

Old Tauntonians' / Old Bournemouthians' Golf Day – 23rd May 2013



Before getting to the day's action it is my habit to comment on the weather conditions. This was before the glorious days of July and we were still in what seemed like winter. It wasn't raining (yet) but the wind was blowing at a rate of knots and protective clothing was donned by most. There were the exceptions, though, prominent among them being John Daniel and Tony Robinson both of whom sported shorts, summer socks and their Stetsons. About twenty minutes after the last group had got away there came ten minutes of hurricane-like conditions with horizontal rain sweeping in from the West. Those of us observing from the clubhouse felt sorry for those who were out there. But then it changed. Quite rapidly the afternoon became blue skied and sunny, and this continued for the remainder of the day. Despite the absence of 15 regular players – holidays, illness, grandchildren-minding – we fielded 28 players from the two associations, 18 of them Old Tauntonians'. In previous years we have run the event as two simultaneous competitions (OT ad OB) with a cup for the highest points scorer of the day. This year, while retaining the John Rush and Bournemouth Seniors competitions we awarded other prizes within age groups. The intention was to have age groups of 50+, 60+, 70+ and 80+. The youngest age group "attracted" only one young lad so, despite his protestations and claims to be awarded the 50+ prize, the committee of one decided he should play in the 60+ group. At the evening meal we were joined by:

Ted Colenutt (President, OTA),
Roger Parsons (Chairman OTA)
Bob Newell (Secretary OTA)..... Together with
Roger Knight, a co-founder of this event
Stuart Wilson, who didn't play because of cracked ribs following a fall down a flight of stairs
Frank Taylor, an ex-hockey player, who came for the fun of it and to help where he could.

We sent our special wishes to Bournemouthian Malcolm Gritt who had badly hurt himself when a buggy in which he was riding overturned on Queens Park golf course. Our understanding is that progress is being made but that it would be some time before he could play again. Ted Colenutt presented the trophies won by the Old Tauntonian players:

Winner of The Pomeroy's Cup (Highest Score of the Day) - Pete Muddiman (38 points - on countback)
Winner of The John Rush Trophy - Pete Muddiman

Age Group Prizes:

Winner of the 50+ /60+ Group - John Lewis (38 points) : John Daniel (36 points)
Winner of the 70+ Group - Danny Nixon (38 points) : Peter Bassil (36 points)
Winner of the 80+ Group - Gordon Prosser OB. (33 points): Ted Munday (28 points)

Winner of The Bournemouth

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Seniors Trophy - Stuart King - 37 points
Runner Up - Alan Coul - 34 points

The event is enhanced by the contribution of a number of people. Grateful thanks are offered to:-

- John Knight, for his generous donations towards the day
- Ted Munday, for looking after the scoring
- Bob Newell, who toured the course to take many photographs
- Frank Taylor, who made himself indispensable by fetching and carrying wherever required
- The Old Bournemouthians, who presented a bottle of champagne to the organiser
- The Catering Manager, and her staff, for their help. Many of the diners thought it the best meal we have had at this event

The Old Tauntonian players were:

Clive Amy - 36 points (19): Peter Bassil – 36 points (19): John Daniel - 36 points (16): David Defty- 26 points (11): Paul Gannaway – 29 points (23) : Colin Howe - 34 points (15): Richard Knight – 34 points (15) John Lewis 38 points (24) : Eric Morgan - 33 points (19) : Pete Muddiman – 38 points (9): Ted Munday – 34 points (28) : Danny Nixon – 38 points (14) : Tony Robinson – 29 points (26) Ron Sizer 35 points (20) : Ralph Turner – 37 points (18) : Nigel Ward – 35 points (9)
Apologies are offered to Ken Boundy and Gus Smith both of whom played but whose scores are unrecorded.

This is the 19th year in which the two associations have joined each other for a round of golf. From the time we meet there is always an air of warmth and friendship both in the clubhouse and on the course. Yet again I must say that it is to the players and their consistent support of this event that I offer my gratitude and thanks.



Ted Colenutt presents the John Rush Trophy to Peter Muddiman



Peter Muddiman holding the John Rush Trophy and the Pomeroy's Cup

GOLF DAY GALLERY



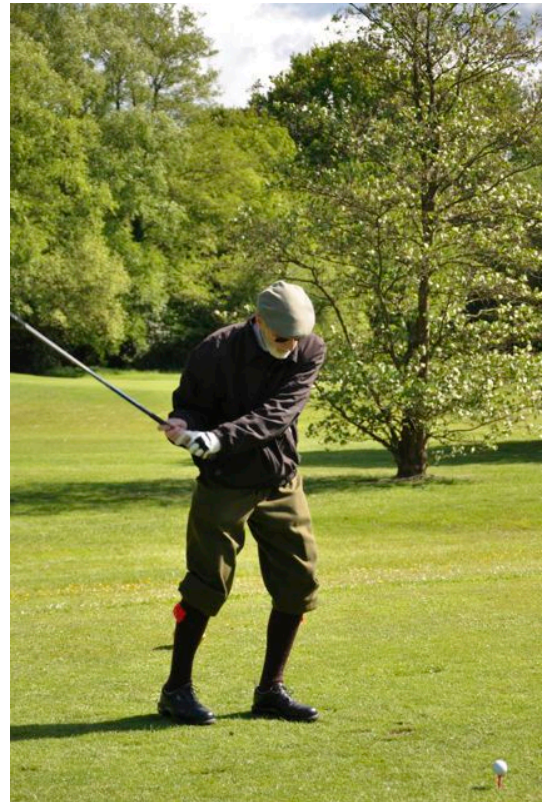
Johnny Bathurst adjudicates on a
"Point of Order"



A purposeful David Defty
approaches the tee!



Ron Sizer - "Are we only half way
round?"



A classic shot and exemplary dress!
Paul Gannaway