



THALES



The AGA Inter Regional Championship Worksop Golf Club 26 September 2018

The 2018 Inter Regional Championship was held at Worksop Golf Club on Wed 26 Sep 18. Once again there was a full complement of 10 teams of 6 players each from across the AGA Regions, which showed just how much esteem the tournament is held; teams comprised any combination of Full or Associate members. The course was in very good condition, with firm fairways; straight driving as always was an absolute must. The greens were in excellent condition, but due to the autumn conditions, preferred lies (Winter Rules) had been implemented for the competition. On Tue 25 Sep 18, the AGA Committee played a “friendly” match against Worksop GC; it was another convincing win for the AGA by 4 matches to 1, much to the angst of the Worksop Secretary.

The competition is split between a morning greensome pairs Stableford event followed by a handicap Stableford singles competition in the afternoon; the handicap limit was 20. Teams comprise 6 golfers and the total morning team pairs score is added to the afternoon singles scores, with the best 5 scores of the 6 to count. The weather on Wednesday was cool to start but warm from mid-morning onwards and some players played in shorts!

The morning scoring, with play off the white tees, was reasonably good, with 5 pairs scoring 37 or better. Leading the way was both Sgt Dave Hughes REME and Cpl Liam Burrows REME (WM) and Mr Graeme Elstob and Mr Joe Robson (NE) on 40 pts with the former winning the prize on a count-back. Cfn Brammer REME and Sgt B Gurung R Signals (GE) were one back on 39. With the greensome scores collated, the running order at lunchtime was NE on 110, WM on 106 and NW on 103.

In the afternoon, the singles competition was played off the yellow tees to speed up play and in view of the declining light, it was decided that it would be played over the first 16 holes only. Leading the field were two golfers; SSgt Trevor Cooke RE (NE) and Mr Mario Roffi (WAL) who always plays well at Worksop on 36 pts. WO1 Jim Simmonds REME (Secretary NI) scored 34, with Cpl Fraser Kinninmonth RLC (WM) on 33 and Maj John Young RA (NW) on 32. The event looked to be a close affair but with four scores in the 30s, NE ran out convincing winners on 263. WM, who had looked like giving NE a close contest at one stage, came in second place on 249, some 14 points adrift. Wales were third with 245.

The AGA’s compliments go to the Worksop Committee and members for allowing us to host this event at the Golf Club and for their generous hospitality and kindness. Special mention must go to the Captain, Mick Brewer, Secretary, Alan Mansbridge, Kevin and Julie in the Pro Shop, the Catering and House staff and Rob Acheson, the Head Greenkeeper, for their invaluable assistance during the event. Our thanks go to Thales, the AGA Headline Sponsor and to the ASCB. Last but not least, praise must go to the unsung team of officials, Keith Seddon and Chris Bartley for assisting in the running of the event. The Championship remains at Worksop Golf Club for the foreseeable future at least until 2021; the 2019 event will take place some three weeks earlier on Wed 4 Sep 19 with the usual practice round on Tue 3 Sep 19.

Championship Results

Greensomes Pairs (AM):

1st – **40 points. Sgt Hughes and Cpl Burrows (WM) (OCB)**

2nd – 40 points. Mr Elstob and Mr Robson (NE).

Singles Gross (PM):

1st – **33 pts. Mr Roffi (Wales)**

Singles Nett:

1st – **36 pts. SSgt Cooke (NE).**

2nd – 34 pts. WO1 Simmonds (NI)

3rd – 33 pts. Cpl Kinninmonth (WM)

4th – 32 pts. Maj Young (NW).

Regional Team Scores:

- **Champions – NE 263.**
- Runners-Up – WM 249.
- 3rd – Wales 245
- 4th – NW 241.
- 5th= – Scotland 239.
- 5th= – East 239.
- 7th= – SW 234.
- 7th= – Germany 234.
- 9th – SE 230.
- 10th – NI 228.

2018 IR Champions North East Region
(Pictured with the Workstop GC Captain – Mr Mick Brewer)

