

## The Badger PGA 2023 Golf Tour – North Wales

Late spring saw the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Badger PGA golf tour. This year saw 12 players tee it up in sunny, mainly, North Wales. The first day was at Conwy Golf Club.

Jordan Witt came out of the blocks with a fantastic 35 points. He was closely followed by Nathan, “Mr Captain” White on 34 points. Nearest the pin was won by Shaun Davies who hit his tee shot to 9 feet. The Longest drive going to Jeff Thompson with a 276 yard hit that split the fairway and the pair of bunkers set to the left and right of his ball.

Day 1 was followed by hotel check in and dinner at the Imperial hotel, Llandudno.



Image 1: North Wales Tour Team



Image 2: Post Round Drinks

The weather all tour was pretty kind even if the 2<sup>nd</sup> round at Maesdu saw more clouds than blue skies however the golf was still competitive but the result stayed the same with Jordan again coming out on top with a fantastic 39 Points followed by Steve Jones on 34 points and David “Mr President” Barrett on 33 points.

The Nearest the pin contest was a bit of a no show on day 2 missing the green on both the initial hole and then the fall back hole, although Nathan made an incredible recovery and holed his 2<sup>nd</sup> shot. The Longest Drive was won by Roy Lindop with an impressive hit of 280 yards.

The days golf was followed by an excellent dinner at Lava in Conwy who played host to a rather rowdy, bring your own booze group of golfers who were full of tales about how they played this hole and how unlucky they were on that hole because golfers are like fishermen and it is always the “one that got away” that occupies most of the discussion in the evening. Also the length of the putt that was holed also expands with each beer or glass of wine!



Image 3: Meat Feast at LAVA

The final day of the tour was held at North Wales Golf Club, Llandudno where the golfers went out in reverse order. Unfortunately only 11 players made the day due to a family emergency, however the competition still remained close with Chris Ritchie closing out overall joint 2<sup>nd</sup> place for the tour with an impressive 37 points on day 3 with Steve, Mark, Jeff and Jordan all coming in with 34 points.

This meant that Jordan cemented a 9 shot 2023 tour victory which not only earned him bragging rights over the 3 days but also the job of organising the tour for 2024! The longest Drive on day 3 also went to Jordan with a 277 yard drive. Nearest the pin was again a disaster due to a lack of communication. All this meant that the overall longest drive contest went to Chris Ritchie with a combined total of 689 yard total which was a 42 yard lead over Robert Parton. Chris and Rob were the only 2 golfers who managed to hit the fairway each day so deserved their place on the podium.



Image 4: The Final 4



Image 5: South Africa does North Wales

Special mention of the tour must go to Nathan for the quality of his parking, although not so much for Shaun who seemed to provide Roosting for the local seagulls with his choice of parking spot!



Image 6: How to Park in North Wales



Image 7: Where not to Park in North Wales

Due to the issues on day 2 and 3 of the tour it was decided that the nearest the pin contest, and trophy would be rolled over to our subsequent visit to Conwy at the end of May and went to Nathan who hit his tee shot to 4 feet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> hole se secure the trophy!

To close I want to thank everyone for making the 3 days such a lot of fun and let you all know that we are always open to new society members so if you fancy joining us for our weekly golf games, trips to the driving range or even next years tour please contact me at any time

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### Action Shots from the Tour



