

Match v Bedfordshire at Robin Hood GC on Tuesday 24th July 2012

It is always a pleasure to visit Robin Hood and on this occasion the “Summer” had arrived with plenty of sunshine and humidity to add to the enjoyment.

The course was in great condition although Robin Hood GC Captain, John Grant, explained beforehand that “the new 16th green was going through a rough patch at the moment”. The 16th is a daunting prospect from the tee with the new water feature on the left of the green just waiting to catch anything slightly left!

Those of us who have been visiting Robin Hood recently look forward to the food as much as the golf and Chef Paul did not disappoint us – crab meat with prawns for Starters, excellent chicken breast a la Chef followed by splendid fruit pie with ice cream. There was universal acclaim for the meal.

Warwickshire Captain Barry McDonald made an appropriate observation on the slow play which resulted in 6 matches exceeding 5 and a bit hours, leading him to believe that these matches had been played over 36 holes! Needless to say everyone was in good spirits once the “salt and sweat” had been washed away and the first pint downed.

The result was announced as Warwickshire 4.5 Bedfordshire 5.5, although one of the matches which finished on the 18th fairway was mis-understood as a win to Bedfordshire – in fact it was a halved match so appropriately the overall result was very close to a Half!

Barry McDonald, Warwickshire Golf Captain welcoming and proposing a toast to our visitors



Dave Oliver, Vice Captain of Bedfordshire Golf Captains



John Grant, Captain of Robin Hood Golf Club welcoming both teams



The two Match Secretaries, Chris Foster and Bernard Smith, announcing the match pairings



Barry McDonald Captain WGC & John Grant Captain Robin Hood GC
with Dave Oliver Vice Captain BGC & Dave Hawkins



Graham Pielow & David Dedicoat with Richard Kensall & Cedric Parry



David Beattie & Doug Bashford with Phil Farrow & Mick Firth



Ron Saywell & John Pritchard with Syd Pniewski & Brian Valentine



Robert Kemp & Walter Hogarth with Dereck Whitehouse & Steve Holloway



Maurice Thornton & Steve Stevenson with Stuart Goode & Bill Witheford



Alan Griesbach & David Hadley-Smith with John Holden & Paul Burgess



John Butler & Mike Gregory with Brian Murnane & Vic McDonald



Gordon Williamson & Geoff Mansell with Colin Spur & Tony Evans



Alan Alderman & Bernard Smith with Chris Foster & Bob Roberts

