

The Johnstone Cup 2018

Considering the snow, gales and floods we have had lately, it was fantastic and surprising to have sunshine – although it has been a little breezy today.

I would like to begin with some thanks.

Thanks to Kathy Yeoman Dudsbury's Ladies' Captain for a warm welcome and all of her organisation and to Karen Gray and Terri Le Quesne who have been ever present. Thanks also to Ryan Allan, the golf manager, and his team. They have helped everything run smoothly.

I am sure that everyone will agree when I say that the course has been fantastic and has dried out beautifully since all that rain. Well done to Warren Moss and the greenkeeping team for having done such an excellent job.

Alan Clark has been a fantastic starter and thanks to Linda Whalley for the lovely Dorset coloured flowers. The ball spotters, Linda Martin, Sylvia Long, Mike Gray, Ian and Dorothy Parr, Kath and Pauline Webb, Janice Webster, Ann Miller and Martin and Pauline Ross – and anyone else I may have forgotten!

I'd just like to say one final thanks to the Exec team who have worked tirelessly and Sheila who turned up to help on her birthday.

We have had three fantastic days of golf. The first day brought in some impressive scores with Sue Jackson of Broadstone winning the best Gross and The Threlfall Cup with gross 86. She also won the best nett with a nett 72 and takes home the Sugden Salver.

This led us on to the matchplay between the top 16 which was very exciting. Lots of the matches went to the 18th hole and some on to the 19th and beyond.

We had two hard fought semis between Parkstone's Pam Dobbs and Emma Hardy from Dudsbury, and Broadstone's Sandi Stott and Binnie Blackburn from The Dorset Golf and Country Club. Sandi and Emma came out victorious.

The final was an excellent advert for women's golf. In the end Sandi beat Emma, though they both deserve huge credit.

The last thing I'd like to say is that I have been so impressed with the level of sportsmanship and camaraderie that I have seen. I have been very proud to have been a part of it.

Tracy Bryant Captain