



FYLDE DISTRICT SCRATCH GOLF TEAM EVENT: LANCASHIRE SCRATCH LEAGUE

Division A Match

SOUTHPORT Vs FYLDE (Venue: Southport Old Links)

Result: Southport 5½ - Fylde 1½

Southport Old Links hosted The Fylde last night in the second Lancashire Scratch League match of this summer. Coming down to a tricky but enjoyable course from the previous venue of Royal Lytham, was a bit of an eye-opener for The Fylde as most of the matches were incredibly hard fought. Southport fielded 4 players from their own course, a tactic which proved useful early on in the games the visitors struggled to get to grips with the course.

In the top match Scott Gowland fought hard for an honourable half against Paul Jones from Royal Birkdale, as did Curtis Dean in the second match out, losing narrowly on the 18th after a pushed tee shot into the trees on 17 cost him a half. Charles Durnian also ran out with an honourable half, but will be thinking he should have won his game, as he was up most of the way round.

The golf course was definitely lending itself to the local lads, as The Fylde golfers struggled to get a grip on line and length on this very short golf course. Lee Mayers epitomizing that by driving through a few par 4's and missing the green on some of the par 3's, he also ran out of luck and lost on the 18th hole.

Alex Snape on debut for the senior side proved how good he is getting with an impressive start to his match, going 2 holes up early on and maintaining that through 8 holes. A few good putts for birdies by his opponent squared the match, and once more Alex was unlucky and lost out on 18. Simon Denye again proved his consistency by birdying the 17th hole to take a 1 shot lead down 18, a tough but short par 5, again losing the hole to a birdie, registering The Fylde's last half point. Clark Windross fought back again from 3 down through 13 to square things up with birdies on 15 & 16 only to lose 17 to par and the 18th to birdie.

The closing score line 5½ - 1½ did flatter Southport somewhat with all of the matches going down the last, the result could have been very different. Having said that credit must go to Southport for their resilience in grinding out a fine win, they were the perfect hosts on the evening and we wish them well in their last match this season.

Southport DGA Team: Paul Jones (Royal Birkdale) Scr, Chris Reid (Southport Old Links) 1, Jonathan Harris (Southport & Ainsdale) 2, Andy Marsh (Hesketh) 3, Elliot Simms (Southport Old Links) 4, Gary Rosenthaal (Southport Old Links) 5, Craig Dickinson (Southport Old Links) 5.

Fylde Team: Scott Gowland (North Shore) +2, Curtis Dean (St. Anne's Old Links) +1, Charles Durnian (Fairhaven) +1, Lee Mayers (Fairhaven) 2, Alex Snape (St. Anne's Old Links) 2, Simon Denye (St. Anne's Old Links) 2, Clark Windross (St. Anne's Old Links) 2.

