

ESSEX SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP

(The Chelmsford Challenge Trophy)

Played at Chelmsford Golf Club on 18th & 19th June 2009



In this, its twelfth year, six former winners were back to try and regain the Essex Seniors Championship Trophy.

Chelmsford Golf Club who presented the trophy in honour of one of their members becoming County President at the time (Clive Inskip), once again played host to this prestigious competition.

The course one of the most demanding in the county is not to be taken for granted. At the halfway stage Romford's Kevin Smith led with 70 and Michael Snapes (Chigwell) was second with 73.

Few players managed to improve on their first round scores but the exception was Geoff King, the 2007 Champion. A round of 71, 3 over par, was good enough to give him a total of 147 and the Championship. Three shots behind in second place was Jeff Woolgrove (Orsett) with Alan MacNaught (Colchester) on 151 in third.

The Chelmsford Club Captain, Barry Stiff, welcomed the competitors to the Club and said how proud the Club was to host this competition.

When accepting the trophy from County President Mike Thirkettle, Geoff said that he had been inspired by his daughter's recent success in the Essex Ladies competition.

In addition to prizes, the top 3 players were awarded green-fee vouchers for the Epping Golf Course generously donated by proprietor Neil Sjoberg.



Full results were:

Seniors Champion	Geoff King	West Essex	147 gross
Runner-up	Jeff Woolgrove	Orsett	150 "
Third	Alan MacNaught	Colchester	151 "

Handicap prize winners:

Over age 70	1st	Brian Dick	Orsett	5 handicap	148 nett
	2nd	John Finn	St Cleres Hall	9 "	150 "
Over age 65	1st	John Gilbert	Thorpe Hall	7 handicap	140 nett
	2nd	Barry Graylin	The Burstead	6 "	146 "
Over age 60	1st	Roy Pledger	The Warren	11 handicap	139 nett
	2nd	Ray Rantell	Chelmsford	6 "	141 "
Over age 55	1st	Michael Snapes	Chigwell	6 handicap	141 nett
	2nd	Steve Coventry	Chelmsford	7 "	142 "