

SUMMER MEETING, GANTON GOLF CLUB, SCARBOROUGH – 3RD & 4TH AUGUST 2021



Ganton is one of the world's top 100 golf courses, and one of only three in Britain with the distinction of hosting the Ryder Cup, the Curtis Cup and the Walker Cup.

This year we had the rare privilege of visiting Ganton between two major Championships – just after the R&A Senior Amateur and just before the English Amateur Open Strokeplay for the Brabazon Trophy. Undeniably the course was at its very best - with superb fairways, cavernous bunkers, immaculate greens and spectacular views over the North Yorkshire Moors

The Summer Meeting commenced with a Fine Dining Dinner on the Tuesday evening in the Clubhouse attended by 42 Liverymen and guests. Golf on the Wednesday was played in 10 teams of four, with one Ganton member and one lady in each team, followed by a Dinner and Prizegiving.

While golf was in progress, the several non-golfers who accompanied Liverymen to Ganton enjoyed a visit to nearby Sledmere House, with guided tours of the garden in the morning and the house in the afternoon.

The weather throughout was perfect. We enjoyed excellent menus and wines and it was wonderful to meet together again as Liverymen after the travails of the past 18 months.

In addition to the competition prizes, the Master Distiller had generously donated a fine bottle of whisky from The Masters Cask – an 18 year old Knockando – to raffle for the Ganton Captain's charity, raising £100 for the Scarborough and Ryedale Mountain Rescue Team.

And the results :

- The winning team, with a score of 88 stableford points, was 'Guildhall' – Angela Waddingham (Educator), Tim Watts (Past Master Pattenmaker), Mike Piper (Framework Knitter) and Julian Cook (Ganton Past Captain).
- Nearest the pin on the 10th was Hon Liz Green (Past Sheriff and Past Master Framework Knitter)
- The winner of The Master Cask was John Mawer (Framework Knitter)

Among the Brigantians playing were, unusually, four current Captains of English golf clubs – Alan Clarke (Wilmslow), Alan Longhurst (Croham Hurst), Peter Allcard (Lindrick) and David Bentley (Ganton).

Our thanks go to the Captain and Members of Ganton Golf Club for the use of their splendid clubhouse and course, to our Tribal Chieftain Past Sheriff Adrian Waddingham for his words of wisdom, entertaining as ever, and to Graham Mason and our Brigantes administrator Fiona Robinson for managing the arrangements so well.

We plan to meet next on 27 April 2022 at Royal Liverpool Golf Club, courtesy of Mike Barton (RLGC Member and Past Master Spectacle Maker). Royal Liverpool hosted the 2019 Walker Cup and is the venue for the 2023 R&A Open Championship. Invitations will be circulated in January, initially to Subscribing Members of Brigantes and opened up to non-subscribers two weeks later if places remain available.



On the course : Alan Clarke, Kay Weeks, Mike Gee (left) and Dennis Woods and Bruce Cope (right)



Wednesday's dinner and prizegiving



Ganton Captain David Bentley with Liveryman and Ganton Member Graham Mason (left) and the winning team of Tim Watts, Mike Piper, Angela Waddingham and Ganton Past Captain Julian Cook



Denise Hutchinson, Ganton's Lady Captain, presents John Mawer with the 18 year old Knockando whisky charity prize donated by the Master Distiller



Sledmere House



Brigantians enjoying a guided tour around the Sledmere Estate