



## **FYLDE DISTRICT SCRATCH GOLF TEAM EVENT: LANCASHIRE SCRATCH LEAGUE**

Division A Match

**FYLDE Vs NORTH LANCS (Venue: Royal Lytham & St. Anne's G.C)**

**Result: Fylde 3½, North Lancs 3½**

Fylde hosted North Lancs in this 2010 Lancashire Scratch League opener on Friday night at Royal Lytham & St. Anne's Golf Club, both teams looking to start their campaign off to a winning start. Despite both sides fielding slightly under-strength teams, it did not detract from the golf as both sides looked to get an early edge on proceedings.

Charlie Beavers from the Fylde made a steady start against Simon Robinson from Heysham but couldn't quite replicate his form of late and Robinson's putter made sure of a good, if not hard fought victory for North Lancs in the opening game. This fixture has been well contested over the last 3 or 4 years with not much more than a point in it and tonight's game was no exception.

Scott Gowland battled valiantly against Paul Woodhouse (Lancaster) and in the end managed to snatch a great half for his team down the 18<sup>th</sup>, which is no easy feat. The promising youngster from Fairhaven Charles Durnian could not find his recent form on this tough golf course and lost narrowly to Thomas Winn of Morecambe G.C, by 2&1.

With the match delicately poised David Hannis came through his match against Kit Rickerby from Lancaster G.C comfortably by a 5&4 margins, which seemed to galvanise the Fylde team as debutant Simon Denye from St. Anne's Old Links also took the honours down the 18<sup>th</sup> against Morecambe's James Gillespie. This was an excellent result on debut and at such a prestigious venue, Denye showing his great form of late in earning his point.

The last 2 matches were crucial and Clark Windross showed his experience coming back from 3 holes down after 7, to Birdie the difficult par 3 9<sup>th</sup>, the long par 5 11<sup>th</sup> and the Par 3 12<sup>th</sup>, but to no avail as Rob Smith from Heysham showed his class with a superb birdie on 15 and another at 16, to only require a half to win on the 17<sup>th</sup>, running out a 2&1 winner.

Curtis Dean rescued a point for Fylde with some great golf, showing why he is becoming a firm resident in the Lancashire Squad with a superb putt for Birdie on the 17<sup>th</sup> hole from 18 feet to secure not only a win for himself, but also the crucial point for the team, securing a halved match.

After the match Fylde League President, John Roberts congratulated the North Lancs team for securing a great halved match, also for Royal Lytham, who hosted us exceptionally well and to the Fylde team for a gutsy performance.

The Fylde's next fixture will be away to Southport DGA sometime in June and then at Home to Preston DGA on 13-Jul-2010 at Blackpool Park.

**Fylde Team:** Charlie Beavers (St. Anne's Old Links) +1, Curtis Dean (St. Anne's Old Links) +1, Scott Gowland (North Shore) +1, Charles Durnian (Fairhaven) Scr, David Hannis (North Shore) SCR, Simon Denye (St. Anne's Old Links) 1, Clark Windross (St. Anne's Old Links) 2.

**North Lancs Team:** Simon Robinson (Heysham) +1, Tom McCann (Morecambe) Scr, Paul Woodhouse (Lancaster) 1, Thomas Winn (Morecambe) 1, Kit Rickerby (Lancaster) 1, James Gillespie (Morecambe) 1, Rob Smith (Heysham) 2.

