

SULTAN OF OMANS ARMED FORCES GOLF MATCH

Monday 20 June 2011

Dorset Golf and Country Club - Near Wareham, Dorset

Sixteenth Anniversary Match

I think this was our most enjoyable event so far as everyone fully entered into the spirit of the occasion whether scoring well or not. The weather held good until the last 10 minutes but by then it did not matter. The course was in immaculate condition although the bunkers provided a considerable challenge to those not used to concrete type floors! An excellent lunch featuring roast beef and some red wine concluded a most enjoyable day. This fixture is for those who have served in a military or civilian capacity in or have a strong affection for the Sultanate of Oman or adjacent countries in the Middle East. Ladies are most welcome to attend either as players or for the lunch only. This year we had the same numbers as last year with 26 sitting down for lunch including 5 ladies and 21 players venturing out on the course. No lady players unfortunately

Players ventured out from 0940 and there were no hold ups so a round took a very pleasant 4 to 4 and 1/4 hours. The match was followed by lunch where **Wing Commander Bruce Moore** kindly presented the prizes.

This year we had 21 competitors on the Lakeland Course It was nice to see some new faces attending our gathering for the first time. They were Mike Carter 27 years RNVR and Ian Wilding Engineer both guests of Robin Gainsford. It would be nice to make it 30 competitors next year and please bring wife, girlfriend, partner for lunch and perhaps to drive home

We had some very good scores but the same winner this year **Philip Sevier-Summers** (17) from the British Army who had a most credible score of 39 points. Second was **Mike Carter** (RNVR) on count back from **Ken Enticknap** (Royal Navy/SON) on 38 points. Fourth was **Robin Snaith** (Military Financial Adviser) with 35 points on count back from **Patrick Sheahan** (British Army/Iran). Longest drive was achieved by **Peter Clarke** (Royal Navy) and the nearest the pin was **Robin Gainsford** (Royal Navy/SON).

The competitors were: **Ted Brown** (Guest), **Mike Carter** (27 years RNVR), **Peter Clarke** (Royal Navy/ Virgin Airlines), **Ken Enticknap** (Royal Navy/SON), **Tony Foulkes** (RAF/SOAF), **Robin Gainsford** (Royal Navy/SON/Ministry of Environment), **Nick Harrison** (BBME Bank Manager) **Ron Jones** (Guest/Westlands Helicopters), **John Knight** (Royal Navy), **Bruce Moore** (RAF/SOAF), **Mike Pilley**(Royal Navy/SON), **Martin Plant** (Royal Navy/SON), **Patrick Sheahan** (British Army/Iran), **Robin Snaith** (Military Insurance Broker), **Sammy Stubbs** (Royal Navy/SON), **Philip Sevier-Summers** (British Army), **Jack Thompson**(British Army/SOLF) **Richard Tregarthen** (British Army/SOLF), **Mark Whitley** (Royal Navy/Gulf LCTs), **Brian Whittingham** (Royal Navy), **Ian Wilding** (Engineer)

Everyone had a very enjoyable day and the course was in an immaculate condition but there is

plenty of room for others to join us and lets try and make the next occasion up to 30 competitors especially with more lady players and guests for lunch on **Monday 18 June 2012. There will be plenty of prizes. The Cost will only increase by one pound to £45.00.** It would be particularly nice to see some of the old faces who have played before returning and challenging the Winner who has won two years in a row. Please encourage all your eligible friends to join in. Ladies are also most welcome to join us for lunch .Please e-mail me robingainsford@hotmail.com , if you have not already done so, to show interest and I will put you on my e-mail dist. If you would like to stay at the club hotel, we can offer **Bed & Breakfast for £40.00** per person and you could have another round the next day at 50% green fees

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