

HSBC Southampton Golf Day 2012

They say that golf is the sport that can get under your skin, for the players in the HSBC Southampton Golf Day, it was more like the rain that got underneath the skin!
 What was originally planned to be a leisurely round of 18 holes in the Southampton afternoon sunshine, turned out to be a very wet round during a solid period of 5 hours rainfall.

The weather however did nothing to dampen our spirits as we played on with some classic British stiff upper lip! Only one group of 4 had to withdraw from the competition after 9 holes citing meteorological conditions as a reason to dry off and have a pint in the warm club house. They did however agree to pay a forfeit charge to the charity, so no grudges were held by the players who braved the back 9 as the rain intensified!

The open golf tournament was set up to raise funds for Smile4Wessex (Charity for the Wessex Neurological Centre Trust) & MacMillan Cancer Care. With the 21 participants from HSBC and their friends and family, we were able to raise a total of £361.56 (£180.78 matched)!

In the end, the final scores showed that the winners were Eddie Evans & Mark Lloyd. They were reluctantly, though correctly awarded the first place prize after a steward's enquiry found that Malcolm & Dave were incorrectly declared winners when officials accidentally deducted their handicap twice! (Why a net score of 38 wasn't queried in the first place is not known!)

Our runners up were Paul Burville & Barrie Dumper from Churches Fire, who were only beaten on a count back of hole results after the play off couldn't take place due to the rain. 3rd Place was taken by Ian Burgess, Head of Trust Services & Neil Westbrook, fundraiser for Smile4Wessex. The wooden spoon was taken by yours truly & playing partner Graeme Holland, who are thankful for the sleeve of balls to make up for the ones we lost during the afternoon!

The final table of results is below, as is a picture of our winners (unfortunately with their original silver medals).



Results					
Place	Player 1	Player 2	Team Handicap	Strokes	Net Score
1	Eddie Evans	Mark Lloyd	14	73	59
2	Paul Burville	Barrie Dumper	26	85	59
3	Ian Burgess	Neil Westbrook	28	92	64
4	Malcolm Matcham	David Watson	28	94	66
5	Clive Williams	Chris Keen	28	95	67
6	Matthew Rogers	Christopher Cook	16.5	84	67.5
7	Leon Agius	Ben Turley	20	88	68
8	Mark Herron	Keith Edwards	14.5	84	69.5
9	Ian Elsey		18	89	71
10	Ben Russel	Dwight Holman	14	86	72
11	Graeme Holland	Stu Nicholson	28	101	73

All in all the game was enjoyable for all, and everyone appreciated the effort taken to organise despite the atrocious weather & have said they'll be back next year to try again so long as the Jet Stream moves North before March!

Thanks again to all our sponsors who gladly donated prizes & funding to the event and help its profitability! They were:

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