PUCKRUP HALL GC SENIORS v THE WILTSHIRE

12.05.22 (HOME)

This is a Match that has it's origins linked to Bryan Mathieson's days as a Member at The Wilshire and for which a Cup is traditionally played for. It was a lengthy journey for our Visitors and taking a junior role, the Section's very own 'David Bailey' was back at the helm, thankfully with the Captain giving directions, as the below report will reveal.

The result was a very honourable **DRAW** at

3 games to 3.

It has to be said that this was a very hard fought encounter, with everyone concentrating hard on their game and trying to secure that all important WIN. Tales of missed putts, copious bunker practice, opportunities where things might have swung in one direction or another. A great example of Matchplay.

The Captain's grouping was typically nip-and-tuck with our Leader and Geoff Gunning finally sealing the win 3 & 1.

FOUR other games all went to the 18th tee before deciding wins and losses. David Parry and Ray Jardine just lost out. Meanwhile Ian Barnett and Nick Axten-Rice, now becoming a formidable duo, just scraped it to record the win. John Pritchard and Paul Sumner went to the 18th hoping to pull it back to a draw, but fell agonisingly close losing by 2 holes. Tony Byrne and Gary Dunn likewise felt the pain of the Jardine/Parry pair by agonisingly missing out on the last.

Whilst the scoreline of 3&2 was the final point needed to secure a Draw, by far the most entertaining and eventful Match went to **Match 4.** With the pairing of Bryan Mathieson and Philip Dieperink against their counterparts from The Wilshire both piloting buggies, marks of '10' were recorded for Artistic Impression as they weaved across the fairway on the 1st narrowly missing each other. Reports say the golf was reminiscent of the driving skills on display and witnessed by the Vice having watched the drives and second shots from both pairs. It is rumoured they copied the display from the Red Arrows, although perhaps Red Cross might have been better employed.

It was universally acclaimed as a "cracking game" by every group, all commenting on what a super game with super opponents and super friendly attitudes.

We hope our Visitors enjoyed the day as much as we did.

Adrian Tame

Vice Captain

Puckrup Hall GC Seniors