

Senior Men's Golf Chair's Report – 16th July 2026



Grail

The Grail was due to take place on 24th June. As a result of the heatwave we curtailed the competition to a 9 hole stapleford comp. There were 35 entrants – about 20 withdrew. The early birds had the best of the conditions as the mercury rose to the high 30s by early afternoon.

The winner was Andrew Long with 22 points followed by John Cardwell with 20 points (countback) and Neil Symons with 20 points.

Seniors' Invitation Day

We had perfect weather for our Annual Invitation Day on 1st July. It was a good opportunity to show our guests around the course and the Club as well as sampling an excellent three-course meal and some wine. The course was looking immaculate and the catering team provided a tasty meal.

There was a five-way tie on 41 points which was tough on Danny Gesua's team who came fifth on countback. We only had four prizes plus nearest to the pin and straightest drive.

The winners were Ralph Evers and Ross Galgut followed by Michael Godfrey and Mel Davies in second place, Simon Lucas and John Penney in third, and in fourth place were Denis Gould and David Brandon. Denis deserved to win the best left-handed golfer but sadly we ran out of prizes.

Ross Galgut also won the Straightest Drive and Andrew Walker was Nearest to the Pin.





Other results

As the course is being maintained and greens and bunkers improved, there has only been one competition; held on 15th July. The waltz was won by Giles Clark, Brian Hall, Jitendra Kumar with 86 points, beating two other teams on countback!

We have had some enjoyable matches over the last month halving at Royal Mid Surrey and beating Surbiton and Coombe Hill again. The latter match turned on the last four holes which Clive Nicholson and Danny Gesua won having been three down with four to play!

Forthcoming events

The Grail takes place as usual on 29th July. We have decided that it will be a 17 hole competition (walking the 14th which will be closed) but non-qualifying as we will be playing four holes with temporary greens.

If Seniors would prefer a 15 hole competition which is qualifying we can consider that in August.

Other news

Many of you will now have met Ethan Sale who has made a good start so far as I am concerned. He will be joined by Gary Evans as Golf Operations Manager. Gary has been working at the Club for some time and is a good golfer. I am sure you will make him feel welcome.

Nick Brown, Senior Men's Golf Chair