

2024 BAGS Pairs Final report

Winners: Rod Wesson & John de Rebello



Monday 7th October 2024, played at Thorney Park GC on a day of mixed weather with showers, some heavy on the front 9 and glorious sunshine on the back 9. John de Rebello giving shots to partner Rod Wesson 7 and opposition Clive Jones 8 and John Jones 14.

1st hole was won with a steady par to Clive as was 3rd hole to JdeR, so all square after 3.

4th hole Rod put his 2nd shot to within 6 feet of a forward pin and made his birdie putt to win hole and go 1up.

The par 5 6th hole, JdeR chipped to within 3 feet to make par to win that hole, followed by two fine tee shots on the back-to-back par 3's 7th and 8th holes.

The 7th halved in net pars and the 8th won with a birdie from 4 feet to a back pin to go 3up.

Come the 9th hole, Rod was not in the best spot with ball above his feet on that ridge that most of us find but he managed to find the green with a great strike. 2 putts and a shot on SI1 won the hole and gave Rod & John a 4up lead at the turn.

The back 9 started a resurgence for Clive and JJ, with JJ halving the 10th, and winning the 11th and 12th as he used his shots well. So, just like that back down to 2up for Rod and John.

13th hole JdeR's 2nd shot to a forward pin was almost a kick in birdie and was given and the long 14th par 4 Rod's net par was enough to win that hole too. So, 4up and 4 to play, the 15th par 5 was a formality for both JdeR and Rod as they were both close to the green for 2 plus JJ with his shot, lost his ball in the out-of-bounds on his 3rd shot, leaving his partner Clive a long par putt to try and win or halve the hole which was missed. Just a formality 2 putts to win the hole and win the match 5&3.

Rod and John were solid and worthy winners on the day, the game played in very good spirits and washed down with a couple of Guinness Zeroes and a dodgy Gunners with apple pie and custard for Rod.

4 ball better ball is a great way to play golf, I hope the summer pairs continues and more entries come forward in 2025.