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**SWCGA v MIDLANDS GROUP ANNUAL MATCH
WOODHALL SPA GOLF CLUB – SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2008**

After our four years of success for the SW the Midlands Team finally got the better of David Cook's Team in the Annual Match played over the wonderful Hotchkin Course at Woodhall Spa. The course was in wonderful condition for late in the season with all the magnificent trees that surround most holes displaying their autumn colours of gold and yellow. Although there was a modest breeze and the morning had an autumnal chill to the air it did not detract from the standard of golf played.

It was in the morning foursomes that the match was really lost with the Midlands winning four out of the five matches with the pairing of Miles Mackman and Ali James, both from Wiltshire, being the only winners for the South West beating Ryan Brown and Rhys Black by 3 & 1. This meant that the SW Team had to win seven of the ten singles in the afternoon which proved to be too big a mountain to climb with the Midlands winning 6.5 points to the SW's 3.5 giving an overall victory to the Midland of 10.5 to 4.5. Although this result reads like a resounding victory it does not actually reflect the golf that was played. In most matches the SW players matched the Midlands' players tee to green but were out played on the greens, it was difficult to keep count of the number of single putts made by the Midlands' side.

Congratulations must be given to David Cook and his team for putting up such a valiant display particularly bearing in mind the distance they had to travel for this match. Both sides should also be congratulated for the excellent spirit in which the match was played. Like the Ryder Cup it could be argued that the SW having won the last four matches if the Midlands hadn't won this year they may have started to lose interest.

The SW hosts the match next year at Saunton on 17th October when Richard Simmons and his team will be looking for revenge.

Trevor Reynolds
Hon. Secretary

Full results attached.

FOURSOMES

No	Midlands	Score	Points	SWCGA	Score	Points
1	Adam Wainwright Adam Keogh	5 & 4	1	Billy Hemstock Jon White	-	
2	Ryan Brown Rhys Black	-		Miles Mackman Ali James	3 & 1	1
3	David Coupland Ryan Evans	1 Hole	1	Matt Swales Ben Loughrey	-	
4	Jason Palmer Adam Myers	2 Holes	1	Matt Walker Curtis Edwards	-	
5	Richard Prophet Sam Dodds	2 & 1	1	Colin Edwards Alex MacGregor	-	
			4			1

SINGLES

No	Midlands	Score	Points	SWCGA	Score	Points
1	Adam Wainwright	1 Hole	1	Jon White	-	
2	Jason Palmer	Half	0.5	Miles Mackman	Half	0.5
3	Adam Keogh	-		Billy Hemstock	3 & 2	1
4	Ryan Brown	2 & 1	1	Ali James	-	
5	David Coupland	4 & 3	1	Matt Swales	-	
6	Adam Myers	-		Ben Loughrey	5 & 3	1
7	Rhys Black	4 & 2	1	Colin Edwards	-	
8	Richard Prophet	1 Hole	1	Matt Walker	-	
9	Ryan Evans	3 & 2	1	Curtis Edwards	-	
10	Sam Dodds	-		Alex MacGregor	4 & 3	1
			6.5			3.5
			10.5			4.5