

OLD HAMPTONIANS GOLFING SOCIETY

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Report - Strawberry Hill GC Thursday 11th December 2008

Ladies and Gentlemen,

At this time of the year it is always a risk with the weather, but after several OH's encouraged the resurrection of the annual Christmas Meeting, the venue became Strawberry Hill GC which had been the host on previous occasions. The event was well supported and 12 intrepid golfers took on the elements, cold and icy with temporary greens, but no rain and some delightful watery sunshine. There was a change in the format with a 9 hole individual Stableford in the morning, with an excellent sandwich lunch, then a 9 hole team scramble for the afternoon. Indeed the scramble was over so quickly with all groups scoring better than level par, that another 7 holes were completed by many before darkness fell.

It appeared that everyone enjoyed the day and we were pleased to welcome 4 new attendees to the meeting, which included Mike Pegram, Ted Lawrence, Hal Severn and Ken Herbert. In addition, we were joined by some non-golfers for an excellent Christmas Dinner, they being Graham Dutton, John Carpenter, Mick Savage, Kevin Wilson and Brian Gray. My thanks to all those that supported the event, which was a great way to round off the year as we gently move towards 2009.

So onto the results;

1st Overall Chris Baker (16) 24pts and Winner of the Christmas Trophy
2nd Overall Peter Carpenter (25) 22pts
3rd Overall Pam Clarke (20) 21pts on countback from Hal Severn and Nobby Clarke

Team Scramble was won by Brian Fagents, Mike Pegram and Chris Baker with on -3, on countback from Nobby and Pam Clarke and yours truly.

The prestigious Christmas Trophy was awarded to suitably embarrassed but worthy winner Chris Baker with the superb score of 24points from 9 holes! He narrowly beat off stiff competition from Peter Carpenter the holder of the trophy. Peter made an amazing eagle on the last to register a net 0 and scored 5pts. Further bubbly prizes were awarded to the above.

Finally, my thanks to all the participants at our 4 meetings this year, as without your support it just wouldn't happen. With e-mail requests from 70 plus OH's, this bodes well for the Society in the future. I will be in touch with final dates of future meetings early in the New Year.

It just leaves me to wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Gary.