

2016 Four Counties

The annual Four Counties Tournament was played on the 13th July on the beautiful Chiltern Forest Golf Club, which stands adjacent to the RAF Halton base. There were some fears about the potential for bad weather, as was evidenced by a violent hail storm, although this was fortunately whilst we were still enjoying lunch in the clubhouse.

The course, although beautifully maintained and picturesque, in some places resembled and even matched some of the gradients being attempted by the riders in the Tour de France cycle race. Apart from a couple of sharp showers, the weather held off and some excellent scores on a very tricky course were eventually returned.

The event is played as a 4BBB stableford event, with each of the four teams (Gloucestershire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire) providing six competing pairs; the winning team is decided by adding the best five of the six team scores.

The best pair with 44 points were Jim Ford and Trevor Stewart from Gloucestershire but the team scores provided very clear winners:

1st <u>Oxfordshire</u>	205 points
2nd Gloucestershire	196 points
3rd Berkshire	185 points (C/B)
4th Buckinghamshire	185 points

It was unanimously agreed that the event had been organised and managed in the most efficient manner at a most welcoming and splendid venue.

See winning team below:



1 st tee		Players	HC	Score	10 th tee	Players	HC	Score
12.30	Bucks	Brian Rodgers (Captain) Phil Price	11 14	29	Berks	Clem Davies (Captain) David Westlake	18 11	35
12.30	Oxon	Tim Nunnely (Captain) Brian Maddison	11 17	35	Gloucs	Tony Davis (Secretary) Ian Cornwall (Match Sec)	17 12	36
12.38	Bucks	Bob Clift Austin Cashin	9 12	32	Oxon	Peter Steele David Palmer	10 14	41
12.38	Gloucs	Jim Ford Trevor Stewart	5 9	44	Berks	Kieron Oatley (Secretary) David Cowap	17 4	35
12.46	Berks	Norman Marlow (V-Capt) Colin Chisolm	10 12	37	Bucks	Doug Ebdon Rob Southerden (V-Capt)	12 15	39
12.46	Gloucs	Tony Gough Chris Davies	6 3	39	Oxon	Keith Willis Roger Sillence (Match Sec)	10 11	42
12.54	Oxon	Ray Shaw Colin Whittle	8 16	40	Bucks	Gerry Cotter Rod Jones	10 14	32
12.54	Berks	Roger Wing Ray Lloyd	9 18	40	Gloucs	Ian Watkins Derek Buttler	10 13	40
1.02	Bucks	Tony Jefferies Tom Wright	16 13	41	Berks	Michael Foster Tony Jesseman	13 14	37
1.02	Oxon	Ian Allison(Vice-Captain) Graham Robinson	11 13	40	Gloucs	Andy Halford Stuart Revell	8 10	37
1.10	Gloucs	Sam Collins Alastair Harvey	13 11	36	Oxon	Roger Davies Richard Green	10 13	42
1.10	Berks	Bob Collins Phil Hadfield (Match Sec)	7 12	36	Bucks	Roger Gillam Roger Warren	10 12	41