

Match Report

2 Day Event

Date: 4/5 October 2009
Venue: Manning's Heath
Format: 4BBB

The inaugural 2 Day Event finally teed off after 2 previous attempts in the Spring and Autumn last year. Stuart Wyse was finally successful to persuade 16 golfers to make the trip to Manning's Heath on a wonderfully sunny Sunday in October. Manning's Heath is made up of two courses. On day 1 we played the Kingfisher. No sign of Kingfishers but an ok warm up course. On day 2 we took on the "Waterfall" and yes you guessed it no sign of waterfalls but a beautiful parkland course that wound its way in and out of deciduous woodland.

Erik Hansen and I agreed to captain the two sides using a Ryder Cup type format and that's where the partisan atmosphere developed. A bit corny but we decided to go back to the dark ages and name our teams the Vikings and Anglo Saxons. After much negotiation and DNA tests we agreed on our teams with the biggest debate being which team was to have Paul Burke after his success in the Spring and Autumn meetings.

Day 1 was to be 4bbb match play format. We agreed not to declare our pairings until just before tee time and the grand announcement proved to be a popular. The first group teed off at 11.30 and finished at close to 16.30. The pace was painfully slow mainly due to a group of eight who appeared to have just discovered golf for the first time. The scores after day one saw the Vikings ahead by 3 points to 1. But 8 points were up for grabs on day 2 when we were to play singles.

The overnight stay was at the South Lodge Hotel a 5 star hotel, and I mean a 5 star Hotel some 5 minutes drive away from the course. The superb accommodation was reflected in the bar prices. Simon Mahoney's £8.50 for a pint of orange and lemonade gives you a clue. Consequently we all set-off for "the Plough" 5 mins down the road. The Dart board was the main attraction which saw the longest game of darts in since the dark ages with Kevin Folan being the last man standing. Order of play for day 2 was announced over dinner with the plan to play singles in groups of four. This proved to work very well and added to the partisan aura of the event.

Next morning bright and early the heavens opened. The forecast was rain until 4pm. By the time the first group started the rain had reduced to a light drizzle which continued on and off throughout the round which by no means spoilt the occasion.

As the rounds completed the scores came in. Erik beat me in our head to head making it 4-1. Paul Burke came back from dormy 2 to tie with Simon Mahoney 4.5 – 1.5. Then the Saxons put on a spurt with Richard Beecroft, Steve Boswell Tim Pittman and Carl Stagg all winning their singles. 4.5 – 5.5 to the Saxons. The final group saw Phil Redhead and Chris Burrows win the event for the Vikings giving a final score of 6.5 – 5.5.

Prize giving was a bit of a non-event due to yours truly leaving the wine in his garage back at Martlesham. Oh dear !!!

Stephen Stokes
one of the "Captains of the 2 Day's"

Match Results

DAY 1 4 BALL BETTER BALL - PAIRINGS 3/4 H/C		SCORE		
VIKINGS	ANGLO SAXONS	V	A S	
1	SIMON MAHONEY	STEVE BOSWELL	1	
	DAVE ALLEN	STEPHEN STOKES		
GROUP 2				
2	GEORGE COURTNEY	RICHARD BEECROFT	1	
	KEVIN FOLAN	CARL STAGG		
GROUP 3				
3	ROGER MAYHEW	CHRIS AMOR	1	
	PHIL REDHEAD	TIM PITTMAN		
GROUP 4				
4	ERIK HANSEN	STUART WYSE		1
	CHRIS BURROWS	PAUL BURKE		

DAY 1 STANDINGS	3	1
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DAY 2 SINGLES FULL H/C		SCORE		
VIKINGS	ANGLO SAXONS	V	A S	
1	ERIK HANSEN	STEPHEN STOKES	1	
2	SIMON MAHONEY	PAUL BURKE	0.5	0.5
3	GEORGE COURTNEY	RICHARD BEECROFT		1
4	ROGER MAYHEW	STEVE BOSWELL		1
5	DAVE ALLEN	TIM PITTMAN		1
6	KEVIN FOLAN	CARL STAGG		1
7	PHIL REDHEAD	CHRIS AMOR	1	
8	CHRIS BURROWS	STUART WYSE	1	

DAY 2 STANDINGS	3.5	4.5
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RESULT	6.5	5.5
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