

## Match v Devon at Sutton Coldfield GC on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2012

Sutton Coldfield Golf Club was founded in 1889 by the Reverend W.K. Riland Bedford in his parish, with a nine-hole course, on the Streetly side of Sutton Park on heath-land with a sand and gravel subsoil. It was extended in 1894 to become the first eighteen-hole golf course in Warwickshire.

Today, Sutton Coldfield is acknowledged as one of the finest courses in Warwickshire with a unique layout on the Common with natural hazards of gorse, heather and broom.

It is also known for a fairly unique situation in that there are two separate clubs, one for Men and one for Women, who, of course, carry out their golfing and social activities in perfect harmony.

Despite the fact that this course was chosen for its historical and present reputation of “grounds that play well all through the year” every fourball match was defeated by continuous and torrential rain, and eventually thunder and lightning, which drove everyone into the refuge of the clubhouse.

The two Captains immediately declared the match a “gentleman’s half”

The Sutton Coldfield Chef served up a delicious evening meal which, combined with good wine and good camaraderie, completed a dreadful golfing day in a most convivial manner.

Bernard Smith  
Match Secretary

Barry McDonald, Captain WGC welcoming and toasting the visitors



Mike Pendlington, Captain DGC responding to the toast



Barry McDonald, Captain WGC & Eddie Hewitt, Captain SCGC  
with Mike Pendlington, Captain, DGC & Brian Rice



Roger Mann, President WGC & David Findlay President SCGC  
with Derek Reed & Val Richards



David Williamson & John Butler with Steve Spicer & Dudley Price





Mike Gregg & Peter Clarke with Malcolm Jordain & Charles West



Robert Kemp & Geoff Mansell with Adrian Beaumont & Mike Badcock



Gerry Hall & Mike Gregory with Mike Angelos & Alec Gosling



Bernard Smith & David Hadley-Smith with Ben Lynch & Dave Leslie



David Elbourn & Phil Croft with Peter Dunstan & Roger Bawden

