

ESSEX GOLF UNION

ANNUAL DINNER

Held at Colne Valley Golf Club – Friday 27 November 2009



A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

The Colne Valley Golf Club was once again the venue for the Essex County Annual Dinner. The hosts set the scene worthy of this historic occasion, as well as the presence of the English Men's County Champions, and of course the distinguished guests, the County Presidents from the adjacent counties, the triumphs of the season were displayed for all to see on a giant screen just to one side of the top table.

After a meal of salmon, lamb and fresh fruit meringue salad, the usual toast to Her Majesty by our President, and to the Essex Golf Union by Paul Fisher, past President of the English Golf Union, the Essex President, Mike Thirkettle, rose to make his speech –



Mike's task to relay the highlights of this outstanding season to a very receptive audience was augmented when he invited the County Captain, David Miller, to introduce the members of his team. Also present and introduced was Dale Whitnell who had played such an outstanding part in getting Essex into the final. Earlier Orsett's Ross Dee had received the Order of Merit Trophy.

Mike did not forget to congratulate the Mayland's Youth team who representing the County after taking the Youth Shield, had won the English Youth team competition and would be competing for the British title in Spain early in the New Year.

The evening was concluded when Aaron James (comedian and raconteur) entertained us all with his gags and impressions.

Next year the County Dinner will move from the northern border of Essex where it has resided for the past few years, to Orsett Hall which is located just a short distance from the A13 road – a main carriageway between the capital and Southend.

As a token of our appreciation of the hospitality we have enjoyed at Colne Valley, proprietor Mrs Jennifer Smith was presented with a bouquet of flowers.