

Press Reports from Stover Golf Club

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**ROBBINS AND WEBB TAKE CANCER RELIEF HONOURS**

One hundred competitors took part in the Cancer Relief stableford played in conjunction with the Wednesday stableford at Stover. With the course having benefited from the recent rain and the greens the best they have been for some time beating par was still difficult with just ten players scoring 36 points or better. Winning the Cancer Relief Spoon and division two with 44 points was Chris Robbins (23). Chris's reward for such a good score was a four shot reduction to his handicap. A distant second in division two was Anthony Parr (17) with 37 points on countback from Paul Avery (22). In division one Andy Webb (6) scored 40 points to win by three points from Tony Stanton (5), Rob Hudson (12) and Danny Booker (6). Andy's winning margin would have been even greater had he not double bogied the final hole having played the first seventeen holes in level par. There were 21 twos each worth five balls each.

Inspired by the Palarait teams success the previous week, Stover's juniors reached the semi finals of the Basil Steer Trophy by beating Woodbury at Exeter Golf Club by three matches to nil. The victorious team was Ryan Stevenson who won 5 and 3, Callum Livingstone who won 4 and 2 and Mark Hughes who won 3 and 1. They will now play Exeter in the semi finals.

Jason Hampton took time off from green keeping duties at Stover to win the county over 35's Dartmoor Trophy at Woodbury Park. With gross scores of 75 and 68 it was third time lucky for 39 year old Jason who won by three shots from Andrew Inglis (Sunningdale Artisans). Third place went to Graham Ruth (Tavistock) with 147.

**TEIGNMOUTH BEAT STOVER BY ½ POINT TO WIN EXCITING TORBAY CUP**

Stover welcomed players and spectators from their fellow South Devon League clubs at the weekend for the Torbay Cup. The course was in excellent condition and the organisation of the competition with leader boards dotted around the course was well appreciated by competitors and spectators alike, as was the all day barbeque. On Saturday morning the fourball competition saw some very good scores returned with the Dainton pair of Hayden Priscott and Daniel Hannaford winning with a score of 61, eight under par. The highlight of the morning was a hole in one by Lee Fryatt (Warren) on the second hole. The team positions after the fourballs was Teignmouth 21.5 pts, Stover 18.5, Dainton 15.5, Torquay 13.5, Churston 9 and Warren 6. The afternoon foursomes proved a bit more difficult with just the Churston pair of James Warwick and Bob Knott breaking par with their round of 66. The position overnight was Teignmouth narrowly in front with 36.5 pts followed by Stover 34.5, Dainton 33.5, Torquay 29, Churston 24.5 and Warren 10. Sunday was singles day with eight players from each club doing battle. With little to choose between the top three clubs it was always going to be a nail biting time. As the

groups finished their rounds the lead changed hands several times with first Dainton going ahead and then Stover edging in front when Jon Jones won group six. With one group left on the course Stover led Teignmouth by ½ a point. Jason Hampton (Stover) came in with a best of the day, so far, level par which meant that Billy Hemstock (Teignmouth) had to shoot under par to win the cup for Teignmouth. The England international showed his class by getting up and down from the back of the eighteenth green to finish on 2 under par to not only win the individual competition but secure the Torbay Cup for his club for the fifth time in the last six years. At the presentation Paul Cayless, chairman of the South Devon League clubs, thanked Stover for their excellent course and arrangements and this years sponsors, Emery Oils and WFC Limited. Next year's Torbay Cup will be held at Dainton on the first weekend of August.

### **STOVER REACH PALAIRET FINALS DAY**

Stover's PalaiRET team beat Okehampton 3.5 to 1.5 on Sunday to reach the semi finals for the first time since 2006. In a close match played in good spirit at Tiverton, Stover took the first point when the top pairing of Jason Hampton and Matt Lyne won their match 4 & 3. The second match saw Okehampton go 5 up after they won six holes on the trot from the seventh, but the Stover pair of Andy Rich and Tom Mitchell fought back to win the next five holes to be all square after sixteen. Okehampton won the seventeenth hole and the first halved hole of the match at eighteen gave them victory by one hole. The next two matches were very close with Stover winning both matches on the seventeenth. The winning pairings were Dan Parkes and Alan Hewings and Jon Jones and Steve Allen. The final match, involving team captain Richard Pascoe and Dave Henson, was all square after eighteen holes and as Stover had a winning lead it was agreed not to play the match to a finish. Stover will now play Exeter in the semi finals on finals day at a venue yet to be announced.

On Saturday club captain, Neil Hayman, and club professional, James Langmead, teamed up to challenge members to beat their score in a fourball better ball medal. With the course in pristine condition the pair managed to post a score of three under par 66. Unfortunately for them some 10 pairs beat their score with best score of 61 returned by John Payne and Tony Lewis.

