

Golf

Life begins at 40 (Stableford points) for Gaash golfers

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Two pairs shared first place in the first qualifying round of the International Pairs tournament held at the Gaash Golf club last Tuesday. Mike Ossip, partnered by Steve Taylor, and the pairing of George Berold and Jackie Munkmel, both had 40 Stableford points, with Itzik Edelman and Gil Bianco, and Yehoshua Shponder and Moshe Shlomovitz, close behind on 39 points.

The competition is to decide which pair will win the grand prize to play in the International Pairs final to be held at on the Dukes Course at the presti-

gious St. Andrews golf course in Scotland in September.

In Tuesday's tournament, sponsored by Rolex and UBank, a dozen teams went through to the final and the next 12 will come from the next qualifying round, which will be held on July 23rd at Gaash.

The format of the tournament was a Better-Ball Stableford competition, 75 percent handicap, with 30 pairs participating. The fairways and greens are now in excellent condition and with the rough grown longer, the course was prepared to perfection by the Gaash ground staff. With the

warm weather conditions and the tough course, good scoring was a difficult achievement.

Nearst to the Pin prizes, sponsored by the "Wine Center" at Gaash went to: Amos Raz (84cm from the pin at the par-3, 120-meter fourth hole); Brian Cooper, playing into a string crosswind (4.58 meters at the par-3, 160-meter ninth hole); and Rafi Tzorfati (8.6 meters from the pin at the par-3, 164-meter fourteenth hole).

The members are now looking forward to the twilight tournament to be held on the 12th of July, especially due to the wonderful state of the Gaash Golf course.



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Jackie Munkmel, left, and George Berold