

## **Sapey - CAPTAINS DAY – 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

There were several members either off on holiday or with other family commitments but still 22 had signed up for Ron's Captain's day at, a favourite of PGS, Sapey GC. That number was reduced by one overnight, when Dave Avery forgot his age and injured his back laying a new patio.

The plan for the day was 9 holes on the Par 3 course (which now doubles as a Foot Golf facility) followed by sandwiches, then 18 holes and dinner.

With the weather set fair, sunblock applied and Captain's brief completed, we gathered over the road for the obligatory send off, collecting Tony Key on the way from the car park, having overslept and arrived just before his tee time, looking resplendent, with new clubs and bag.

With Roy A not present and many wearing shorts, the dress code did not have the normal flamboyance, but Robbie Davies and Rob Andrews did both manage to turn up in the Ireland kit, sporting white trousers and emerald green shirts, while Keith Taylor did a good impression of the Grim Reaper, dressed in black shirt, shorts, socks and shoes.

Off we set on the morning 9 holes and there was little to report with the exception of Robbo pulling his tee shot and hitting Chris Jolley, who was by now on the second tee. Chris is getting a bit of a complex, having nearly been hit on tour by Dave A.

The group including "Paddy" Andrews, also managed to tee off the 6<sup>th</sup> rather than the 2<sup>nd</sup> tee and had a walk of shame back.

Bragging rights were secured by Keith Bellwood, with a magnificent 24 shots, which won him exactly that, bragging rights!

Sandwiches and chips on board, we set off for the main event and as is the norm, I had to rely on others to tell me what went on in their groups for the report. This means that many of the reported incidents come from my group of Robbo, Killer and Nick Moody.

Tim was his normal self, giving a running commentary on anything and everything, while Nick, did manage to increase his knowledge of swear words and terminology, courtesy of Robbo and myself.

With Mrs R having taken the big car, Robbo had to pack all his kit into Sarah's two seater, a feat he was proud of, until he realised he had left his battery at home. This meant he had to rent a pull trolley, which took to throwing it's self over on several occasions, much to our amusement.

It all came to a head on the 9<sup>th</sup>, when he duffed two chips and launched into a tirade of expletives, with the offending club nearly disappearing into the woods.

This wasn't the only time the 9<sup>th</sup> hole gets a mention. It appears that Keyo lost a ball and refused to walk back and play again, having already done the walk of shame in the morning and opted for a 12 instead.

Yours truly visited the 9<sup>th</sup> tee twice, once to tee off on said hole and the second time when my tee shot on the short 11<sup>th</sup>, hit the rocks on the far side of the pond and ricocheted back onto the vacant, 9<sup>th</sup> tee.

On the back 9, Nick had hit a rich vein of form, scoring something like 12 points in three holes, which included an outrageous 25 yard putt for par, with 2 shots. Robbo also got it back together and dropped on 3 shots on the back 9.

Alan Hadley decided to set up camp in a bunker on one hole, taking several to get out, with encouragement from his playing partners, Robbie and Ray, which was reciprocated when Robbie encountered a bit of tree trouble.

It was reported that Jerry, he of the size 14 plates, was seen stamping towards his ball that had stopped on the edge of the hole and it duly dropped in for par. Not sure where that is in the rules?

Matt Sailes, who was not able to attend, missed out on a meal at the end which included that staple food of Northerners, Chips & Gravy!

After all the excitement had died down, the winner was the same as last year, Rob Andrews with a round of 70. Obviously Sapey agrees with him and now surely he has to say goodbye to that ladies handicap?

The minor placings were

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Pete Jolley – 71
- B.S. – Simon Haines
- N.P. – Ian Brazier (via the rockery!)
- L.D. – Pete Jolley

Next outing Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August at Handsworth GC. See you there.