The Wednesday stableford attracted 61 competitors with Paul Silk (13) winning division one with 37 points from Graham Green (7) and Martin Wright (8) who were the best of several players with 35 points. Division two was won by Dave Mugford (15) with 41 points. Adrian Parker (17) took second place with 36 points on count back from Brian Avery (24). There were eleven twos worth 5 balls each.

The biennial visit of young golfers from Sweden has taken place this week with the junior section playing host both on and off the golf course. The culmination of the visit was the playing for the SWEG Cup which is a Ryder Cup type of competition. On Friday seven fourball matches were played with Stover winning 6.5 to .5. On Sunday seven

foursome matches were played in the morning and fourteen single matches in the afternoon.

Stover won the foursomes 4.5 to 2.5 and the single matches were halved at seven matches each. Overall Stover retained the cup by 18 matches to 10. One of the highlights of the week for the Swedish team was a hole in one on the seventh by Lasse Wimhed.

This weekend Stover hosts this years Torbay Cup and will be looking to build on their Palairet success and do well in this competition as well. The top golfers from the six SDL clubs will do battle over two days for prizes kindly donated by this year's sponsors Emery Oils and WFC Limited. Saturday will see foursomes in the morning and fourballs in the afternoon. Sunday will see the climax of the competition with eight golfers from each club playing in a singles competition. All competitions are off scratch with points awarded for the best scores in each group. Spectators are most welcome to come along and watch the best amateur golfers in South Devon. Refreshments including a barbeque will be available both days with a Presentation of Prizes to take place on completion of play on Sunday at approximately 5.30pm.

### **PRESIDENTS DAY SUCCESS FOR HUGHES AND SHARP**

One hundred and thirty six members took part in Richard Emery's Presidents Day competition at Stover on Sunday. An added twist to the stableford format was the option to purchase up to three mulligans. With these and the rains of the previous few days quietening the course down some good scores were returned. The winner of the men's competition was David Hughes with a magnificent 45 points. Runner up was Dave Mugford with 42 points beating Andy Cowell on count back with Derek Ellis fourth a further point behind. Pat Sharp won the Ladies competition with 41 points from Leslie Pascoe on 39 points. Jill Little was third also on 39 points and Rochelle Yea was fourth on 37 points beating Pat Bailey on count back. The junior's prize went to Will Loughton who beat Alex Webb on count back after both had scored 40 points. There were 12 twos each worth a dozen golf balls. At the presentation Richard Emery was pleased to announce that £798 had been raised on the day for the NSPCC which is the Stover Captains chosen charity for the year.

Eighty competitors contested for the Ault Bowl which was played for in conjunction with the Wednesday stableford. Despite the wind and rain some good scores were recorded with the winner coming from division two. Paul Avery (25) won his second cup of the season with 42 points. Second in division two was Nigel Roberts (20) with 38 points and John Payne (21) was third with 36 points on count back from three others. The winner of division one was the in form Andy Beazley (10) scoring 39 points for the second week running. Second with 38 points was Jim McNichol (5) beating Paul Bower (5) with a better back nine. There were 8 two's each worth 10 balls.

The SDL team had their second big win in as many weeks when they travelled to Teignmouth and came away with a 7.5 to 1.5 win to put them right into contention for the

title. The winning pairings were Dudley Price and Richard Pascoe, Clive Hutchings and Neil Goddard, Jon Vooght and Tony Stanton, Robert Vooght and Adrian Hughes, Barry Chubb and Alan Hewings, Matt Lyne and Tom Mitchell, Jason Hampton and Dave Henson. The half point was won by Dan Parkes and Andy Webb. With three of their remaining four matches at home Stover feel that the title is very much within their reach.

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### **PROFESSIONAL DAY FUN AT STOVER**

James Langmead's golf day at Stover on Saturday was well supported and enjoyed by all those who took part. With its usual mix of novelty competitions and semi serious golf, some good performances were recorded. The biggest talking point was the pin position on the 10<sup>th</sup> hole which was near the top of the steep slope across the middle of the green. Anyone who scored points there were in the minority. The format was a pairs competition, greensomes on the front nine and foursomes on the back nine together with a team competition. The winners of the pairs were Ken & Susie Wheatley followed by Derek Ellis and Rochelle Yea, Mike Badcock and Val Richards and Richard & Lesley Pascoe. The team competition was won by Gerry Hamling, Clive Hutchings, Owen Vooght and Dave Marks. Second were Man Yiu Chan, Steve Guest, Mark Carpenter and Chris Rowe followed by Dan Hall, Derek Ellis, Rochelle Yea and Chris Holgate and the all ladies team of Jane Vooght, Jan Hayman, Cath Hayman and Sue Steward. Winners of the 'fun' competitions were Janet Emery nearest the powerkaddy, Harvie Taylor, appropriately, nearest the bottle of whiskey and Keith Brown and Sally Newman with the longest drives on the 8<sup>th</sup>. After the presentation, former world trick shot champion Paul Barrington, entertained the large gathering of members with his amazing trick shot show.

