

This event was the brain child of Phil Croft (Rugby GC) when he was our Captain in 2015.

It is aimed at keeping Members in touch throughout the quieter part of the year yet still retain friendly competition.

Entry until now has been restricted to the best 8 Pairs (who wish to enter) after the AGM Meeting.

As ever with such events (e.g. Your Club`s Winter League) arranging games can be a nightmare as we remain busy people with a host of varying demands upon our time. Many use this period for holiday breaks or body breaks (!) so matches can take a terribly long time to arrange and even then the weather has to be OK.

This year the final was between Martin Elliot and Peter Turle from Copt Heath and John Stevenson and Ray Wilson from Walmley Golf Club (after a very lucky semi final win!!).

As is the established custom the final was played at the current Captain`s Club and Royal Hearsall duly obliged. During the pre match formalities it quickly became apparent that Stevenson "The Knee" had been given performance enhancing drugs

A very large needle had inserted quartzone into his dodgy post operation knee, but he bravely declared himself "Fit for Action" and Martin and Peter refrained from gently kicking his very sore knee!

Ray off 9 was the low handicapper and whilst John and Peter received 5 shots Martin grabbed 8.

JJ acted as Match referee and the bold 4some teed off at 3 pm in bright sunshine. It was all square after 4 Holes but Martin used his extra shots to advantage.. His 165 yards shot over the pond on the 5th will remain with him for a long time and was well worth the Hole. Similarly he net birdied the par 5 9th so led the Front 9 by 2 Holes. He might have been inspired by the appearance of Phil Croft at the 6th Green – but I doubt it!!

Regretably the brave John was now limping more and despite his admirable front was clearly in increasing pain. Ray, 2 down and with two opposition men having shots had to abandon any reserve and go for everything. Inevitably the match finished on the 15th and a splendid afternoon`s competition went to Martin and Peter.

They are responsible for engraving their names on the Trophy!

The photos show the Captain JJ Pritchard presenting the trophy to the winners and a group photo with all finalists.

