



NEWSLETTER



Oakmere Golf Club - 20 March 2016

A sparkling early spring day greeted the start of the 2016 UGAGB season and most of the golf matched the weather. A relatively benign golf course allowed good scoring and a total of eight birdies were recorded.

Slawko Bdzola won the day with a stunning 42 points, his first win for several years. Runner up in the second flight on count back from Paul Killoran, was Steve Holmes with 37 points.

Top flight winner was Mick Melnyk with 38 points and runner up was Matt Bdzola with 35.

Minor prizes went to Rob Harrisson for Longest Drive, Stef Borys for Nearest Pin and Steve Holmes for NP2.

With the season now underway, it will be interesting to see if the major contenders from last year can return to form. We will find out next month at Ashbourne GC. I hope to see you all there.

Ashbourne Golf Club 17 April 2016

Brilliant sunshine greeted our arrival at Ashbourne golf club, a lovely little course nestled in the rolling Derbyshire hills. The course was generally in good condition although a bit boggy in places and the greens were slow and bumpy.

On the whole, this was a far tougher proposition than last month – not only was scoring more difficult but walking was also much harder, with some very steep hills to negotiate.

The top flight was won by Paul Allen with 37 points, followed by Stef Borys on 32. Overall winner, on countback with 37 points was Graham Meggitt and Steve Holmes was second in flight 2 on 30 points.

Minor prizes went to; Mick Borys – Longest Drive, Stef Borys – Nearest Pin and Paul Allen – NP2.

There was also a team competition which was won by a distance by the first team out, consisting of Paul Allen, Graham Meggitt and Mick Gillies.

This event heralded the return to our fold of 'Big' Jon Iwanejko after an absence of several years. Welcome back Jon! We were also treated to a visit from our long term injured member, Derek Gosling, looking very fit and well and surely almost ready to play again.

So, with the leading players from last year returning to top form, the competition continues next month at Gainsborough Golf Club.
See you all there.

Gainsborough Golf Club 22 May 2016

Another glorious day for our third event of the season, saw the UGAGB roll up to the picturesque Karsten Lakes course at Gainsborough Golf Club in Lincolnshire. The course was in was in pristine condition with the greens playing fast and true. Although the course was flat with wide fairways, it was relatively long with plenty of water in play and scoring was lower than average.

Top flight winner was Zen Sydor on his first appearance of the year with 34 points. In second place on countback was Paul Allen.

Runner up in the second division, on only his second event back in the society, was Jon Iwanejko with 34 points. Overall winner and undefeated UGAGB champion of Gainsborough Golf Club, having won on our only previous visit to the course back in 2009, was Roman Skalsky with 37 points.

Minor prizes went to Mick Gillies – Longest Drive, Stef Borys – Nearest Pin and Ray Gregory – NP2.

Our next event will be at Dewsbury Golf Club on 26 June. See you all there.

DEWSBURY GOLF CLUB – 28 June 2017

Again dodging the prevailing rain, UGAGB descended on Dewsbury GC for our fourth competition of the season. Set amongst the undulating Pennine hills, the course was truly testing, producing our lowest winning score of the year to date.

The winner on the day was Bazz Bdzola with 36 points, a welcome victory for our main man. Runner up in the second flight was Sara Allen on 33. The top flight winner was Mick Borys with 33 points, closely followed by John Pasicznyk on 32.

Minor prize winners were Mick Borys – Longest Drive, Zen Sydor – Nearest Pin and Mick Melnyk - Nearest Pin in 2.

The post competition meal was worth a mention, a sumptuous carvery, the best of the year to date.

Our next event is our much anticipated weekend bash at Kenwick Park.

Hoping to see you all there for 3 days of golf and much more!

Roman

Weekend Trophy – Kenwick Park 22 – 24 July 2016

Travelling up to Lincolnshire on Friday morning through intermittent rain, I was somewhat apprehensive about the weather for the weekend ahead but as it turned out the conditions were perfect, as was pretty much everything else – great course, nice hotel and very good service.

Friday was a team competition, with six 3 man teams entering and the winning team was Mick Borys, Mick Melnyk and Roman Luczyn followed by runners-up Zen Sydor, Mick Gillies and Roman Skalsky with Steve Holmes, John Pasicznyk and Mick Rewilak in third place.

