

## MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT

### GENERAL COMPETITIONS

I believe that, in general, the Men's competitions over the past 12 months have run reasonably smoothly.

At the start of last season the sweep fee was raised from £1.50 to £2.00, giving an average prize pot of £150.

Average numbers of entrants for summer competitions was 73, with a maximum of 94.

Items which have hopefully enhanced the competition experience for members: 1. Updated PSI unit which has led to better uptime and visibility.

2. Label printer which has standardised card completion for those who choose to use it. 3. Weekly rules sheets.

4. Enhanced results publication.

5. More stringent application of the rules.

A list of winners has been made available to the general meeting. Everyone on the list is invited to attend the Presentation Evening on 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

### TEAM PERFORMANCES

The Scratch Team finished fourth in a highly competitive league. They narrowly lost to Seahouses in the Cup.

The Members League Team finished 5<sup>th</sup> out of 13 in the league (up from 7<sup>th</sup> the previous year). Player of the year standings:

Adam Holland: P9, W7, D0, L2 14 points

Kieran At-Falc: P9, W6, D1, L2 13 points

Steve Lamb: P9, W6, D0, L3 12 points

The 39 points accrued by the above players accounted for almost 50% of the total points for the season.

### SENIORS

The Seniors Section has continued to grow. The attendance at the two weekly roll-ups

frequently exceeds 30, and has peaked at 40.

There was a full programme of events, including friendlies and Team matches in both Deeble League and Cup.

## JUNIORS

Unfortunately a mixed bag when it came to domestic competitions, with only 4 out of 7 being played in 2024. Roy is trying to push this for next year, and hopefully we can attract more young blood. Cameron Twynholm become the youngest winner of the men's Northumberland county championship. 20 years after his dad won in 2004.

Cameron was runner up and Championship Salver winner in the Warkworth club championship.

Charlie Thomson, in a strong field, reached the quarter finals in the St Andrews boys open. Charlie won the best net in the Northumberland north and south trophy.

Both boys played for the county juniors. Cameron was in the county men's squad.

Ben Miller finished Net runner up in the U14 North of England at Beamish.

He played for Durham U16

Although not their home club both Ben, Cameron and Charlie play a lot of golf at Warkworth, Ben will now be in his 10th year of membership at Warkworth.

## INITIATIVES

Following ongoing comments and general messages, a working group was formed with the intention of trying to improve the rate of play. This is not an issue which only affects Warkworth Golf Club. The working group have implemented several initiatives – adoption of “Ready Play” ethos, target timings, etc. which have been communicated to members. The latest and most visible items are the signs which hopefully act as a bench mark for all. Thanks to those who gave their time to discuss and suggest ideas which I know have been well received by most people.

“Wee Wonders” is an organisation which promotes junior golf by holding regional competitions. Warkworth GC has been approached to host a competition at some point this year. We have indicated that we are willing to do this, which will help promote the club.

My thanks go to John Mayne, who has helped with some of the administration, and who has taken on running the Open events, which bring much needed revenue into the club. As ever, your constructive comments and ideas are welcomed, as is any assistance.

Gary Heap

26<sup>th</sup> February 2025