



## UGAGB NEWSLETTERS 2012

### COLLEGE PINES GOLF CLUB

**25 MARCH 2012**

A glorious spring day to start our 2012 season - not a cloud in the sky and the course in perfect condition.

Scores were surprisingly good for the first game of the season, although personally I had a poor round with just one highlight when I holed a 9 iron from 130 yards.

Winner on the day was Mick Gillies with 40 points, retaining the trophy he won on the opening event last year. Runner up was Steve Holmes with 39 points.

Mick Melnyk won the longest drive with a monstrous belt 10 yards past a great effort from JP.

Nearest Pin was Mux. Bdzola and NP2 was Paul Allen, snatching the prize from me with a miracle shot to a ball suspended in a gorse bush.

All in all a great day out, superb weather, good golf and a tremendous turnout of 19 members and 1 guest.

Our next event is at Huddersfield Golf Club on 22 April. Apparently, this is a very posh club, so we will all have to be on our best behaviour. Hope to see you all there.

Roman

### HUDDERSFIELD GOLF CLUB

**22 APRIL 2012**

And so, to the stately halls of Huddersfield Golf Club on a wild and very wet West Yorkshire day. As good as the weather was on our first outing of the year, this was bad, with the short breaks in the rain tempting us to remove our waterproofs only to get drenched again a few minutes later.

The course was in good condition considering the weather, but most of us found it quite long and tricky with the greens being particularly difficult to read. Scores in general reflected the testing conditions and the difficulty of the course with the lowest average scoring I recall from my time in the society.

Winner on the day was Mick Melnyk, with a very commendable 34, this coming exactly 2 years after his last win and a welcome return to form. Runner-up on count-back was John Pasicznyk; his score no doubt aided by the fact that he is a club member and has played the course many times.



Minor prize winners: Matt Bdzola - Longest Drive and Nearest Pin and Zen Sydor - Nearest Pin in 2

After our rounds we retired to the clubhouse to dry off and enjoyed a hearty meal followed by the presentation of trophies. The top ten finishers after the winner and runner-up, each received a bonus prize of a club umbrella donated by the club professional, a very apt award although perhaps it would have been more welcome before we played!

All in all, an enjoyable day at a great venue. I would like to extend my thanks to JP for helping to arrange our visit and hope we will be able to return in future in better weather.

Our next event is at Ruddington Grange, Nottingham. Hope to see you all there for another enthralling day of golf.

Roman

#### **RUDDINGTON GRANGE GOLF CLUB**

##### **20 MAY 2012**

Our third event of the year was held at Ruddington on a perfect day for golf, dry, not too hot or cold and the course was in excellent condition.

Considering the good conditions, scores were again relatively low, the winner being Matt Bdzola on 36, closely followed by Mick Gillies on 35. These two have now pulled out a commanding lead in the Order of Merit, but it's still early in the season so we still have plenty of chance to reel them in.

Minor prize winners were Roman Skalsky for longest drive, Matt Bdzola for nearest pin and Derek Gosling for nearest pin in two.

Following our rounds we retired to the very well-appointed clubhouse for an excellent meal.

Our next event is on 24 June at Rother Valley Golf Club, near Sheffield. I hope to see you all there.

Roman

#### **ROTHER VALLEY GOLF CLUB**

##### **24 JUNE 2012**

Midsummer's day 2012, and the UGAGB descends on Rother Valley GC Sheffield, during a brief respite in the awful weather prevalent in this Great British Summer.

Conditions were windy but thankfully dry and the course was generally in good condition, despite being rather soggy underfoot, with some standing water and the bunkers being unplayable.



Winner on the day was Roman Skalsky with 40 points. Runner up with 36 points was Derek Gosling, who having put his back out with a practice swing on the 17.

Minor prize winners were - Roman Skalsky - Nearest Pin, Mick Rewilak - NP2 and Mick Melnyk - Longest Drive, a monster effort by all accounts. The team event, organized at the last minute, was won by Team 2 (Roman Skalsky, Derek Gosling and Paul Allen) with 86 points, well clear of the nearest challengers.

Our next event is our weekend away at Ullesthorpe and I know we are all looking forward to this as if it lives up to our previous weekend trips, it should be great fun.

See you there.

Roman

## **ULLESTHORPE COURT WEEKEND**

**27 - 29 JULY 2012**

Our arrival at Ullesthorpe was greeted by warm sunshine, a theme which, in the main, continued throughout the weekend. Early arrivers (myself), found the bar open and another theme for the weekend was established: continuous drinking!

The venue was first class, good rooms, food and facilities, and the course was in great condition, although most of us found the greens very tricky.

The competition over the weekend consisted of team prizes on Friday and Saturday, with an individual prize on Sunday and an overall trophy for the weekend. Unfortunately, my memory of events is somewhat hazy, but I think the winners are as follows:-

Friday Team Winners: Steve Holmes, Keith Holmes, Grahame Meggitt and Roman Skalsky

Saturday Team Winners: Bazz Bdzola, Mick Melnyk, Nick Pick and Ray Gregory

Winner on Sunday and overall event winner by 9 clear points was Mick Rewilak, his maiden victory - well done Mick! Runner up on Sunday was John Pasicznyk and overall runner up was Paul Allen.

I'm afraid my memory doesn't stretch to the minor prizes, but then golf wasn't really the main purpose of the weekend: fun and relaxation was!

After dinner on Friday evening, Mick Gillies ran his now traditional quiz, won by Derek Gosling and Nick Pick, followed by an informal party in Room 301, hosted by Mick Rewilak and Grahame Meggitt. Those attending sampled various beverages and attempted some singing, although this was somewhat muted and didn't lead to any complaints from other residents.



After dinner on Saturday, some of us retired to the snooker room, to continue our humiliation on the golf course. The day ended with an impromptu party in Room 305, hosted by Paul Killoran and Ray Gregory.

The weekend concluded with award presentations and Mick Rewilak presented Bazz Bdzola with a token of our appreciation for his efforts in organizing this event and indeed all our events throughout the year.

And so, now it's over, we can only look forward to next year's weekend away, already in the planning.

Meanwhile, see you all again at Cookridge Hall Leeds on 19 August.

See you there.

Roman

#### **COOKRIDGE HALL GOLF CLUB**

**19 AUG 2012**

Winner of this event was Mick Gillies, his second win of the season. Minor prizes went to Mick Melnyk Longest Drive, Matt Bdzola NP and Mick Gillies NP2.

#### **THORPE WOOD GOLF CLUB**

**9 SEP 2012**

Winner of this event was Roman Skalsky, his second win of the season. Minor prizes went to Roman Skalsky Longest Drive, AN Other NP and Mick Melnyk NP2.

#### **BRAMPTON HEATH GOLF CLUB**

**7 OCT 2012**

Winner of the final event of the season was Graham Meggitt, his first tournament win as a UGAGB member in only his second season, well done Graham. Minor prizes went to Zenon Sydor Longest Drive, Andy Bendzak NP and Roman Skalsky NP2