

## **BTRGS vs SCC 2009 Match Report**

Date: 4<sup>th</sup> June 2009  
Venue: Ufford Park  
Format: 4 Ball Better Ball – Matchplay, Hambro Scoring

It was the BTRGS “turn” to choose the venue and organise the event. I took over the venue choice and tee reservations from Alan Porter. The format was designed to be informal: 18 hole match; straight back to the bar for a “rolling” curry from their standard curry night buffet bar; and early result announcement. So people can either get back home quickly, or stay on for a few drinks.

There was a good response for this event with the 8 places being taken very quickly, and 2 reserves standing by. Thanks to all the Team for their support, and for turning up on time!

The weather was quite grey when the first match set off at 15.36, and despite looking like we would get some rain, it stayed dry. By the end of the round the sun came out, and it was very pleasant. The course was quite dry, and irrigation was being carried out on several holes. The greens were pretty consistent and true.

The “highlight” (and turning point ) in our match was when Barry Jones (SCC) got a hard bounce on the par 3 10<sup>th</sup>, and went up near the 11<sup>th</sup> tee. He then barely touched the ball with his putter, and went down the slope and through the green the other way, stopping just short of the water. “I never have any luck” he commented loudly, and then proceeded to chip in for a 3. My tee shot was on the fringe, and I 3 putted to lose the hole, and the match went to all square! We went on to lose by 2 holes, but a good close match with friendly opponents, and very much enjoyed by all. The other matches were all fairly close, although overall we lost by a total of 5 holes.

There were a lot of good comments about the course, so Ufford Park certainly proved a popular venue. And the twilight terms of £15 green fee, must be regarded as a real bargain. The food arrangements went smoothly, and the bar and curry buffet is obviously very popular, with few seats available. However Nick Holdsworth, the Ufford Park Catering Manager, had reserved their “Quiet Room” for us, so after we collected our curries (£6 a head) we could eat them at tables or on leather sofas in our own room. Some elderly residents later came into the room – so I adjudged my planned after dinner joke not quite suitable for the mixed audience, and that can wait for another event. After brief speeches from Chris Hall and myself, I presented the fine looking trophy to the SCC Team. Perhaps next year we can win it back ....

## Result

BTRGS		SCC			
time	pairs	h/c	pairs	h/c	result
15.36	Richard Wyndham (capt) Jon Hopkins	15 12	Barry Jones Dave April	15 19	2 down
15.44	Rob McDermott (mem) Trevor Buck	23 15	Carey Powell Keven Parris	17 18	3 down
15.52	Paul Burke (mem) Jonathon Brown	18 18	Dave Mason Chris Hall (capt)	18 22	1 down
16.00	Kevin Folan Mike Head	18 13	David Porter Ian Miles	22 23	1 up
Result					5 down