

The Colin Rolls Trophy 2016 (CRT) – Event 1, The Scramble

On the 20th March 2016 this years' CRT kicked off with event one: "The Scramble".

As an experiment, event handicapping is each team-flight using the lower handicapper strokes received as the basis for the each 2 player team-flight(s). This is to prevent a low handicapper getting too much stroke boost from the extra strokes given by a high handicapper. It was also decided that three ball team-flights would not be allowed, any "odd" players play a single Stableford match. (In my opinion there are many "odd" players in our club.) Teams this year were as before: "The Mulligans", "Fridays Men", The "Andy Caps" and the "Babes and the Boys". The format was Stapleford.

The weather varied from sun in the morning to light rain from 1230 to 1400 with a basis temperature of 7 – 8C but with an afternoon "feels like" temperature of 2C. At the end of the day it was distinctly chilly. Overall the golf conditions were not bad for March. Last year the event was cancelled due to bad weather and the previous year (2014) had temperatures of 17C. You never can tell!

The turnout was excellent with 24 team-flights on the course, 21 doubles and 3 singles. The Mulligans fielded 8 teams-flights, The Babes and the Boys 6 teams-flights, The Andy Caps 6 team-flights and Fridays Men suffering a high drop-out level only had 4 team-flights.

After the results were in the Mulligans were in the lead with 88 points (Helma Nollen and Vincent Regis: 46 points and Ingrid Behrmann and Marga Harboe-Sorensen: 42 points). Second was the Babes and the Boys with 86 points (Tony Rosmalen and Rob Jansen: 45 points and EGC captain Erik van Ginkel with captain Clare Bingham 41 points). Third was the Andy Caps with Geraldine Doeswijk-Kavanagh and Henk Doeswijk shooting a 43 and Luca Maresi and Massimo Sabbatini a 40 to give their team 83 points. Last was Fridays Men with 79 points scored by Ben Smeltink and Henk Wapstra (42 points). All the rest of Fridays Men (3 teams) scored 37 points.

Interestingly the best average team score was posted by Fridays Men with 38.3, next Andy Caps with 37.5, then the Mulligans with 35.6 and Babes and the Boys had an average of 34.7.

Leader Board after 20-03-2016 Scramble:

<u>Colin Rolls Trophy - 2016 -</u>		
<u>Leaderboard</u>		
1	Mulligans	88
2	Babes and the Boys	86
3	Andy Caps	83
4	Fridays Men	79

On Sunday 20th we were graced by the presence of Janice Rolls, the wife of the CRT originator, the late Colin Rolls. Janice, after Colin's death and then emigrating to New Zealand was the captain of the Dolly Mixtures and the competition organizer. The Dolly Mixtures was the forerunner of the Mulligans, currently in the lead. Captain Mulligan Marja is suitably enthused by this event 1 result and was reportedly turning (virtual) cartwheels at home in celebration of her team's victory. Early days Marja, we shall see!

Event no. 2 in this super competition, the "Greensome" will be held on Sunday 10th April 2016.

Thanks are due to Alex Jeanes, the CRT's generous sponsor and organizer, who has done a splendid job (again).

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