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REPORT : BRIGANTES GOLF SPRING MEETING ROYAL LIVERPOOL GOLF CLUB, HOYLAKE 26/27 APRIL 2022

“The Hoylake links can be, by turns, beautiful, uplifting, awe inspiring and, on occasion, soul-destroying. They were created to be a demanding test of golf and remain so, and they lie at the very heart of the history and development of golf in Great Britain.”

The weather for the 2022 Brigantes visit to the historic links of the Royal Liverpool Golf Club (RLGC) was unusually benign for April – warm, sunny and with little breeze.



RLGC, which has hosted the Open Championship on twelve previous occasions, the last being in 2014 when Rory McIlroy lifted the coveted Claret Jug, will do so again next year. The course was in magnificent condition. The views over the Dee Estuary towards the Welsh hills were spectacular.

Following a fine dinner in the Clubhouse on Tuesday evening in the company of the Club Captain and Lady Captain, Brigantes teams of four set out on Wednesday to compete over 18 holes, with at least one Royal Liverpool member and one lady in each team.

At the subsequent prizegiving dinner the RLGC Lady Captain made presentations to the winning team (below), captained appropriately by a current Livery Master - Tony Jarvis, Master Framework Knitter – and accompanied by Richard Waterfield (Bakers), Sue Greenhalgh, former RLGC Lady Captain and Chris Moore, RLGC member and former RLGC Secretary.



The runners-up team were Bruce Cope (Past Master Barber), Angela Waddingham (Educators), Keith Houliston (Bakers) and Marcus Moore (RLGC), with the third team being Gary Eastwood (Weavers), Mike Piper (Framework Knitters), Elaine Houliston and Rob Toomey (RLGC).

Elaine Houliston won the Ladies Prize, pipping Angela Waddingham (Educators) by one shot, and Richard Waterfield (Bakers) who, as well as being in the winning team, won ‘Nearest the Pin’ on the 15th hole.



Rob Toomey, RLGC member, won the Charity Draw for a fine bottle of 18 year old Knockando generously donated by of the Master of the Worshipful Company of Distillers.

Past Sheriff Liz Green gave the vote of thanks to the Captain, Lady Captain, members of Royal Liverpool and the staff for their outstanding hospitality and service throughout the two days, which was heartily endorsed by Past Sheriff and Brigantes Tribal Leader Adrian Waddingham.

To close proceedings Mike Barton, Past Master Spectacle Maker and a member of RLCG, formally handed over the 'Brigantes Club' to Peter Allcard, Past Prime Warden Blacksmith and Immediate Past Captain of Lindrick Golf Club, where the next Brigantes Spring Meeting will be held on 19 April 2023.

On behalf of everyone present, Peter thanked Mike for his invaluable coordination over the months leading up to the visit to Royal Liverpool.

For those able to stay an additional day, Mike and his wife Annabel, also a Spectacle Maker, were most generous hosts for a number of Liverymen playing the delightful Caldry Golf Club nearby, of which they are members too. Next month Caldry will be one of the Regional Qualifying courses for this year's Open Championship at St Andrews.

BRIGANTES BREAKFAST THE TOWER BALLROOM, BLACKPOOL 30 JUNE 2022

On 30 June Brigantians are at The Tower Ballroom Blackpool for the Brigantes Breakfast, the annual Northern lunch for Liverymen and, on this occasion, unlimited guests. 11.45 for 12.30.

The Principal Guests are Alderman and Sheriff Alison Gowman and former Lord Mayor and staunch Lancastrian Sir Andrew Parmley. All City of London Liverymen are most welcome.



If you are able to arrive earlier, the Brigantes Lecture at 10.15 will be given by TV presenter, entertainer and Actuaries Honorary Freeman Johnny Ball – 'A History of Blackpool Comedy'.

Lunch is in the Tower Ballroom, with Livery Masters processing. Our musical entertainment includes Erin Boag and Ian Waite from 'Strictly Come Dancing', and Blackpool Tower's famous Wurlitzer organ.



For those able to delay their departure, private trips to the top of The Tower have been arranged from 5pm.



If you plan to stay overnight, the two recommended hotels, with special reduced rates, are The Imperial, where every British Prime Minister since Winston Churchill has stayed, and The Boulevard.



How to Book for Blackpool :

For more information and a booking form, just email Fiona Robinson, Brigantes Administrator, at livery@brigantes.org.uk

Closing Date for Bookings : 3 June 2022

WINTER GATHERING, YORKSHIRE

December 2022. East of the Pennines. Details will be announced shortly.

