



NEWSLETTER



Howley Hall Golf Club

19 March 2017

We arrived at our 2017 season opener in Yorkshire in a howling gale. After a dry season last year, it appeared that we were going to get drenched at our first event of the new season. As it happened, conditions improved somewhat and we didn't get too wet – the wind soon dried us out!

The course itself wasn't too boggy; however the greens had been aerated and sanded so putting was difficult. This, combined with the weather, meant that scores were much reduced, with only one score in the thirties.

This score belonged to Graham Meggitt, overall winner on the day with 32 points, carrying on where he left off last year. Runner up on 29 was Zen Sydor.

Group 2 winner was Geoff Gillies with Roman Luczyn second on countback.

Minor prizes went to Zen Sydor for 1st Nearest Pin, Geoff Gillies for NP2 and Steff Borys for Longest Drive and 2nd Nearest Pin.

The team prize was claimed by the 3rd team consisting of Zen Sydor, Roman Luczyn and Roman Skalsky.

Our next event is again in Yorkshire at the Rother Valley GC.

See you all there.

Rother Valley Golf Club

23 April 2017

In marked contrast to our opening event, the second event of the season was played in glorious sunshine at the Rother Valley GC, nestled in the rolling hills on the edge of the Peak District. The fairways were in good condition but the green were rather rutted, not conducive to accurate putting. These conditions were reflected in the scores, which were a lot higher on average than last month.

Winner on the day, his maiden victory as far as I know, was Big John Iwanejko with 39 points, pipping Roman Skalsky on countback. Top flight winner was John Pasicznyk with 38 points and Graham Meggitt was second on 36. Minor prizes went to Bazz Bdzola Nearest pin, Big John for NP2 and Mick Borys for Longest Drive. The team prize went the Aces consisting of Mick Borys, John Pasicznyk, Roman Skalsky and Ray Gregory.

Our next event, coming up very soon, is at the Radcliffe GC in Nottinghamshire.

See you all there.

Radcliffe Golf Club

14 May 2017

Another glorious spring day for our third event of the season at Radcliffe in Nottinghamshire. The course was an easy walk, with very few hills and was in good condition except for the greens which were rather bumpy, causing much consternation among our members.

Winner on the day was John Pasicznyk on 35 points, with Mick Borys second in the top flight on 34. Second division winner was Rob Harrison with 34 from Mick Rewilak on countback.

Minor prizes went to Rob Harrison – longest drive, John Pasicznyk - Nearest Pin and Graham Meggitt for NP2.

The team prizes went to the Kings, consisting of Stef Borys, Mick Rewilak and Roman Skalsky. Roman has now featured in every winning team this season.

See you all at our next event on 11 June in Rochdale.

Rochdale Golf Club 11 June 2017

On a rare visit to Lancashire for our forth event of the season, we were greeted by typically breezy and showery conditions. The course was in good condition, with the greens very receptive following heavy rain in the preceding days, however the sand in the bunkers was very compacted, making escape difficult. We did get wet during our rounds but improving conditions and strong breeze at the end of our rounds meant we all finished dry.

Winner on the day, with his newly enhanced eyesight, was Mick Gillies on 37 points with Ray Gregory second in flight 2 on 34. The top flight was won by Mick Melnyk on 34 with John Pasicznyk second on 32. Minor prizes went to Zen Sydor for Nearest Pin and Mick Borys for NP2 and Longest Drive.

Next month we are in Derby for our UGABG strokeplay championship.

See you all there.

Mickleover Golf Club 16 July 2017

We arrived at Mickleover Golf Club full of anticipation as this was Mick and Stef Borys' home golf club which we had been told would be a good challenge and test of golf.

After a hearty and generous breakfast we prepared for the first tee off.

The clouds started to disperse and the sun appeared and the temperature began to rise steadily. On the first tee, Mick Borys gave out tips and various instruction about the course which he hoped would help us.

After nine holes we were greeted at the halfway house by Slawko Bdzola with a bottle of homemade Wisniewka provided by Mick Borys. A nice touch that, especially for those of us who had struggled round the first half of the course. It lifted our spirits for the second half.

Everyone completed the round of golf with varying degrees of success and celebrated with a drink or two in the bar afterwards.

Our meal in the club restaurant later was excellent. There were generous helpings of everything. There was even "Smazhena Kapusta", prepared by Mick Borys' wife. A great big 'thank you' to her. It was truly delicious!

A big 'thank you' to Mick Borys for organizing the. It all went really well.

Results

NP and NP in 2 was won by 'dead eyed' Mick Gillies
Longest Drive was won by Mick Borys whose long drives are becoming legendary in the UGAGB

Div. 1 Winner – Stef Borys 38 points after countback
R-Up - Mick Borys 38 points

Div. 2 Winner – Steve Holmes 42 points
R-Up - Roman Skalsky 36 points

Overall winner of the Bendzak Memorial Trophy was Steve Holmes.
Many congratulations and well done!!

PS – We have now had five events this year and the 'Order of Merit' kicks in.
Current leader is Roman Skalsky with 164 point. Second is Mick Borys with 158 points.

Kenwick Park Weekend 8 – 20 August 2017

What a difference a year makes. Last year, this course seemed so benign in ideal weather conditions while the wind and rain this year made it seem twice as difficult.

This was largely borne out by the scores. Where last year the average score for the two competition rounds was 61, this year it was 46.

Maybe it's just age creeping up on us, something that doesn't affect our weekend winner this year. Stef Borys triumphed with 71 points, the same winning score as last year in far more difficult conditions. Runner up was Zen Sydor with a very creditable 63.

Apart from the golf, we did enjoy the superb accommodation in the lodges, particularly the iLodge Ultra which proved the ideal venue for our now traditional Friday night party.
All in all, a very enjoyable weekend.

See you all soon at our next event at the Hallowes Golf Club in Derbyshire.

Hallowes Golf Club 17 September 2017

Our penultimate event of the season was held at the historic Hallowes Golf Club. Set in the rolling foothills of the Peak District, the course was in immaculate condition with beautifully manicured fairways and probably the best prepared greens we have ever played on. This was our annual strokeplay championship and fittingly on such a great course, scores were generally very good, with most players scoring close to net par.

The winning score of net 60, by John Iwanejko, was the lowest in the history of the UGAGB Championship. Converted to Stableford this was 47 points, also a record for our society. Runner up was Paul Killoran with a very creditable net 70. Group 1 winner was Stef Borys with net 72 and Zen Sydor was second on 75. Minor prizes went to Paul Killoran for Nearest Pin and Zen Sydor won NP2 and Longest Drive.

And so to our final event of the season and the culmination of the Order of Merit competition, at the Rushcliffe GC next month.

See you all there.

Rushcliffe Golf Club 15 October 2017

Our final event of the season was again held at Rushcliffe, a very tight and hilly course with numerous doglegs and blind shots. The weather was dry but unseasonably warm and muggy and the course was in generally good condition.

Second flight winner was Geoff Gillies with 36 points and Paul Killoran was runner up on 32. Overall winner on the day was Stef Borys on 38 points and Mick Melnyk was second in the top flight with 35 points.

Minor prizes went to Paul Killoran and Mick Gillies for the Nearest Pins and Mick Borys won the Longest Drive and NP2.

Stef Borys's win allowed him to come storming through the field to take the annual Order of Merit prize from long time leader Roman Skalsky by 1 point – a fitting victory for our lowest handicapper and best player.

So, with another great season behind us, in which we hosted and won 9th Ukrainian World Golf Challenge in Scotland in July, we are left looking forward with great anticipation to next season. I hope to see you all again next spring and in the mean time I wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.