

La Fleche: Golf report for 2009

The Company's golfers had a good year and it is encouraging to see a number of new Liverymen and Freemen participating in our events. Many of our meetings are open to everyone regardless of technical skill or practice and I hope that some of the 'hidden' golfers in the Company will put their names forward next year. Match information, including dates and results, is posted on the golfing section on our website.

The Annual Golf Meeting, 14th July

This year's winner of the MacLellan Cup at Worplesdon Golf Club was Mike Williams with a splendid score of 41 points thereby completing a hat trick. The runner up was Jeremy Garnett with 37 points and in third place with equal scores of 36 points were Michael Seton and Philip Nye, both playing in their first Company event. Michael just pipped Philip on a count back. Anne Prout played very well to win Ladies' prize for the fourth year running. We had a record turnout with eighteen Liverymen and their guests. The Master who generously donated the prizes and Anne were in attendance

Next year's meeting will be held again at Worplesdon on Tuesday 13th July.

The Goblet

The Goblet is the Company's annual knock-out competition which is played throughout the summer. There were many very close matches and everyone enjoyed the opportunity to visit and play at their opponents' home clubs. The final was played at Huntercombe where Peter Hollins played an excellent steady game to beat Mike Williams by 4/3.

The Ray Jeffs Cup, 30th July

This event is an annual competition for Livery Companies in support of the Livery Schools Link helping schools in the Inner London Area to set up Duke of Edinburgh's Award schemes. In total 21 Liveries were represented and the Fletchers Company was represented by Nigel Hopkins, Geoff Prout, Philip Nye and Jeremy Garnett. Our form on the day was not strong enough to challenge the leader board only scoring 79 points but we are optimistic for next year when the competition will be played on Thursday 29th July at Hartley Wintney Golf Club

We also played two Livery Company Matches against the Founders and Painter Stainers Companies respectively. Anyone wishing to play should contact Rainer Vogt.

Our annual match against the Founders Company was held at Swinley Forest on the 3rd August. The Company was represented by Mike Williams playing with Roger Straker and Michael Seton playing with Jeremy Garnett. We won both matches thereby retaining the Cup for the second successive year. Next year this fixture will be at a new venue, Tandridge, on the Thursday 5th August.

The match against the Painter Stainers Company at the Maidenhead Golf Club on the 5th October resulted in an honourable draw. The Company was represented by Angela Mortimer, Anne Prout, Nigel Hopkins, Mike Williams, Roger Straker and Geoff Prout. Top score for the Fletchers Company was Angela Mortimer with 33 points. Next year the match will be held at Sunningdale Ladies' Club on the Thursday 1st July.

Jeremy Garnett
