



## Broome Manor Club Captain's report

June / July 19

Dear Member

It's been another busy month with some of our major club events. The weather has been on and then off and then back on, finally ending with a very warm weekend. I find time flies in the blink of an eyelid and before you know it, the holiday season is about to start.

Most of us are looking forward to a well-earned break possibly on faraway shores. I know I'm looking forward to my holiday, which I'm hoping will be cooler than it is now.

Most of my time since I wrote last month has been taken up thinking about Captain's day, a day in the year when the Club Captain raises as much money as possible for two very deserving local charities: PROSPECT and CALM.

**Club Championships** took place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June – a limited field event over 36 holes with the best 72 available golfers playing a Gross and Net event sponsored very generously by our long-time friends at Deacons' Jewellers.

The event is a long day played on the fairest and hardest course set-up: pins in difficult positions, tees back for the full distance on every hole, fast and true greens with thick firm rough surrounding them. Personally, I made two three-putts before getting to grips with the speed. Even then it was a struggle to get to the hole if you started from the wrong side of the fairway. Chipping from the rough around the green became extremely difficult during the afternoon as the sun dried out the morning dew and the grass became very sticky.

We saw some fabulous golf and the course was in magnificent condition: finely manicured fairways, tees at full length and greens fast and slick. I think everyone agreed it was a very well laid out presentation from the greenkeepers and the boss, Simon Sperring. Thanks also to Mark Sandry for making pin positions a real challenge for all. I particularly liked the pin on the 1<sup>st</sup>, back right a couple of feet in from the fringe. The pin placement on 16 was in a devilish place back left on the edge of the slope. Nice!!

The course played very well and held its own all day with a limited number bettering par over the two rounds. However, eventually Matthew Hibbs overcame everything with a tremendous gross score of 141, (69 and 72), to take the title of Broome Manor Club Champion 2019. Michael Cox and Tom Law both had gross totals of 143, (71 and 72). However, Michael beat Tom into second place on countback.

In the net competition Best Net was claimed by Jamie Graham with a fabulous combined total score of 139, (net 68 and 71). Runner-up Scott Ward played very well in the afternoon and took second place with a Net total of 140, (72 and 68). Colin Harrison beat 3 others on countback to take 3<sup>rd</sup> place with a net total of 141, (71 and 70).

It was a tough day with a few golfers recording over handicap scores. But then again, you are supposed to play your best golf to beat your handicap. Well played to all those who managed it. Sadly, I wasn't one of them and yet again find my handicap slowly creeping towards 10.5. Hopefully the coming weeks will see me play better and score better. I know it's there somewhere; I just have to find it when I've a card in my hand.



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The evening presentation was made by the event sponsor Richard Deacon who has supported the event since its inception. Thank you, Richard, for the continued support of our finest golfers.

The **BRG 2<sup>nd</sup> round** saw another brilliant round from Pete Jenkins with a net 68 off a handicap of 9 winning the Division 1 category. However, he was beaten into 3<sup>rd</sup> place by Lucas Butcher, 2<sup>nd</sup> with a wonderful net 66 off a handicap of 31 and eventual winner Hugh Jones with a masterful 64 playing off a handicap of 16.

**Captain's Day** was a very early start for me, just after 4am when I jumped out of bed to start the day. I arrived at the course just after 5am to see a peaceful, tranquil and wonderful setting - not a soul in sight and the day was just starting, mist rolling across the course and birds singing. What a very peaceful way to start a day.



Saturday July 13th was Captain's Day with lots going on, but mostly it was about everyone having

### **FUN!**

The golf event carried a £10 entrance fee. In addition, each golfer had the opportunity to purchase a £5 'get out of jail free' card. (only one per golfer.) This allowed each golfer to cheat by legal means, by using all of the following:

- Take a two putt – from anywhere on the green! (with no penalty)
- Get a free drop out of a bunker – 2 club lengths in any direction! (with no penalty)
- Found the water? Get a free drop! (with no penalty)
- A 'Mulligan' – take a shot again! (with no penalty)

Over 130 club members played in the Stableford Non-Qualifying fun event taking full advantage of the 'Get out of Jail' card which allowed 4 extra strokes if required.



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With the use of a 'Get out of Jail' card 30 golfers achieved 36 points or more and 7 golfers scored 40 points or more. In third place overall on countback was Padam Gurung with 42 points. Lee Savage with 43 points who was top of the leaderboard for most of the day, was narrowly beaten on countback over the last 6 holes by Tony James, the eventual winner and getting photo bombed afterwards.

Well played Oliva Bannon who won the ladies' section and the ladies' longest drive. As the event has a handicap limit of 20 for men and 28 for woman, a club prize was awarded to James D Emanuel for his excellent 37 points off a handicap of 21.