93 members entered the Charlie Drake Cup played in conjunction with the Wednesday stableford. The cup was presented to Stover back in the sixties when the famous comedian was a regular visitor during his summer seasons in Torquay. With the fairways bone hard from the weeks of hot weather some good scores were returned in both divisions. The overall winner of the Charlie Drake Cup was Jack Liddiard (16) with 41 points. Second in division two was Stephen Retellick (17) on 40 points and third was Brian Waggett (16) with 39 points. Brian has seen his handicap reduced from 18 to 15 over the past few weeks and is looking forward to getting down to where his handicap was before his serious illness 18 months ago. Top dog in division one was Malcolm Hall (9) scoring 40 points with Tony Stanton (5) second with 39 points followed by Dennis

Emery (13) and Paul Bower (5) both with 38 points with Denis taking third place on count back. There were 13 two's worth 7 balls each.

The Junior evening competition was the adult/junior qualifier. The format was greensomes stableford and more than 20 pairs took part and enjoyed a barbeque supper after the golf with junior organiser John Hayman in charge of the cooking. The winning team with a magnificent 45 points were the father and son pair Andy & Kane Rich who were closely followed by another family team, Richard & William Loughton with 44 points. These two pairs will represent Stover at the county adult/junior competition at Teign Valley later in the year.

Sunday saw the third round Palariet match against Willingcott Valley played at East Devon in some what blustery conditions. Despite having to give a total of fifty three shots over the five matches Stover reached the quarter finals for the first time since 2006 with a narrow 3 to 2 victory. Jon Jones & Tom Mitchell won their match comfortably as did Dave Henson and Richard Badcock. Mike Copperwhite and Steve Allen lost on the seventeenth. The other two matches were decided in extra time on the nineteenth hole. Jason Hampton and Matt Lyne lost after a wayward drive resulted in a lost ball. Alan Hewings and Dan Parkes scrapped home after their opponents were penalised by the match referee for not replacing their ball in the right place on the green before putting out on the nineteenth hole.

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July Stover are holding their first ever Open Day and offer an invitation to all golfers and potential golfers to play a few holes on one of the best parkland courses in Devon and sample the friendly atmosphere of the clubhouse and pro shop. Special deals will be available to anyone wanting to take up membership on the day. Officers of the club will be on hand to answer any questions and show visitors around.

### **SDL TEAM HIT TOP FORM**

The SDL team played their first home match of the season against Teignmouth on Saturday. Having had mixed fortunes in their previous three away matches the team made full use of home advantage to win impressively 7.5 matches to 1.5. The winning pairings were Richard Pascoe & Andy Beazley, Clive Hutchings & Neil Goddard, Mike Copperwaite & Danny Greenberry, Tony Stanton & Neil Hayman, Danny Parkes & Danny Booker, Barry Chubb & Alan Hewings and Tom Mitchell & Andy Rich. The half point was won by Matt Lyne & Richard Badcock. The next match is away to Teignmouth who will be looking for revenge for this heavy defeat.

The World Cup took its toll on this weeks Wednesday stableford with just 43 competitors turning out around the televising of England's match with Slovenia. This was good news for Club Chairman, Peter Stanley, who amassed 39 points off his 13 handicap to win the competition and have his handicap reduced by one shot. There were five players with 36 points with Rob Phillips (11) taking second on countback from Alan Gill (16), Malcolm Hall (9), Adrian Parker (17) and Martin Wright (8).

On Sunday the club played host to the DGU Mixed Foursomes. Stover was bathed in sunshine for the entire 27 holes of this stableford event. Andy Rogers & Jane Lee (Fingle Glen) won the Palairet Cup with a score of 59 points ahead of the Teignmouth pair of Ian Brown & Fiona Parsons. Paul & Maxine Collins (Torquay) finished in third place. The Scratch prize went to Bob Collier & Vicki Holloway (Teignmouth) with Seniors Team stalwart Paul Vicary and wife, Sue (RND) coming second.

### **HAMPTON IS STOVER CLUB CHAMPION AGAIN**

Jason Hampton successfully defended his Club Championship title at Stover on Saturday. In perfect golfing conditions the Devon star returned a level par 69 in the morning round. This was matched by 19 year old Tom Mitchell and closely followed by the in form duo of Alan Hewings and Dan Parkes with 71's. The afternoon round saw Tom falter slightly to return a four over par 73 and Alan and Dan scored 74's. Jason was moving serenely towards the title at level par after 17 holes but then a mistake with his tee shot on 18 left him stymied behind a tree leaving him no choice but to play sideways and leave himself still over 300 yards to the green. He managed to reach the green with his fourth shot and two puts later he was relieved to sign for a 71 and a two shot victory. Tom Mitchell took second place with Alan Hewings third piping Dan Parkes on count back. The Edgemoor Handicap cup, played for in conjunction with the club championship, was won by Alan Hewings (6) with a net 133 for the two rounds. Robert Vooght (8) put a poor run of form behind him to finish second with a net 135 (69 & 66) beating Dan Parkes (5) on count back. Other winners were best morning rounds Dan Parkes scratch and Tom Mitchell handicap and best afternoon rounds Jon Jones scratch and Sean Brown handicap. A total of 31 two's were recorded during the day.