The weekend trophy proper started on Saturday, with Roman Luczyn and Paul Killoran having the best rounds with 35 points, with Roman Skalsky close behind on 34. The final round on Sunday, ended with shock winner Roman Skalsky taking the trophy with 71 points, with Mick Gillies runner-up on 68 and Graham Meggitt third with 67. Roman has previously struggled at the weekend event due to overindulgence on the Friday and Saturday nights, but this year he managed to curtail his consumption and came through to win the trophy with the joint best score of the day on Sunday.

Nearest pin prizes over the three days were too many to list everyone but Geoff Gillies and Mux. Bdzola with two each are worth a mention. Mux. also won the longest drive on the Sunday and Mick Borys took the other two.

And so, with everyone agreeing the venue was excellent, we made the unprecedented decision to come back next year!

Before that however, we meet up again at Cleckheaton GC next month.

See you all there.

Cleckheaton Golf Club 14 August 2016

Our August UGAGB Championship stroke play event saw us back in Yorkshire again, in perfect weather, warm and sunny with very little wind. Cleckheaton, looking splendid in the summer sunshine, is a quirky course with some tricky holes, for example a 250 yard par 3!

Nonetheless, scoring on the day was very good with three players bettering net par and the majority of Stableford scores in the 30's.

Top flight winner was Mick Melnyk with an excellent 68 net, followed by Zen Sydor on countback with 72. Runner up in flight 2 with a very creditable net 69 was Slawko Bdzola but overall winner, with his maiden victory after ten years of trying, was Paul Killoran with a fantastic net 67.

Minor prizes went to Roman Skalsky for Nearest Pin and Ray Gregory for NP2 and Longest Drive.

With five rounds now completed, the race for the annual Order of Merit prize is now hotting up so see you all in Leicestershire next month for our penultimate competition.

Kirby Muxloe GC 11 September 2016

Kirby Muxloe in Leicestershire was the venue for our penultimate event of the season. The playing conditions were again perfect and the course was also in immaculate condition.

Bazz Bdzola was the top flight winner with 35 points and Mick Melnyk was runner up on 32.

Overall winner, on only her third appearance of the season, was Sara Allen with a magnificent 39 points. Runner up in flight 2 was Graham Meggitt with 34.

Minor prize winners were Mick Borys with both Longest Drive and Nearest Pin, and Paul Allen for NP2.

Our last event of the season will be at The Rushcliffe GG next month, where the Order of Merit will be decided. With several players in close contention, this promises to be a gripping finale.

See you all there.

As a footnote to this month's newsletter, UGAGB would like to give a special mention to today's winner Sara Allen. On August 11, Sara representing Branston Golf & Country Club where she is a member, completed in the Ladies England Golf Grand Medal Final held at Frilford Heath Golf Club, which was a stroke play competition played over one round. Sara had qualified for the national final after winning local, regional and county heats with husband Paul as caddy.

A total of 60 ladies played on the day and Sara had a net level par round of 73, tied first with two other ladies, and finished overall runner-up on countback.

Congratulations Sara from all the members at UGAGB, a truly magnificent achievement.

The results are available to view by clicking the link

<http://www.Englandgolf.org/golfboxdetails.aspx#/competition/581868/leaderboard>

and to view Sara after completing her round click on the link below and scroll down the page.

Roman

The Rushcliffe GC 16 October 2016

As we arrived at Rushcliffe with the rain bucketing down from leaden skies, it seemed that we would be getting very wet on our final round of the year. However, as if by magic, the skies cleared and within a short time we were playing in sunshine, maintaining our record of dry rounds all season.

Considering the amount of rain that had fallen, the course was generally in good condition although there was some standing water on the early greens. This was a relatively short course, with some challenging and quirky holes and overall scoring was very good.

Winner on the day was Mick Borys on 38 with his son Stef in second place in the top flight on 37 points. Second tier winner was Graham Meggitt on 37 points with Paul Killoran second on 32.

Graham's great round allowed him to storm through the pack and take the season Order of Merit by 3 points from runner up Mick Melnyk.

The best score of the day was actually 39 by guest Geoff Gillies, who has signed up for full membership next year. Geoff also took the prize for longest drive. The other minor prizes went to Graham Meggitt for Nearest Pin and Stef Borys for NP2.

So, with another great season behind us, we are left looking forward to next year, which will be a big season for the UGAGB as we are hosting the 9th Ukrainian World Golf Challenge in Scotland in July 2017.

I hope to see you all again next spring and in the meantime I wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.