over 9 ends with traditional scoring but with rotating skips every 3 ends.

After lunch, it was time for Game 3 and again new teams were drawn. For this game, only woods that finished behind a jack placed on the 'tee' counted, with traditional scoring being used.

Finally, it was time for the fourth and final game. Whereas the first 3 games had been advertised on the board so everyone knew what to expect, game 4 came as a complete surprise to everyone: blindfold bowls! Each bowler wore a blindfold when it was their turn to bowl. They were helped on to the mat by a team mate before picking up their wood and attempting to bowl it towards a jack - which they could not see! Never before have we witnessed so much hilarity on the green as woods disappeared in all directions!

Scoring for the day was complex but was based on each player receiving their team points score and shot difference across all 4 games. Thank goodness for laptops and Excel spreadsheets – and Greg knowing what he was doing!

Once all the games were over, members were treated to an excellent BBQ prepared by some of the Committee members before the results were given out and the presentations made. Phil Bichard won the prize for the best green outfit on the day.

Finishing in 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall were Bob Le Sueur, Margaret Le Marquand/Eileen Vowden and John Mitchell. But the 3 who topped the leader board were Scott Ruderham, Paul Whelan and Russell Eyre, who became the first recipients of the new Captain's Day Trophy donated by Club Captain Terry Le Mottee. Many thanks to Terry for his generosity and for organising the whole day; thanks to all those who helped to make the day a huge success; and last but by no means least, thanks to all the players: it was good to see 8 rinks out for the whole day.



*Blindfold Bowls!*  
(more pictures on the Gallery page of the website)