The Wednesday stableford was played in conjunction with the County Golf Challenge with the winner not only qualifying for the regional qualifier at Honiton in August but picking up a £150 voucher from the sponsors, Brittany Ferries. Dennis Emery (14) was the winner of division one with 40 points. In second place was the consistent Mike Copperwhite (5) with 39 points and Danny Booker (7) third with 38 points on count back from four others. Division two was won by Lee Muscott (21) with 43 points. Unfortunately Lee did not enter the County Golfer Challenge so Denis collected the voucher and will represent Stover at the qualifier at Honiton. Second place went to Alistair Dodge (15) with 40 points and Anthony Parr (18) was third on 39 points. There were just eight two's worth 11 balls each.

### **OLDEST SWINGER IN TOWN LEADS THE WAY**

The oldest competitor, former club secretary Roy Smith, won division two of the latest Wednesday stableford at Stover. Octogenarian Roy amassed 42 points off his 19 handicap which equated to a gross 82. A missed short putt on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole dashed his hopes of shooting his age for the second time. He first achieved this feat a few years ago

when just aged 73. Playing partner Val Richards would have been second with 41 points but for signing for the wrong score on the last hole and being disqualified. Stuart Gregory (22) was the beneficiary moving up to second with 41 points and Dave Mugford (15) was third on 40pts.

Division one was won by Alan Hewings with a magnificent 43pts off his 6 handicap becoming the latest player to go round in under par. Runner up was Richard Badcock (5) with 40 points and Alan Green was third on 39pts.

On Sunday 100 players competed for the Eric Sykes Scratch Cup and Dagger Handicap Cup. Although having played or caddied for 36 holes a day all week at the South West Counties golf week at Trevoze, county star Jason Hampton returned home to win the scratch cup with a gross 71 beating Danny Parkes on count back. In third place was Graham Green with a gross 72. The handicap cup was won by Andy Mclean (12) with a nett 62.

On Saturday the annual match against St Pierre took place. The weather was fine and as usual the matches were played in a friendly and jovial spirit. The Stover team lead by Club Captain Neil Hayman were victorious by 4.5 matches to 3.5 so will take a one match lead to the return fixture in September. The SDL side continued their improvement at the Warren halving their match 4.5 to 4.5. It could have been a lot better had the last three matches not all lost on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Meanwhile the Juniors played their second round match of the Basil Steer Trophy at Wrangaton against Elfordleigh. Junior captain Matt Lyne lost a close match 1 down but Mark Hughes won a hard fought match 2 & 1 and Callum Livingstone won the tie for Stover with an impressive 5 & 4 victory.

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Starting at 6 am on both 1st and 10th tees 67 insomniacs competed for the Early Bird cup at Stover on Saturday morning. Despite the early start there were some good scores, in fact the top three competitors all scored 41pts. Winning with a better back nine was the in form Andrew Livingstone (10). There must be something about early morning golf and the Livingstone clan as Andrew succeeds his son Callum who won the competition last year. Second was Chris Hart (21) and third was Peter Rowlands (11).

The Cecil Whiting Salver was played for in conjunction with the Wednesday Stableford with 101 competitors taking part. The winner of the Cecil Whiting Salver and division two was Mike Harris (24) with 39pts. Second in division two was Carlo Lemba (23) with 38pts and third was Andrew Prudden (17) on count back from Dave Bunclark (17) with 37pts. Division one was won by Andrew Mclean (13) with 38pts from Andrew Livingstone (11) on count back. Danny Booker (7) took third place with 37pts on count back from Don Bissell (6) and Richard Pascoe (6). There were 17 two's of which Richard Pascoe had three.

On Saturday the SDL team played their second match of the season at Churston. Although they improved on their showing at Torquay they still went down by 3.5 matches to 5.5. Winners for Stover were Barry Chubb & Alan Hewings, Andy Rich & Tom Mitchell and Jon Jones & Dave Henson. The half point was gained by Mike Copperwhite & Danny Greenberry who were two down with two to play but a birdie 2 by Danny on 17 and an eagle 2 on 18 by Mike squared the match.

On Sunday it was the turn of the Palairt team to take on Axe Cliff at Dawlish Warren. In blustery conditions the team played well and won the match 5 -0 with all games finishing before the 15th hole.

