

BENNIE BRINGS HOME THE TROPHY



Gordon Bennie and David Carscadden shot an amazing gross 58 when the RGBB team beat their American counterparts at the annual Ryder Cup style golf competition at the Arizona Golf Resort on Thursday 1 November. The competition pitted 10 teams, each consisting of 2 players from the respective organization, in individual matches.

Gordon and David won their game by 8.5 strokes against Al Cieluch and Don Carlos and after all 10 games the final outcome was a mere 10.8 strokes.

After suffering a crushing defeat at the hands of the American team last year, the British team were clearly in a jubilant mood and Gary Richardson RGBB Captain said "This was a very enjoyable day, all the teams played to a very high standard and I'm delighted we came out on top".

American captain Dan Cagle vowed to win the trophy back, in what has become a great day in the international golfing calendar. His thoughts were echoed by RGBB Co Captain and sponsor Jim O' Gara, who relished the challenge and hoped his guys could come good again next year.

The match started in dramatic fashion with the first group out (Captain Richardson and Tom Boocock) both hitting tee shots out of bounds. Since this was

a scramble format both reloaded and after a good second drive by Tom, Gary holed the second shot for a regulation par. As they say in all the best Golf magazines "Its not how, but how many". After the early wobble the group played excellent golf and managed to edge ahead of their American opponents by 1.8 shots after handicap deduction.

Next up were Gordon and David, who played steady golf on the front nine, but blitzed the back 9 with 7 birdies in 9 holes, blowing away their opponents. The guys played really great golf which gave the team a lead of 10.3 strokes after just two games which they never relinquished.

In later games were the American Ambassador and General Hernandez who brought an army of bodyguards, supporters etc. They were obviously not golfers as Rob Patrick asked one of the entourage what colour ball the Ambo was playing and nearly got shot.

Congratulations to Ed Chary for nearest the hole on the last. Having lost the previous 4 holes, he pulled a rabbit out of Roger Deeley's hat and knocked it to within two feet to win the hole, the match and a DVD player courtesy of Electro.

RGBB players Phil Pannell, won the nearest the pin (another DVD player), and Mariano Surace the longest drive (ironically a putter courtesy of UPS as he obviously didn't need a new driver). The team were ably anchored home by Simon Stoddart and co captain Jim O'Gara, both played well despite the General's entourage. To quote Jim, "it almost made me feel like Tiger". A great victory.

A super day was had by all. Thanks to Dan Cagle from the ABGR for his efforts and Gary, Jim and Luke for the sponsorship and organising things on the day.

Lets hope next year is just as much fun.

The Players: ABGR vs RGBB			
Cannon/Price	vs.	Boocock/Richardson	Sarieddeine/Carroll vs. Hanes/Saurace
Cieluch/Doncarlos	vs.	Carscadden/Bennie	Little/Cagle vs. Patrick/Green
Martinez/Dugan	vs.	Graham/Pannell	Davlin/Carpenter vs. Campbell/Campbell
Black/Probasco	vs.	Deeley/Chary	Tobey/Fraker vs. Wienand/Dickinson
Montgomery/Waters	vs.	Douglas/Ismael	Myers/Hernandez vs. Stoddart/O'Gara

