

## <u>League Final 2009</u>

## At Wokefield Park Golf Club, Nr Reading on 19th September

The Winners & Runners up of the West & East League that qualified for the Finals are South 27 & Southampton Blues (West) Reading & K2 (East) The Winners (South 27 & Reading) play for the Annual League Trophy while Southampton Blues & K2 competed for 3rd & 4th place.

On arrival to Wokefield Park, which is a neutral venue for the Finals, we were particularly impressed with the hospitality of their staff. The bacon rolls and coffee was served in a private room which was excellent during the registration. There were 20 golfers and a few spectators in the room preparing for the selection match play by "blind draw". I announced the names of each golfer who they were playing against and everyone was nervous and excited wondering who they have been drawn against!

After the refreshments and the selection of the golfers we practiced at the range and putting area preparing for the first tee time at 11.42. Steve Earle took some photos of all the teams before they teed off. The first tee group is a fun round only and then there was a match play competition of 4 teams. The weather was great, dry and sunny but no wind at all. The condition of the 18 holes course was good and the greens were playing great. At the 3rd hole The SDGA Chairman (Gerald Franks) hit a great shot and made a hole in one. Gerald knew that his shot made the green but was not aware where his ball went so he walked up towards the green and Tim Dunne ran to the pin to check if the ball is in there and it was!! That was great shot Gerald... well done!

Steve Earle brought his folding chair and sat down behind the 9th green watching all of us playing up to the 9th hole with his binoculars. The weather became hot and humid, some of us were suffering from dehydration despite having enough bottles of drink in the bag but thankfully there was a snack shop after the 9th hole that served various snacks and drinks to keep us all going for the back 9 holes!!!

After the 15th hole, K2 were delighted with their team that are 2 up against Southampton Blue but after the 17th hole K2 won 4-0 to claim 3rd place of SDGA league 2009. Both teams did not realise that the other match between South 27 and Reading teams who played behind us have completed their matches early at the 14th that Reading became SDGA League 2009 Champion beating South 27 3-1.

We had a few beers at the clubhouse whilst Jon Palmer and Tony Starr were busy watching live football on TV West Ham v Liverpool. Gerald Franks then gave a speech congratulating the Reading team with a winning trophy. Steve Earle took more pictures of the victorious Reading team being so proud holding the League Trophy.

See below for full results. Congratulations go to Reading who are the 2009 Champion

## South 27 v Reading in the SDGA League Final

Paul Smith lost to Neil Musselwhite 5&3 Lee Seccombe beat Richard Miller 4&3 Tim Knight lost to Jason Gurney 6&5 Ian Gray lost to John Shanks 4&3

South 27 1 v Reading 3

K2 v Southampton Blue in the 3rd/4th SDGA League Final

Tony Starr beat Daniel Wheeler 2&1 Dave Foot beat Christopher Wheeler 5&3 John Lange beat Tim Robert 4&2 Jon Palmer beat Jamie Chivers 7&6

K2 4 v Southampton 0

Report by Dave Foot (SDGA League Secretary)