

BTRGS 2011 Winter Meeting Report

Date: 2 February 2011
Venue: Hintlesham Golf Club.
Format: Stableford 2BBB

This event was advertised at the start of January. The venue was changed from last year, following the steep increase in the quote from Ipswich. As in the previous 2 years, the wintry conditions were not very conducive to getting a flood of acceptances, but 7 enthusiasts immediately signed up, and the addition of 1 guest meant there was a viable number to hold the event.

The weather continued to be poor, and forecasts were watched with interest. However, on the day, following a touch of early morning mist, the matches were played in pleasant conditions. It was dry, the sun appeared from time to time, and despite a bit of a breeze, it was not too cold. In all it was a real pleasure to be out playing golf, after such a sustained miserable period of weather.

After gathering for coffee, the 4 teams set off in 2 4 ball groupings. The course looked good, although the fairways did seem to have a lot of divot holes. The greens were fine, quicker than we expected, and despite some bobbles, were running quite true - as a number of good putts made, demonstrated. Hintlesham proved a popular venue, most of us not playing here very often - there are many interesting and attractive holes.

There was plenty of good golf on display, and it was nice to make good progress around an un-crowded course. Chris and John played really solid golf, and by dovetailing very well, accumulated an excellent 46 points.

After the round a simple Ham, Egg & Chips high tea was served, and much enjoyed, and the prizes awarded. Thanks to judicious buying in post Christmas sales and supermarket bargains, surprise was expressed at the amazing range of Toblerone bars and other goodies that belied the modest £1 per person prize fund contribution. Jonathan started to talk about some Fit for Work initiative, but still happily took his chocolates away! It has become the custom to extend the prizes down the field, so even golfers who perform modestly will start the new season on a winning and encouraging high.

Having only 8 golfers gave the event a pleasant intimate character, and there was a strong vote to continue this event next year. Options were discussed to organise the event to facilitate it being re-arranged if the weather was not likely to be optimal. (Provisionally fix the date, but delay the actual booking with a club until the weather conditions are confirmed to be favourable – and if not rearrange the date)

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Chris Amor	(15)	46 points
John Williams	(14)	
Paul Burke	(16)	42 points
Jonathan Brown	(14)	
Richard Wyndham	(14)	41 points
Andre Roden	(14)	
Trevor Buck	(15)	35 points
Carl Stagg	(17)	

This event received no subsidy from BTRGS, the cost was £30 total per person, £29 to Hintlesham , and £1 for the prize fund.