

Match Report

BTRGS v “The team formally known as Legal & General”

Date: 22 June 2011
Venue: The Burstead Golf Club
Format: Singles Matchplay, Hambro scoring

The team formally known as L&G was the home team for this year’s contest, which was held at The Burstead Golf Club near Billericay. L&G has since last year become a part of IBM, and throughout the day there was a lot of talk about the uncertainty of jobs and outsourcing within the “L&G account”.

Whilst the teams enjoyed coffee and a very tasty bacon roll in the club-house, a massive rain shower put a small dampener on the spirit, but this quickly changed to a light drizzle as we teed-off to start our contest. The light rain continued for about 45 minutes after which the sun made an appearance and made it a very pleasant round.

No-one had played the course before, but it proved to be a highly successful pick by Chris Mutton as the course and greens were in excellent condition and hosted many positive comments from all the players. The course did not play very long, but some strong winds did make the two par-5’s and a long par-3 on the back 9 a challenge for the shorter hitters.

Unfortunately Tim was not able to get to the Course in time, as congestion on the A12 caused him to divert at an early turning near Maldon, and after an hour trawling through the Essex countryside without a map or sat-nav (passing probably a number of other golf courses on his route), he eventually had to give up and head back home.

This year the BTRGS team were on excellent form, winning 4 out of the 6 matches and 18 points in total. I must also mention that Trevor and Paul took home very convincing wins at respectively 9 and 8 up, a stonking performance by both players. Excellent job done Team! This year saw the 10 year Anniversary for this match, and the overall score is All Square with each team winning 4 times each, with 2 halves.

After the golf we returned to the club-house for a drink and a very good 2-course meal, followed by a presentation of the team results and Thank You’s to the organisers and catering staff. Finally I would like to thank Chris Mutton for organising this year’s event, and the L&G team for another enjoyable challenge. A big Thank You also goes to my BTRGS team for taking time off work to play this match, and for their excellent performance on the day. Although there are a lot of changes going on within the L&G / IBM, we were all in agreement that this is an excellent match that ought to continue for as long as possible.

Match Results

| BT Team | | L&G | | Result | |
|----------------------------|-----|-----------------|-----|-----------|----------|
| Player | Hcp | Player | Hcp | BT | L&G |
| Erik Hansen | 11 | Andy Smithers | 16 | 4 | |
| David Murray | 12 | Rod Whitaker | 16 | | 3 |
| John Williams | 14 | Greer Calvert | 11 | 2 | |
| Paul Burke | 15 | Dave Brown | 15 | 8 | |
| Russell Eaden | 12 | Geoff Spooner | 26 | | 2 |
| Trevor Buck | 15 | Colin Brackston | 8 | 9 | |
| Tim Pittman | 14 | Chris Mutton | 7 | NR | NR |
| BT win by 18 points | | | | 23 | 5 |

Erik Hansen
BTRGS Captain of the Day