1 June 2010

### CAPTAIN'S WEEKEND BIG SUCCESS AT STOVER

Stover captain Neil Hayman welcomed over 200 competitors for his captains weekend over the Bank Holiday. On Saturday it was the turn of lady members and juniors. Although the weather was not great, everybody enjoyed Neil's hospitality and some good scores were recorded. The competition was an individual stableford off 7/8 handicap and a three man team event with two scores to count. The leading junior was the section's captain Matt Lyne with 36pts with Alex Webb second on 34pts. The ladies individual winner was Elizabeth Toy with 36pts followed by Jo Wright 34pts and Ann Greenwell 33pts. In the team competition 76pts was the winning score for Jo Wright, Sue Prudden and Sue Jones, closely followed by Paula Crossfield, Jenny Ferguson and Lesley Pascoe with 75pts. Winner of the longest drive on the 3rd hole was young Grace Kiff and nearest the pin on the 2nd was Marion Tyrie. At 7.45 Sunday morning Neil arrived at the course to start the first group in the mens competition and he remained on the first tee until the final group teed off at 16.00. His mischievous banter on the first tee did not seem to put too many competitors off as everyone managed to clear the water in front of the tee. At the halfway house Neils' wife, Jan, and daughters Sam and Vicki dispensed much needed refreshments to help the competitors recharge their batteries. The format was the same as Saturday with Andy Beazley heading the field with 40pts beating Stephen Guest with a better back nine and Stephen Underwood third with 39pts. The winning team with a great score of 85pts was Richard Pascoe, Dudley Price and Andy Rich beating the second and third place teams by two points. The team of Jason Hampton, Andy Beazley and John Hayman taking second place on count back from Martin Wright, Andrew Prudent and David Dann. Nearest the pin on the 2nd was David Taylor and Barry Chubb was nearest the pin in two on the eighteenth. A packed club house awaited Neil for his presentation of prizes and he announced that the day had raised close to £1000 for the captains charity.

The Wednesday stableford was played on temporary greens due to maintenance work on the main greens over running. Never the less some good scores were recorded with Brian Waggett winning division two for the second week running with 42pts and Clive Hutchings top dog in division one with 39pts.

Bank Holiday Monday a mixed foursome stableford for the EGU Presidents Salver took place with a field of 34 couples. The winners of the Salver, presented to Stover by John Scrivener, were Debbie and Dave Bunclark with 38pts. Jo and Martin Wright were second with 37pts on countback from Maggie Wayte and Jason Hampton. There were three two's each worth 22 golf balls.

24<sup>th</sup> May 2010

### McNICHOL CLOSE TO COURSE RECORD AT STOVER

Jim McNichol not only won division one of the Wednesday stableford by a country mile, he shot the best competitive round of the year so far at Stover. Jim, playing off a 6 handicap scored 45pts which equated to a gross 66, just one short of equalling the course record. As a result his handicap has been reduced to 4.8. In second place was Tom Mitchell (3) with 38pts on count back from Ray Evans(14) and Mike Copperwhite (6). In division two the top six players all recorded 36pts. The winner on count back was Brian Waggett (18). It is nice to Brian on the fairways again after his serious illness last year and it looks as if he will soon get his handicap back down to where it used to be. Second was Carlo Lemba (23) and third was Chris Hart (21). There were fourteen two's worth 6 balls each.

Guest Day at Stover is one of the most popular days of the year and Saturday was no exception with 150 pairs doing battle in the warm May sunshine. The winning pair was Andy Carpenter and John Collier (Woodbury Park) with 43pts. Chris Holgate and Richard Ward (Dainton) were second with 41pts on count back from Glenn Williams and Pete French (Teignmouth) and Mark Shears and Nick Jones (Teignmouth). Fifth place went to Chris Bassett and Paul Robins (Dainton) with 40pts on count back from Kevin Hall and Simon Fisher (Teign Valley) Longest drive on 17<sup>th</sup> was won by Eric Morrell (Teignmouth). Nearest the pin on the second was Chris White (Sandy Lodge) and nearest the pin in two on the ninth and eighteenth were Andy Ryland (Dainton) and Dave Rook (Teignmouth) respectively. There were 18 two's each worth 14 golf balls.

On Sunday 101 competitors took part in a medal competition for the John Rees Salver (scratch) and Butler Cup (handicap). The winner of both competitions for the second year running was Barry Chubb (5) with a gross 70 net 65. Second in the scratch was Chris Honeywill (2) with a gross 71 followed by Alan Hewings (6) gross 72. In the handicap competition Alan Hewings was second with Peter Rowlands (11) third with a nett 68 on count back from Martin Wright (8), Danny Booker (7) and Mike Copperwhite (5). There were 12 two's each worth 8 balls.

Elsewhere at Saunton, Jason Hampton was competing in the Devon Amateur Championships where he qualified for the knockout stages over the weekend finishing equal 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 36 hole medal on Friday. Having won both games on Saturday and the semi-final on Sunday morning, Jason took his place in the final against England

International Billy Hemstock. After a close first 9 holes where they turned all square, Hemstock showed his class with a birdie blitz to win 4 & 3.

