

Wigg finally gets some reward for his patience

Canterbury Golf Club

An impressive opening nine holes of regulation golf by Andrew Wigg provided the platform for a winning score in the Jack Snell Trophy at Canterbury.

Seven-handicap Wigg, a Canterbury member for 30 years, has been a model of consistency for much of this season but without quite managing to finish at the top of the leaderboard.

However, in the final medal trophy competition of the year, the 42-year-old launched his round with nine consecutive pars to reach the turn in 36 and with all his strokes intact.

He dropped his first shot at the difficult 10th and then suffered a double-bogey at the 13th.

Another dropped shot at the 16th threatened his ambitions but Wigg made birdie at the final hole to ensure he overhauled clubhouse leader Ian Munday with a gross 74, net 67.

Twenty minutes earlier, nine-handicap Munday had posted a splendid 68.

He dropped three strokes to the turn after opening his round

with a birdie and dropped three more on the inward nine, despite picking up shots with birdies at the 11th and the 18th.

That score was matched by Mark Lambton, who had to settle for third on countback.

Six-handicap Lambton produced his best golf on an outward nine that he completed in a three-under 33.

He collected four birdies – at the first, third, seventh and eighth – but dropped a shot at the ninth.

Despite successive bogeys at 11 and 12, Lambton seemed on target for a winning score until five dropped shot in three holes from the 15th marred his round.

Best gross score was achieved by one-handicap Dean Danton, who finished among a group of players in joint fifth place on net 71.

Danton's gross 72 included five birdies – at the seventh and ninth in a first nine one-under 35 and at the 11th, 14th and 18th as he came back in two-over 37.

Leading scores: 67 A Wigg (h7); 68 I Munday (h9), M Lambton (h6); 70 L McIntosh (h18); 71 B Whyte (h12), J Shiel (h6), D Danton (h1), S Leggatt (h6); 72 J Iddenden (h2), S White (h6); 73 R Beer (h8), Peter Johnson (h6), T Stannard (h15), T Wenham (h9), B Jennings (h16), A Cowell (h16), M Stevens (h11), C Jamieson (h15); 53 other scores.

Andrew Wigg, winner of the Jack Snell Trophy



Happy Hayes takes ladies' honours in fine conditions

Chestfield GC

Patricia Hayes came out on top in Chestfield Ladies' Annual Award Stableford.

Hayes capitalised on perfect conditions to card 34 points, four clear of runner-up Kathy Lloyd with Penny Entwistle third, also with 30 points.

Mo Sbitri (h18) won the latest Club Stableford on Saturday with 42 points, one ahead of 10-handicapper Robert Packman with Dean Brabon, Alan Hall and Sam Maybourn all a further point back. John Lane claimed the Ned Smith Trophy on Sunday with 41 points.

Andrew Sait won the low handicap category with 37 points on countback from Richard Miles and Stephen Chandler while in the 13-28 handicap category, the runner-up to Lane was Keith Holness, on 39 points, with third place going to Colin Plews two points back.

The club's junior members were out in force for the Junior 'Two Vic's' Trophy, on Sunday, with Ben Robertson's 36 points earning victory ahead of Kieran Stubbs, who finished on 35.

St Stephen's GS

Royston Gough claimed his third win of the year in St Stephen's Golf Society's latest competition at Sene Valley, near Hythe, which attracted more than two-dozen members.

Despite the elevated fairways and tough pin placement, the five-handicapper carded an impressive 39 points considering it was his first round on the course.

Will Scull (h11) narrowly missed out after after scoring 22 points on the front nine and senior member Trevor Bailey, playing off 21, showed the younger members how to come in on a par score with a good 36 points.

In the KO cup, Graham Morgan's 32 points beat Darren Holman by two points.

Youngsters awarded for lifesaving skills

Faversham's award section swimmers recently completed their Rookie Lifeguard Award's scheme.

Many also achieved awards in distance swims.

The Rookie Lifeguard programme is the junior award scheme of the Royal Life Saving Society and is for many swimmers the first chance to explore water safety.

It's primarily aimed at swimmers aged 8-12, starting with Stage One of the Bronze Award and progressing through to Stage Three of the Gold Award, and begins at a level suitable for beginners and progresses to lifesaving levels.

The Bronze level programme involved treading water for one

Swimming

minute, swimming 50 metres fully clothed, demonstrating 'shout and signal' rescue and control of buoyant aids.

The Silver level included treading water for three minutes, swimming 200 metres clothed, demonstrating reach rescue to a casualty over two metres and showing control of an unconscious casualty.

Gold level required treading water clothed for two minutes, removing clothing and swimming for a further 50 metres, swimming fully clothed non-stop for 400 metres, throwing rescue rope to casualty over 12 metres,

demonstrating supported rescue breathing and a 400-metre swim in under 12 minutes.

Faversham's Rookie Bronze level achievers were Nathan Williams, Amy Coupe, Kian Skinner, Eleisha Skinner, Neve Lazell, Hew Benison, Thomas Wimble-Roberts, Cameron Bullard, Owen Ramsden and Harrison Scott.

Those swimmers awarded with the Silver level were Niah Stemp, Katie Berrington, Emily Ing and Louise Sharp. Long distance award achievers were Nathan Williams (3,000m), Kian Skinner (5,000m), Eleisha Skinner (1,500m), Hew Benison (one mile), Emily Ing (3,000m), Louise Sharp (4,000m) and Adam Platt (1,500m).

Depleted United show spirit in fine display

Despite missing several players on international duty, Herne Bay United brushed aside Kings Lynn in the NRHA Premier League at the Bay Arena on Saturday. HBU had lost the fixture in each of the last two seasons, last term's defeat costing United the title.

With players on England under-20 duty at the World Championships in Spain and others unavailable due to

Roller hockey

work commitments, United set-out to frustrate Lynn's youthful attackers.

Despite that, the visitors took the lead through a one-handed swipe at a loose ball from skipper Josh Taylor. However, some key substitutions paid dividends for HBU and Simon Hosking levelled from a drop-ball at

the near post. Jordi Saldana turned the game with a second before the break and after the turnaround, HBU's defence and superb goalkeeping from Ed Mount frustrated King's Lynn.

There were plenty of chances for HBU at the other end with the hosts rattling the posts and bar more than once. Hosking completed a fine move to grab his second while captain Brendan Barker and Joe Singleton

also netted to seal the 5-1 victory.

HBU Club president Ron Barker said: "Our defence were quick to pick up the loose balls and tonight Ed Mount was the Best Goalkeeper in the World. He dealt with everything."

HBU: Ed Mount, Brendan Barker, Joe Singleton, Jordi Saldana, Neil Austin, Simon Hosking, David Martindale.

■ HBU's next Premier League fixture is at home to Soham on October 10.

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