

The Bowmaker at Lyme Regis 14th/15th September 2020

Who could have imagined that the Bowmaker would be the first and only Dorset County Ladies' competition of the year? When we were locked down in the spring, many of us thought that it could be end of the season for golf competitions. How amazing it was to be able to hold this, albeit within very strict Safe Golf COVID guidelines and contact-tracing procedures. And how fantastic that we had so many entrants, two hundred and twenty eight, making it a two day event. To top it all, the weather was perfect.

There has been an army of Lyme Regis helpers that I would like to thank. They made this competition possible.

Caroline Baker, the County Delegate, went above and beyond the call of duty. Caroline turned up for both days. She helped out with car park directing, did some starting and was always there if we didn't know something.

The starters from the men's section did an excellent job in making sure that everybody knew what they were doing during the competition. This was even more difficult this year because of all of the extra instructions. They were: Arthur Davies, John Coley, Roger Baker and David Lock.

Many people commented on the wonderful condition of the course. The greens were like lightning and the pin positions were extremely tricky. Pete Connet and his team of greenkeepers woked wonders.

Petr and his bar staff, Dawn, Isabella, and Johnny, looked after us really well. We couldn't have asked for better service.

Finally, I would like to thank Mel McMahon, the manager. Mel has made sure that everything we needed for the smooth running of the competition was in place. Nothing was too much trouble for her and it was all done with a smile.

The winners of the competition were Julie Pick, Pauline Ross and Alison Fitzpatrick with 77 points. The runner up team was Sue Edwards, Jane Southcombe and Jayne King with 75 points. Third place was Mel McMahon, Harriet Teversham and Becky Hobell with 73 points. Congratulations to all of the prize winners. (Prize vouchers will be sent in the post or dropped off at clubs for delegates to distribute. This will include two extra prizes for each day)

I like to thank my team of Executives, Kate, Val and of course Liz for working so hard. Without the effort from all of these ladies, this event couldn't have happened.

It seems that everyone who played, thoroughly enjoyed this year's Bowmaker, despite the difficulty of the course. Considering there were so many players and the unprecedented situation that we are living through, this is a huge achievement.

Tracy Bryant

Dorset Ladies' Captain