

Northamptonshire at Coventry Golf Club Wednesday 30th May 2012

This match was played at Coventry Golf Club which was formed in 1887 with a 9 hole Golf course laid out on Whitley Common. The members in those days wore red jackets so that they could be seen by other members of the public who also used the common. Red, military style jackets, are now the formal dress for Coventry Golf Club Captains.

The club moved to Finham Park 24 years later in 1911, and is now celebrating over 100 years on this site. The course is a gently undulating parkland course of 6,601 yards in length with a par and SSS of 73, made up of 5 par 5's, 9 par 4's and 4 par 3's

The long standing policy of tree planting, many of which were donated by members, has resulted in 18 tree lined holes which makes the course so attractive today.

The course is not only attractive but is always well presented and the condition of the course was enhanced on this occasion by the fact that Coventry Golf Club is hosting the R & A Midlands Open Championship Qualifying Competition towards the end of June. Consequently, the fairways appeared narrower, the rough more punishing and the greens slicker.

The match was played in 10 fourballs which included Dr Stuart McIntosh, President of of Coventry Golf Club and David Prior of Northamptonshire Golf Captains, who donated the trophy which is presented annually to the winners of this match.

The day finished with a splendid dinner, good wine and pleasant camaraderie. After elegant speeches, Barry McDonald, Captain of Warwickshire presented Stuart Andrews, President of Northamptonshire with the David Prior trophy after their close win by five and a half to four and a half.

Bernard Smith.
Match Secretary.

Barry presents Stuart with the match trophy



Coventry GC President, Stuart McIntosh, welcomes both teams to the club



WGC Captain, Barry, with Coventry President Stuart McIntosh, Northants President Stuart Andrews and Bryan Barwick



David Williamson & Mike Edwards (Warks) with John Pearson & John Wilmer (NHants)



Robert Kemp & Rick Waddington (Warks) with Mike Cotton & David Prior (NHants)



John Butler & David Middleton (Warks) with Malcolm Ryley & Ken Hignett (NHants)



Ivor Ford & Dennis Walker (Warks) with John Clarke & Ben Middleton (NHants)



Tony Reading & John Wolfe (Warks) with Eric Duckworth & Robin Seabrook (NHants)



David Chamley & Jeff Hemming (Warks) with Robert Handley & John Bishton (NHants)



Bernard Smith & Francis Prentice (Warks) with Chris Holden & Tony Warren (NHants)



Jeff Bissenden & Walter Hogarth (Warks) with Richard Billcott & Alan Gadsden (NHants)



Dennis Pick & Terry Greenhalgh (Warks) with John Nightingale & Mike Bishop (NHants)

