

Match v Worcestershire at Gaudet Luce Golf Club on Tuesday 22nd May 2012

The match against Worcestershire Golf Captains was played at Gaudet Luce Golf Club.

The name Gaudet Luce and their Phoenix logo have been adopted from a plaque found in a 17th Century farmhouse. Loosely translated from the Latin, the phrase means "Rejoice in the Light" The course was formally opened in 1995 and has been extensively remodelled in recent years. It now has two contrasting loops of holes. The front nine is tight and requires good course management, in particular, the long 9th with its demanding out of bounds along the right hand side. The inward nine is longer and more open with a variety of water features. The 12th is one of the finest par 3's in Worcestershire being long with the front of the green well guarded by water. The course was generally very well presented.

Our match with the Worcestershire Captains is very much a local derby because many of the Worcestershire golf clubs are close to Birmingham and also close to many of the Warwickshire clubs. Several players from both sides, therefore, knew each other well.

This was our first match of the season and we were blessed with a very warm day and splendid conditions for golf. Gaudet Luce Golf Course lived up to its name :- "Rejoice in the Light".

The teams were well led by Barry Mc Donald, Warwickshire Captain and the aptly named Worcestershire Captain, Paul Wacker. The two Presidents and long standing friends and adversaries, Roger Mann and John Bevan also did battle.

Another incidence of "happenstance" was that players from both sides met friends whom they had not seen for many years. For example, Graham Pielow found himself playing against Ian Jones and Dennis Pick met up again with David Dediccoat.

The day finished with a pleasant dinner and many warm and appropriate words from the Captain of Gaudet Luce Golf Club, the Captain of Worcestershire Golf Captains and the Captain of Warwickshire Golf Captains.

For the record the Warwickshire won by 5 matches to 3.

Bernard Smith,
Match secretary.

Paul Walker, Worcestershire Captain welcoming the visitors

Gaudet Luce Golf Club Captain giving a warm welcome

Barry McDonald, Warwickshire's Captain thanking our hosts for a perfect day



Barry McDonald (WGC Capt) & Graham Pielow with Paul Walker (Worcs Captain) & Ian Jones



Roger Mann (WGC President) & John Butler with John Bevan (Worcs President) & Bob Billingham



David Dediccoat & Dennis Pick (Warks) with Michael Fowle & Brian Peplow (Worcs)



Ron Saywell & Martin Yeates (Warks) with Paul Hall & Chris Hawley (Worcs)



John Loynton & Robert Kemp (Warks) with Harry Godwin & Ken Palfrey (Worcs)



Ken Stanley & Gordon Williamson (Warks) with Alec Mackie & David Brown (Worcs)



Bernard Smith & Keith Gordon (Warks) with John Hassell & Ted Ramment (Worcs)



Alan Alderman & John Pritchard (Warks) with David Randle & Stef Kotlarzewski (Worcs)

