

## **St. John's Hartford Golf Fellowship Society**

### **Knights Grange Golf Course – "Mid Summer Open"**

9 June 2007

#### Match Report

Another excellent turn out of 24 players graced the tees, fairways, greens and not to mention the bunkers, water hazards and ditches for Round 3 of the SJHGFS Championship "tour" at the most local and ever more popular course on our itinerary, Knights Grange in Winsford.

I have to say that it was an interesting start to what turned out to be a glorious June day in that when Mark Fitzsimmons and I arrived at KG at around 7.10am to pay the collective green fees and write up the cards for the day the course was shrouded in fog with visibility on the first hole down to 80 yards from the tee with the green another 70 yards distant somewhere in the murk.....yes, fog in June!

I was beginning to wonder whether for the second year running we were going to have to turn people away (SJHGFS members may well remember that Styal was rained off on the day last year) but by 8.05am the fog had lifted, God's sun had done its job and the first group assembled on the tee ready for the challenges that a rapidly improving and excellently maintained Knights Grange had to offer.

The fact that two 2's were registered on the first hole augured well for a high scoring and enjoyable day. It was yet again a great mixture of seasoned SJHGFS "tour" members and comparative new faces with everyone enjoying a course which was in the best condition many could remember.

As far as the actual golf is concerned, the course provided its usual tough challenge, especially on the relatively new Holes 9 to 17, but on the day Derek Dennett and Keith Fox came out on top with a fine score of 36 points. They were followed in by David Seddon and Paul Robinson with 34 points with Steve Howe close behind on 32 points.

As far as our Longest Drive and Nearest the Pin challenges were concerned, winning a sleeve of Wilson golf balls each were....

LD - Hole 5 - Julian Osborne  
NTP - Hole 6 - Keith Fox  
NTP - Hole 10 - Keith Fox  
LD - Hole 11 - Julian Osborne

Julian continues to dominate our longest drive competitions despite my best efforts to put bunkers and ditches in his way whilst Keith's accuracy throughout his round was most impressive!

I have to say that the additional drainage and other positive nurturing work on-going at KG is paying dividends for which the positive endorsements from SJHGFS members who are members at other clubs in the area bodes well for the future!!

In short, another very enjoyable day in terms of golf, food and fellowship. We're looking forward to our next "knocks" at both Heyrose for our "Mission Open" on 25 June and the next round of the SJHGFS Championship "tour" on 14 July 2007!

## Final Scores

### POINTS/PLAYER/H'CAP

36 - Derek Dennett (27)

36 - Keith Fox (15)

34 - David Seddon (26)

34 - Paul Robinson (16)

32 - Steve Howe (26)

31 - Richard Gardner (27)

31 - Anthony Mitchell (20)

29 - Mike Jones (21)

28 - Martin Barber (9)

28 - Mark Fitzsimmons (18)

28 - Frank Horsley (20)

28 - Geoff Breakspear (7)

27 - Julian Osborne (9)

27 - Bob Lindsay (19)

26 - Rhona Bowler (22)

26 - Ray Bridgewater (28)

26 - John Naylor (22)

25 - Chris Coney (28)

25 - Bill Telford (25)

23 - Russ Baker (13)

19 - Tim Henshall (20)

19 - Sheila Webb (27)

19 - Andrew Green (25)

17 - Geof Burrows (28)