

OXFORDSHIRE GOLF CAPATAINS

2006 Pairs Knock out Final - Report from Ian Allison

First of all thank you to all the players who took part in this year's competition and for making my administration so easy. The OGC golfing season is now over and I can only look forward to playing with some of you again next year.

This year's Final between Alistair Brown & Roger Davies and myself & Keith Willis was played at Kirtlington on Thursday 8th October. The weather was blustery and cool, but it did stay dry. The match was played in good spirit as expected but, it was closely fought with a score card peppered with pars and birdies.

Front 9

Messrs Brown & Davies took an early lead on the 1st, courtesy of a nice par from Alistair. The 2nd was halved and then Keith drained a long putt to win the 3rd. The difficult Par 3 4th was halved in par by Alistair and myself to stay all square. Roger then took the lead back with a magnificent par on the difficult index 1 5th. After a couple of halves Brown & Davies went 2 up on the 8th but were then pulled back to 1 up with a net birdie from me on the long par 3 9th.

Back 9

Brown & Davies went 2 up after 10 but were pulled back to all square after 13. Roger then had a superb birdie on 14 to take a 1 up lead again. The match then took a turn with a win from Keith on the 15th and from me on the 16th. Keith and I went 1 up for the first time and the match was now getting tense.

We all hit good drives on the dog leg 17th, albeit I was lucky as mine cut the corner through the trees on the right. Keith put his second short right. Roger's second went 15 yds right, and Alistair went long to the back of the green. I hit my wedge to about 15ft. Roger chipped to 6ft. Alistair putted first and went long to about 12ft. My putt went close and the par was conceded. The pressure was now on Brown & Davies but Alistair was up to the task and drained his 12ft putt to keep the match alive.

Keith and I hit good drives down 18 but Alistair and Roger both hit crackers right down the middle of the long par 4. Keith put his second in a fairway bunker and I fatted mine down the middle. Alistair's second was short left and Roger just caught the bunker before the green. I put my 3rd to 6ft behind the pin. Roger's Bunker shot was on the edge of the green and Alistair's long chip came up short. Both missed their long putts and I then managed to putt close enough for a shake of hands the match to be conceded 1 Up.

Alistair presented us with the Cup and a kind member took the photos (attached) before we enjoyed a post match drink and a hole by hole analysis!

The Teams	The Winners
	