

## **Warwickshire vs Herefordshire and Shropshire at Market Drayton Golf Club**

“A hidden gem set in the rural Shropshire countryside” is how the Market Drayton Golf Club website describes the course. However, the “peaceful lane” one mile outside the town doesn’t fully explain that the lane is one mile long and just over a car’s width wide. Meeting delivery trucks and horses on the lane raises one’s anxiety levels considerably higher than the “peaceful” description would imply.

However, the effort to get to the club proved worthwhile and the welcome and hospitality of the home county members helped to alleviate the difficulty experienced in the final mile of the journey.

The course proved to be the hidden gem as described set on rolling wooded hills with holes that took the players up and down those hills and into and between the trees in a very challenging way.

Following the meal the speeches were made in the usual way and in the usual way for the 2023 season acting captain John Loynton had to announce the result as another loss for the Warwickshire lads – a 6-2 victory for the home team.

Game 1 : Ian Phipps and Captain for the day John Loynton with Colin Wall and Paul Millington



Game 2 : Tony Ranger and Charles Leggitt flanking Emyr Saer and Brendon O'Brien



Game 3 : Rod Williams and Mike Edwards either side of Nigel Hinton and Graham Hosker



Game 4 : Steve Franklin and John Savage alternating with Jerry Dutton and Fred Crouch





Game 5 : Pat Murphy and Barry Pegler interspersed with Bryan McManus and Phil Lawrenson



Game 6 : Dave Laurie and David Raffety either side of Roger Thomas and Amrit Singh



Game 7 : David Chamley and John Bardsley with Ken Butler and Tony Clements to their right



Game 8 : Mike Gregory and Allan Moore standing between Bob Holloway and Ron Pugh

