

Davis has a single, while Monty's boys make it a double

In 2009 alone 378 players have completed over 6,800 holes of golf in RGBB competitions. On the morning of Thursday 24th September it finally happened, a player scored a hole in 1. This rare feat was achieved by Howard Davis in the AGR/RGBB 4 ball Texas scramble event on the par 3, 92 yard 9th hole at the Arizona golf course, Riyadh.

Howard was part of a 4 ball team that was not having the round it had wanted, when he teed up his ball and took out his trusty wedge. He hit his tee shot up onto the tricky sloping green and watched it take 2 small bounces before hitting the flag and dropping into the hole.

A stunned Howard said afterwards "I cannot believe I have achieved this and the sad thing is that I didn't even see it. I hit the shot and bent down to pick up my tee when the players in my team and the team on the tee box next to us started cheering loudly. When I looked up I couldn't see my ball, that's when I realized what had happened".

At the presentation after the event Howard was awarded with an expensive putter by Arizona professional Hasan as a reward for his remarkable and rare feat.

The tournament itself saw some amazing team golf, with the course really put to the sword by some strong players and great shots. The event comprised of teams of 4 players who all hit their shot from the same place. The best resulting shot was then chosen as the place for all players to take their next shot from. The handicaps of the 4 players was added together and then divided by 10 to give each team its handicap.

The closest to the pin prize was up for grabs at the downhill 3rd hole, with the cup not visible from the tee due to a tricky pin position chosen by the course.

This did not stop Finlay Graham from leaving his tee shot just inches from the pin to win the prize. Finlay is currently in great form having partnered Alistair Mcilroy to success in the Saudi Arabian qualifiers of the Air Maroc Open, which was held at Dirab golf course, just 24 hours before this event.

4th place went to Bob Mordan, Scott Cummings, Bill Parks and Todd Bedenis who shot an incredible 18.2 under par for a score of 49.8.

3rd went to Tony Potgieter, John Burnell, Raymond O'Neil and Jean Pierre O'Neil. They shot 18.8 under par for a score of 49.2.

2nd place was achieved by Ed Buckeley, Spencer Hawthorn, Chris Cowburn and Chris Perry. They shot a superb 19.2 under par for a score of 48.8.

The event was won by the defending RGBB Open Championship winning team of Sam Montgomery, Mark Campbell, Phil Pannell and Gary Richardson who shot an amazing 21.4 under par for a winning score of 46.6. Their round consisted of an Eagle, 14 birdies and 3 pars.

After the event, winning captain Sam said "I am delighted to have won this event and made it a double of RGBB 4 ball wins this year. After we missed birdie putts on the 2nd, 8th and 9th holes we didn't think we had a chance of even being in the top 4 as the standard of competition was so high".

All of the winners were presented prizes by Arizona professional Hasan who arranged all of the items awarded. The RGBB would like to thank Hasan and the team at Arizona Golf resort for preparing a course in great condition and running the tournament so well. We already have plans for at least 5 more golf tournaments at Arizona alone this year, with events at other venues also planned.

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