17<sup>th</sup> May 2010

### **ASHLEY HOCKING DOES THE DOUBLE AT STOVER**

The return of spring at the weekend was a welcome bonus for the 111 competitors for the Hughes Handicap Cup played in conjunction with the Whitbread Scratch Cup at Stover. Making full use of the fine weather and the excellent condition of the course, Ashley Hocking won both cups with an impressive gross 72 giving him a net 64 off his handicap of eight. Jon Jones was second in the Whitbread Cup with a 73 beating Jason Hampton on count back. Jason had victory within his grasp playing the 18th but an errant drive resulted in him dropping three shots. In the Hughes cup Neil Goddard (9) took second place with a net 66 on count back from Richard Such (18) and Danny Hall (6) was fourth with a net 68.

Earlier in the week, in appropriate cold and damp conditions the final of the winter foursomes knockout took place between the pairing of Jason Hampton (+1) and Dudley Price (10) and the pairing of Steve Smith (20) and Nigel Cooper (20). The match was all square after the first seven holes, then a run of two pars and a birdie gave the more experienced Jason and Dudley a three hole lead which was never threatened and despite having to give their opponents 14 shots Jason and Dudley triumphed 3&2.

Seventy-two pairs took part in the Jackie Rae Mixed Open Greensomes competition at Stover and although the weather was not very spring like it did not stop the visiting pairs from dominating the leader board. The winners were Sonia and Andy Ryland from Dainton with 37pts with in second place Gill & John Whitelock from Staddon Heights 35pts and in third the leading Stover pair of Nicola Kedge and Ryan Wheeler 34pts. For the third weekend running a hole in one was recorded on the 7th hole. The lucky golfer this time was Carole Ridley of Stover.

The Wednesday stableford attracted 76 entrants with Dave Henson (5) winning division one by a mile with 39pts. Nicolas Webb (13) took second place with 34pts on countback from Graham Green (7). Mark Merrin (26) won division two with 37pts, Stephen Retallick (18) was second with 36pts and Trevor Seward was third with 34pts.

4<sup>th</sup> May 2010

### **HAMPTON RETAINS SALVER WITH GROSS 68**

Jason Hampton has recently joined the greenstaff at Stover and certainly took advantage of inside knowledge of course conditions to retain the Madge Scratch Salver with a one under par round of 68 at Stover on Saturday. In doing so the Devon County golfer saw his handicap return to +1 having gone up to scratch three days earlier. He was three under par on the front nine but could not keep the birdie run going on he back nine although he finished three shots clear of Tom Mitchell and Danny Parkes.

The in form Danny Parkes (6) made it three wins in a row by winning the Chudleigh Handicap Cup played in conjunction with the Madge Salver. 120 entered the competition with only 11 players returning scores of par or better. Danny has been at University for the past few years and therefore has had limited time to play golf but he is now working in the local area and is certainly making up for lost time. He has won or been in the frame in several competitions already this year and has seen his handicap tumble from 8 to 5 in less than a month. There were four players on nett 67 with Malcolm Hall (9), claiming second spot on count back from Tom Mitchell (4), Alex Webb (10) and Barry Chubb (5). Sixteen two's were recorded worth 7 balls each.

On Bank Holiday Monday 34 pairs took part in the Douglas Badder Mixed Greensomes. In cold blustery conditions Murial and Cres Waldron triumphed with 36pts and now qualify for the regional finals later in the year. In second place, losing out on count back were mother and son combination of Sandra and Lance Wheeler. Another member of the Wheeler family, the young Ryan, was third with his partner Liz Payne on 35pts. In fourth place was Rochelle Yea with her uncle Derek 'Delboy' Ellis with 34pts. There were 5 two's worth a dozen golf balls each.

Jack Beavis(12) was the winner of the Wednesday Stableford first division with 40pts. In second place was John Pitts (14) with 39pts on count back from Andy Rich (5)

Second division winner was Colin Doolin (17) on 40pts with four players on 35 pts the best of which were Brian Longden and Fred Fox. There were ten two's each being worth 7 balls.

26<sup>th</sup> April 2010.

### **PARKES WINS MEDAL IN A STROLL**

It was a good weekend for Dan Parkes as he won the winter league final with partner David Hughes on Saturday and then followed that up with victory in the EGU Gold Medal on Sunday. The Winter League is played for throughout the winter months with a series of stableford competitions with the top 16 teams progressing to the knock out stages. Dan and David comfortably won the league stage of the competition and in the final overcame David Dann and Andrew Prudden 3 & 2.

On Sunday 95 competitors took part in the EGU Gold Medal with only a six scores of nett par or better being returned. Dan Parkes (7) continued his good form with a nett 66 giving him a two shot victory in division one over Adrian Ridley (13). Danny Booker (7) posted a nett 69 for third place beating Chris Honeywill (2) on count back. Division two was won by Nigel Redhead (17) with a nett 68 followed by Nick Dodd (18) with a nett 69 and in third place was Alastair Grieve (24) nett 70. There were 19 two's worth 5 balls each.

For the second week running a hole in one was achieved during the competition, with Carlo Lemba holing his tee shot on the par three seventh.

