

2024

May

The SGA Masters saw a good turn out in dry and mild conditions. The winner was Chris Weetman, who beat last weeks winner, Ged Lawrenson, with Dave Monks finishing in third place in his first competition of the year, and qualifying for the Club Championship. Everyone enjoyed the day and now we're looking forward to next week's greensome social competition.

Finally!! May has started in a slightly drier vein. The course is gradually improving, and the ground staff are finally able to start getting the course into shape for the summer season. The May Strokeplay competition was won by Ged Lawrenson with a nett 55, followed by Steve Cave on 56 and Russ Ellis on 57. Following these first two competitions, Chris Weetman has qualified for the end of season Club Championship and Chris, Allan Connon, Ged Lawrenson and Steve Cave have all qualified for the Victor Ludorum. This week sees the first major comp of the year, the SGA Masters, so there will again be more opportunities to qualify for these end of season prestigious competitions.

April

Surprise, surprise, April started just as wet as the previous three months had been. Considering the appalling weather conditions, the ground staff have performed miracles in keeping the course open as much as they have. As a result, the April Texas Scramble opener was able to take place as scheduled, and what a cracking competition it was, with just 0.82 separating the top 3 teams. The winners, scoring 24.98 were Chris and Jamie Weetman, followed home by Josh Chudley and Ged Lawrenson with 25.18 and the John Hughes and Tony Hollister on 25.8. The competition was such a success that another one is already in the pipeline, for a little later in the summer, so watch this space. Finally, a couple of weeks into April, we have had some dryish weather, and the course has started to dry out. Not only has this allowed the struggling ground staff to finally start working on the greens and fairways, but has also given the members some decent playing conditions. The April stableford competition was won by Chris Weetman, with 36 points, followed by Allan Connon and Malcolm Russell, both with 32 points. Hopefully, the course will continue to dry out, and we will have cracking conditions for the first major competition in May.

March

Finally, March started with slightly drier conditions. Although the course was still very soft, it was drying out, but we really need a longer dry spell so that the ground staff can get to work on the greens. The stableford competition was won by Steve Cave, with 38 points, from Phil Bradshaw in second place, with 35 points. Unfortunately, the drier weather didn't last long, and the strokeplay competition saw reduced entries, due to course having to close on the Wednesday, due, once again to flooding. This, however, did not stop Jamie Weetman recording a very impressive nett level par 56, to clinch victory by 4 shots. Second on countback was Peter Cottiss, from Steve Cave.

This competition saw the conclusion of the Winter Series, the result of which is as follows:

Following March Stableford competition:

	NAME	TOTAL POINTS
1	Tony Hollister	65
2	Chris Weetman	59
3	John Hughes	51
4	Allan Millington	50
5	Josh Chudley	45
6	Trevor Hale	40
7	Alan Tugwell	36
8	Gerry O'Keeffe	30
9	Malcolm Russell	29
10=	Steve Cave	27
10=	Tom Weston	27
12	Russell Ellis	25
13	Michael Hallsall	24
14	Stuart Smith	15
15	Allan Connon	14

We now look forward the start of the summer season, which starts on 4th April with an open Texas Scramble event. Surely we must have some dry weather soon!

February

Well, February didn't start any drier than January ended, with sodden fairways and soggy greens. However, much to the ground staff's credit, they managed to keep the course open. This of course delighted Chris Weetman, who won the February stableford with a magnificent gross 28 for 23 points. Steve Cave and Stuart Smith occupied the minor positions with 18 points each. However, once again we saw the strokeplay competition cancelled, due to waterlogging and too few players being able to enter their scores. Once again, we hope that the March weather is kinder.

January

The year started just as 2023 had ended, with plenty of rain! The first week of January saw the course closed because of waterlogging, and this was followed by a freezing weekend, meaning the first stableford competition was played on wet fairways and frozen greens. Despite this, the competition was won by Allan Millington, with an impressive 19 points, with Josh Chudley and Chris Weetman just 1 point behind, on 18 points. The weather then changed back again, to damp fairways, but this time with gale force winds. This, however, did not deter Allan Millington, who picked up his second successive victory in the January strokeplay competition, with a nett score of level par 28. Second, on countback, was Michael Hallsall, with Trevor Hale a shot back on 29. Let's hope February is kinder with its weather!