

Hi Sal,

Some info below on the various events

Huddersfield

SVLGA v South, Midlands and North of England jamboree

East Vets in the team were - KFS, Karen M and Me

Team of 8

It was hosted by North County at Huddersfield Golf Club who made us all feel very welcome. It was played in beautiful sunny weather. The course was undulating with strategically positioned bunkers, so you had to be smart off the tee. There were a number of 2 tier greens, so it was vital to know where the flag was and position yourself carefully on the green.

North won and unfortunately Scotland were beaten by all the English regions, but our closest match was against North where we narrowly lost 5/4.

European Team Championships- Parador de El Saler Golf Club, Valencia, Spain

It is one of the top 3 courses in Europe and has held many prestigious events over the years. It is approx 30 mins from Valencia City

There were 20 European teams participating in the event.

There was Scottish Senior Womens Team of 6 - from East KFS, Karen Marshall, Me

It was very windy and humid conditions throughout the week as a storm was blowing through. The course is set in the Natural Park and on the shore of the Mediterranean Sea with some holes set in the dunes similar to a Scottish links and the other holes being tree lined with typical Mediterranean forest. They have an awful plant called Cats Claw which is an innocuous looking succulent plant which is even harder to get out of than heather.

The competition format is slightly unusual. There are 2 stroke play rounds with 5 of the 6 accumulated gross scores counting. Then depending on the teams position they go into match play flights of 8 teams. Scotland qualified in 10th place after the 2 stroke play rounds and therefore were in the 2nd match play flight. Everyone plays in the match play rounds. There is one foursome couple and 4 singles for each team. It's important the foursomes pairing get off to a good start and wins their match to help take the pressure off all the singles matches. It's a bit like a Solheim/Ryder Cup where you want to get points on the board early. We played Czech Republic where we won 4.5 - 0.5, then Finland where we won 3.5 - 1.5 which meant we got to the final of the 2nd flight and beat Sweden 3-2 in the final to finish 9th overall, thus improving our position by 1 place and ultimately doing the best could having qualified in the 2nd flight. Next year we have to try and get in the top 8 to ensure we have a chance of winning overall.

The competition was won by Spain who have won all the European Ladies Team events in 2023 some achievement, 2nd Ireland and 3rd Switzerland.

Home Internationals- West Kilbride

This is an R&A organised event.

Team of 7. Now also a joint event with the Men so there are 3 trophies at stake Womens, Men and overall combined Men's & Women's.

Team was represented by KFS, Karen M and myself from East.

The format is similar to a jamboree. Foursomes in the morning and 6 singles in the afternoon.

Unfortunately, the weather was horrendous- continuous gale force wind & driving rain. This resulted in the R&A changing the order of play to singles then foursomes in case there was any need to cancel a session. The course was in fantastic condition & the green staff worked so hard to ensure the course remained playable by squigging the greens in between matches.

The women halved with Wales but unfortunately lost to Ireland and England. England won the Women's event; The Scottish Men won the Men's event and England won the overall event.

I hope you find some of this useful. Let me know if you need any more info.

FYI - I'm coming to the AGM but sorry not staying for lunch as I'm playing golf.

Hilary