

ESSEX FOURSOMES CHAMPIONSHIP

Played at Thorpe Hall Golf Club on Sunday, 5th October.



Winners: **Thorndon Park 'A' – Alistair Newlands & John Judd**
Runner up: **Orsett 'A' – David Doe & Alex Woodward**

Another County trophy for Thorndon Park

Whilst the Essex County first team were having their final washed out in Sussex, the Thorpe Hall course managed to survive the elements and successfully stage the last of the major County competitions of the season.

A full field of 50 pairs set off in extremely wet weather to contest this foursomes scratch championship.

The lunch time leaders were Orsett A and Benton Hall each with a 2 over par score of 73, closely followed by 3 teams each on 74 - Thorndon Park A, Canons Brook and Rochford Hundred.

After the two rounds had been completed the champions and runners-up could only be separated on count back and once again the halfway stage leaders Orsett suffered because their second round of 74 was one more than Thorndon Park's 73, both having a total of 147 strokes for the two rounds. The **Benton Hall** pair of **Gary Brown and Jake Wakelin** came third with a score of 148 and **Canons Brook Steve Jones and Ollie O'Hara** were one shot behind on 149.

Highlight of the day for **Jamie Jones of Five Lakes** was a hole in one at the par 3 thirteenth.

Mike Thirkettle, President Elect of the Essex Golf Union presented the trophies and said he was especially grateful to the valiant efforts of the green staff who had had to use squeegees to prevent the greens from flooding at times during the day. As always Thorpe Hall were splendid hosts on a day of dreadful weather.

Results:

Thorndon Park A *Alistair Newlands & John Judd* 74 73 **147**

Orsett A *David Doe & Alex Woodward* 73 74 **147**

Benton Hall *Gary Brown & Jake Wakelin* 73 75 **148**

Canons Brook *Steve Jones & Ollie O'Hara* 74 75 **149**

Stock Brook *Steve Adkins & Lewis Atkinson* 75 76 **151**

Rochford Hundred *Andy Milne & Jay Beisser* 74 78 **152**

Orsett B *Ryan Adair & Mark Whiten* 77 75 **152**

Thorpe Hall A *Mark Talbott & Josh McColl* 80 73 **153**

Braintree A *James Scade & Robin Butcher* 75 79 **154**