The day wouldn't have been a success without a very generous group of sponsors and amazing supporters making the day a success. A very big thank you to;

Hawkins Estate Agents, Simon Ruddle, Mark Holmes, Sian Nickson, Chris Murray, Terry Kitchen, Matthew Conway, Mick O'Dea, The Oosht golfers, Pete Jenkins, Fez Moroccan Tapas, Kevin Randall and Nick Yalden. We also had a wonderful last-minute sponsor from M4Van Sales who added to the hole in one prize with the chance to win a brand-new Van.



Thanks to our fabulous sponsors the following were other winners on the day.

Hole	Sponsor	Prize winner	Achieving
1	Hawkins Estate Agents	Matt Hibbs	Nearest the pin in 3
2	Simon Ruddle	Paul Berry	Nearest the pin in 2
3	Nick Yalden	Matt Conway	Hole in one
4	NeedyBet	Cliff Cully	Nearest the green in 1
5	Sian Nickson	Oliva Bannon	Ladies longest drive
6	Nick Yalden	Colin Butter	Hole in one
7	Chris Murray	Matt Hibbs	Longest drive
9	Terry Kitchen	Mike Tumbrell	Straightest drive
11	Nick Yalden & M4 Vans	Andy Langford	Hole in one
12	Matty	Adam Roe	Farthest on the curvy line
13	Mick O'Dea	Lee Savage	Nearest the pin in 2
14	Oosht golfers	Ryan Wootton	Nearest the ditch in 1
15	Nick Yalden	Phil Lenehan	Hole in one
16	Pete Jenkins	Ben Pines	Longest drive
17	Fez Moroccan Tapas	Max Drayton	Nearest the pin in 3
18	Kevin Randall	Mark Cosnett	Nearest the ditch in 1



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The day continued into the evening with an auction starting about 7.30pm and a prize presentation followed by a family disco and a light finger buffet.

A massive thank you to some fantastic friends of Broome Manor Golf Club putting forward some excellent gifts to bid for in the auction, Thank you to Pete Connelly, Lee Savage, John Steele, Lexus Cars, Gary Harris, Jurij Muliarov, Jason Hempleman, Lee Hayward, Steve Robertson, Danny White and James Wiltshire, all of whom made contributions to the charity auction. The whole day is about supporting two local charities PROSPECT and CALM and raising money for them this year. The total wouldn't have been possible without the support of all those who helped keep everything running smoothly, providing auction and raffle prizes. I thank every one of you for the very generous gifts and valuable time you gave to help raise over £4000 on the day.

My helpers on the day deserve a big thank you: my Vice-Captain Simon Channon who was up very early securing water and snacks to start the entrants on the first tee, then racing round the course putting the finishing touches to the day, hole-in-one poster boards and tee labels.

Thank you to Mark Holmes and Mark Hayward for putting gazebos up on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> holes, Lisa, Jessica, and Natasha for supporting dad. They said it's a great day and so peaceful as you watch the golfers try to get a hole in one on the 15<sup>th</sup>. They now understand why I have such a love for the game. Thanks to Jean Gee for helping everyone register, buy a 'Get out of Jail' card. Lastly, a big thank you to my lovely wife Alison who spent the day with Jean selling raffle tickets and raising over £200 pounds in the proceeds. She then rushed out and picked up the evening finger buffet before returning to watch the evening auction. What a star and she doesn't play the game...not sure why!

On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> I played in the final league match of this year's Buthlay cup at Brinkworth Golf Club. I played with the Vice-Captain and we made a match of it going into the last 1 up. Sadly, we lost the hole to a birdie and halved the match overall. Unfortunately, we lost the overall match 4 ½ to 1 ½. However, those vital 1 ½ points have put Broome Manor in a commanding position. Brinkworth now need to win their last match 6 – 0 to overtake us.

**July monthly Medal** wasn't the golfing feat I had hoped for - a couple of course management errors left me walking into the club house with a net 79, a long way from a handicap cut. However, Julian Barber with a net 68 off 5 was beaten into second place overall with a wonderful 67 off 11 from Mark Hayward winning the overall Medal. Both Julian and Mark won their divisions, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> respectively. Martin J Tilling won the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division with a very credible net 72 off 19 coming 21<sup>st</sup> overall.

We have a number of friendly matches during the season. We've a number of players already signed up but I'm looking for more golfers who would like to play away at the **Defence Academy on Wednesday August 14<sup>th</sup>**. It's great course and a tough match will be followed by a fabulous dinner. If **you'd like to play**, please sign up on the noticeboard or **let me know**. There's still time to support and get involved; afterall, it's an inexpensive way to play an away course in a match play event supporting your club.

Happy golfing.