

Holt Shield

Honorary Secretary's 2016 Report

The Holt Shield Committee met three times during 2016/17 and the following business was conducted.

- The resignations of Ardglass and Loughgall from the Holt Shield were reluctantly accepted.
- Temple and Galgorm Castle were welcomed into the Holt Shield maintaining the status quo of 36 clubs.
- The Holt Shield website continues to be developed. Twitter has been included thanks to Brett and a comprehensive document 'Guidelines to assist new Team Captains' has also been included thanks to our Chairman Colin.
- The centre disc of the Holt Shield Trophy was repaired and re-chromed.
- A carrying case was purchased to protect the Holt Shield Trophy.
- A portable table was purchased to facilitate presentations.
- The winners and runners-up pennants were redesigned and now include a cross clubs and laurel leaf emblem.
- It was agreed to present, for approval several proposed rule amendments at the 2017 AGM.

Massereene Golf Club hosted the 2016 George Stuart Memorial on Friday 29th July. Colin Black, Ballyclare won the silver medal with 37pts. Massereene's Captain Stephen Montgomery was unable to attend as he was committed to the Max Hadden Captains competition at Royal Belfast. However Massereene's Vice-Captain Peter Boyle attended the dinner and made us feel very welcome. It was a successful day with good weather and a well presented course. The 2017 George Stuart Memorial competition will be hosted by Ormeau Golf Club on Friday 28th July, tee-off 2.00pm. In recent years attendance has been disappointing so I would encourage team captains and their guests to attend what is always an enjoyable day. Entry can be accessed via the Holt Shield website.

Congratulations to Carnalea for winning their fourth Holt Shield. Dunmurry who won the Holt Shield in 1984 deserve great credit for reaching the final and making the contest a memorable occasion. The match was played in a competitive but friendly spirit which is in keeping with the Holt Shield ethos and both clubs should be congratulated.

The Presentation Dinner hosted by Carnalea on Friday 18th November was a most enjoyable and successful event. For excellent sportsmanship and fully embracing the Holt Shield ethos 'competitive but friendly', Jeff Winter from Carnalea won the 2016 Bobby Conroy Award.

Playing all season experiencing constant hip and back pain he was only defeated once which is a testament to his determination and dedication. The decision to present the award to Jeff was agreed by both team captains and the decision was particularly poignant this year as Bobby Conroy was a past Captain and President of Carnalea Golf Club.

Congratulations to Colin Crozier for a successful term as Holt Shield Chairman. He carried out his duties with dedication and enthusiasm. He is also owed a great debt of gratitude for the considerable amount of work he has done on the Holt Shield website continually updating it with additional information.

Thanks to Darryl Flannagan for accepting and posting all the match results throughout the year on the website and for all the work he carried out in his capacity as Hon. Treasurer.

May I congratulate and wish Paddy Kearney from Ballymena Golf Club a successful term as Holt Shield Chairman. Under his leadership and direction the Holt Shield will continue to develop and flourish.

On behalf of the Holt Shield committee may I wish all participating clubs a successful and enjoyable 2017 campaign.

Tony Campbell

(Hon. Secretary)