

Warwickshire vs Northamptonshire at Northampton Golf Club

Once more the weather played a part in the days proceedings – with wind, rain and hail all featuring along with the “sunny periods” of the weather forecast. Sited on a part of the old Althorp Estate, home to the Spencer Family and the late Princess Diana, the parkland course winds up and down the gentle hills, finishing with 3 holes around a lake with a feature bridge. The last hole requires a tee shot over the lake with a need to avoid the HaHa forming the OB boundary on the right side.

Despite the weather, it was a delightful course with a number of challenges facing the golfers – foremost of which were the trees lining every hole. A further challenge was posed by the OB wall flanking the current Althorp Estate with severe warnings against crossing it to retrieve errant balls.

Although the Warwickshire team doubled their number of wins compared to the 2021 match, this wasn't sufficient to bring victory and Captain Mike Edwards had to announce a 6-2 victory for the home team following the enjoyable dinner. Mike Edwards then presented the trophy to the Northamptonshire President Roy Stanton.



Game 1 : Mike Edwards and Terry Greenhalgh with Roy Stanton and Ken Hignett



Game 2 : Jim McCarthy and John Loynton with Peter Coles and Nigel Cole



Game 3 : Dennis Pick and Steve Franklin with Brian Carter and Bill Hancock



Game 4 : Tony Ranger and Bob Fletcher with John Nightingale and Eric Duckworth



Game 5 : David Middleton and Doug Rawkins with Ian Jolly and Mike Robertson



Game 6 : JJ Pritchard and Barry Hallam with Richard Cole and Colin White



Game 7 : Robert Kemp and David Williams with John Hillier and Ivan Roy



Game 8 : David Hadley-Smith and John Savage with Steve Orrey and Chris Potter



This picture sums up the afternoon. The 18th tee with the ornamental lake and feature bridge – the sunshine and showers typical of the afternoon as we stood on the tee. Fortunately the hail had passed by at that point.