The first 18 hole Wednesday stableford was well supported with 104 members taking part. Division one was won by Shaun Thorne (7) with 41pts followed by Chris Rowe (14) with 39pts on count back from Nicholas Webb (14). Philip Small (16) won division two with 39pts. Second was Christopher Hart (22) with 38pts and John Biddles (19) took third place with 37pts.

The SDL team played their first match of the season away at Torquay and despite looking very smart in their new team shirts went down 7 1/2(seven and a half) to 1 1/2 (one and a half). The sole winning pair were Andy Rich and Richard Badcock with Dan Hall and Alan Hewings getting a half in their match. In the B team match played at Stover the tables were turned with Stover triumphant by 5 matches to one.

Earlier in the week, watched by a large gathering of fellow juniors and parents, junior section captain Matt Lyne had his belated drive in. With a good number of boys and girls attending the junior evenings on a Tuesday night it is hoped that the section will have another successful season and retain the junior SDL trophy

19<sup>th</sup> April 2010.

### **DAN & CHRIS SCORCH TO NETT 60 TO WIN BULPIN BOWL**

On the hottest day of the year so far 57 pairs took part in the Bulpin Bowl, an 18 hole greensome medal, at Stover on Sunday. The course was in excellent condition and some tremendous scores were recorded with the youngsters Dan Hall and Chris Honeywill taking first place with a nett 60 off their handicap allowance of 4. Second place was decided on count back with Alan Hewings and Chris Northway (8) just shading out Ken Wheatley and Mike Geary (18) with nett 62's. Fourth and fifth place was also decided on count back with Dave Pugh and Paul Wood (18) nett 65 having a better back nine than Doug Pusey and Steve Underwood (18). It was a good day for junior member Callum Livingstone who had a hole in one at the second but a bad day for his father who paid for the drinks at the 19th! In addition there were 14 two's worth 7 balls each.

The last Wednesday night stableford team competition before the individual 18 hole series begin this week, was a three man Texas Scramble over 15 holes. This was won by Derek Roberts, David Taylor and Nick Wilden with 48.2 pts from James Harbron, Simon Thorn and Chris Honeywill 50.6pts and Jon Jones, Ryan Wheeler and Tom Mitchell 51pts. There were only four two's worth 17 balls each.

The SDL team start their 2010 campaign at Torquay on Saturday and will be hoping to go one better than last season's runners up slot. The team will be wearing the clubs new team shirts kindly sponsored by club member Rob Foss of West Country Storage Solutions.

13<sup>th</sup> Apr 2010

The spring sunshine over the past week or so has certainly dried out the course at Stover with the full course in play at the weekend for the first time this year . On Sunday 114 members took part in the April Medal which was played in conjunction with the Lloyd

Trophy, a stableford competition for golfers with a handicap of 19 or over. The winner of division one was the young left hander Danny Parkes (8) with an commendable nett 66, which resulted in a one shot reduction in handicap, with the steady Steve Allen (6) second with a nett 67. Bill Finnie (11) claimed third place with a nett 69 on count back from Matt Lyne and Clive Hutchings. The best score of the day was in division two where Liam Berry (15) came in with an excellent nett 63 and a 3 shot reduction in his handicap. Three players returned nett 72 with Steve Williams (17) claiming second place on count back from Richard Sampson (22) and Ian Gilpin (15). There were 17 two's worth 7 balls each.

The Lloyd Trophy was won with 36pts by Paul Avery (25) with Richard Sampson second on 33pts and Mark Shears (25) third with 32pts on count back from Vice Captain Dave Marks (19) and the evergreen Roy Smith (19).

The Wednesday Stableford was a three man team event with two scores to count over 15 holes. Ten teams played holes 1 - 15 while the rest of the field played holes 1-13, 17 & 18 resulting in two 'winning' teams. Jeff Steward, Nigel Roberts and John Bailey scored 67pts over the first 15 holes and Martin Wright, Bill Finnie and Colin Jenkins scored 63pts missing out the 'loop'. There were 6 two's each receiving 9 balls.

6<sup>th</sup> April 2010

### **CHARITY THE WINNER AT STOVER**

Over 200 Stover members took part in the captains charity weekend over Easter. Captain Neil Hayman has been joined by lady captain, Janet Emery and seniors captain Gordon Brown in nominating the NSPCC as the clubs chosen charity for 2010 and the weekend raised nearly £2000 including over £500 from an auction for holiday accommodation in Somerset and £450.00 raised by waitress Anne Marie McCue and barmaid Karen Stephenson on a sponsored walk over Dartmoor. The Sunday competitors had by far the better weather and this was reflected in the results. The competition was stableford off  $\frac{3}{4}$  handicap and the winner of the men's competition was Barry Ravenscroft with 38pts followed by Clive Hutchings 36pts and Andy Livingstone 35pts. Leading lady was Victoria Boseley with 31pts followed by Paula Keaney 27pts and Jane Crump 26pts. Junior captain Matt Lyne was leading junior with 33pts with Callum Livingstone second with 32pts on count back from Mark Hughes. There were 19 twos over the two days each worth 10 balls.

On Easter Monday 40 pairs competed for the Advertiser & Badcock mixed foursomes cup. Emerging victorious were Judith Moran and Alan Turner with 32pts on count back from Ricky and Neville Pawsey. Third and fourth on 31pts were Linda and Roger Clake and Margaret Jeffs and Graham Green respectively. Only 4 two's were recorded worth 20 balls each.

The first mid week stableford took place last Wednesday with a nine hole three club competition which was won by Chris Hart with 20pts. Second place was Nick Wilden

with 18pts on count back from Andy Webb. The biggest winner of the night was Chris Holgate who carded the only two and picked up 32 golf balls.

29<sup>th</sup> March 2010

### **CUSHTY FOR DELBOY AT STOVER**

102 Competitors took part in the PGA National Qualifier in conjunction with the March Monthly Medal. The morning starters had the best of the weather as steady rain arrived early afternoon to make conditions very testing for the later starters which was reflected in the results. The popular Derek Ellis, other wise known as 'Delboy', took full advantage of the better weather to return a net 63 off his 14 handicap in division one and book a date with club professional James Langmead at the regional qualifier at Saunton later in the year. Second place went to Trevor Crossfield (11) with a nett 64 followed by Barry Chubb (6) with a commendable nett 67 in the worst of the weather on count back from Malcolm Hall (9). In division two John Pitts (16) was the comfortable winner with a nett 63 followed by Nigel Powesland (18) with a nett 67 and Mike Badcock (16) with a nett 70 on count back from Christopher Hart (23). There were fifteen two's worth 7 balls each.

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2010

Stover held their final winter Texas Scramble on Saturday with 30 teams of 3 taking part. Although the competition was open to teams of any combination the top four teams were comprised solely of male members. Despite the overnight rain the greens were in good condition but the wet fairways made low scoring difficult. Junior captain Matt Lyne lead his team home in first place with a very good nett 62.1 ably assisted by Keith Revell and Keith Gimson. Second place went to Richard Pascoe, Ryan Stevenson and Martin Wright with a nett 63.1 followed by Malcolm Hall, Ron Cann and John Springate with a nett 64.9 and forth were Nick Dodd, Steve Williams and Peter Rowlands with a nett 65.4. There were 12 two's each worth 7 balls.

2010 Captain Neil Hayman took 10 pairs to Exeter for a mixed match between the two clubs and playing in the first group out with his wife Jan showed the way with a fine 4 & 3 victory. The next three pairs all lost their games but with strength in depth the Stover team came away with a 6 to 4 victory

15<sup>th</sup> March 2010

The Spring like weather at the weekend encouraged a good turn out on both Saturday and Sunday for a variety of team competitions at Stover.

On Saturday 32 teams of 3 took part in a men's Texas Scramble with each team member having to contribute a minimum of 4 tee shots. The winning team with a nett score of 58.2 was father and son Rob & Jon Jones and Dan Hall. Second with a nett 60.1 were Keith Gimson, Clive Hutchings and John Hayman and third with a nett 61.3 were Peter Griffin, Mike Copperwhite and Alan Hewings.

On Sunday 48 pairs took part in a Greensomes Stableford with 29 men's pairs and 19 mixed pairs. The scoring was again very good reflecting the excellent weather and the way the course is drying out after the winters' snow and rain. The competition was won by husband and wife Tony and Glyn Harrison (24) with 47 points

with the in form Dan Hall and Rochelle Yea (24) on 44 points second and Cress and Muriel Waldron (21) third with 43 points on count back. The best score of the day was by father and son pairing Andrew and Aaron Cowell (14) with 48 points well clear of Matt Lynn and Harvie Taylor (11) and club stalwarts Dave Mugford and Malcolm Hall (12) both with 43 points with Matt & Harvie taking second place on count back.

1<sup>st</sup> March 2010

**Goddard wins medal despite 2 shot penalty**

Over 100 members entered Stover Golf Clubs first medal of 2010 season on Saturday. Playing virtually the full course for the first time for several months, most competitors found conditions very challenging. The tee times were back half an hour while the Greens Staff prepared the course after early morning frost which meant only two temporary greens were in play. The winner of Division One (0-14 handicap) was Neil Goddard (10 with a nett score of 68, which included a two shot penalty for hitting his own golf bag with his second shot on the 13<sup>th</sup> hole. Second was John Hayman (7) also with a nett 68, losing out on the back nine. Third was Alan Hewings (6) with a nett 69 on countback from Andy Rich (6) and Don Bissell (7). Division Two (15-28 handicap) was also decided on countback with John Searle (17) edging out Nigel Cooper (21) after both returned nett 67's. Third and fourth were John Roberts (15) and Eddie Crosby (21) both with nett 72's. There were 22 twos, each worth 5 golf balls.