Gala dinner had flavour of Wales

The severity of course and weather can also be witnessed by the fact that the best nett score of the day was a 74 – a score with which very few of the finalists would even have qualified for the final.

Stephen Heap, of the Midland Region's Rothey Park GC, was the overall winner off his handicap of 24 which gave him a one stroke win over Brough GC's Paul Neve of the winning Northern Region team.

The gala dinner in the evening had a Welsh flavour to it with the six course meal including leek soup, Welsh rack of lamb and Welsh Cheese followed by the Cor Meibion Arduardwy Male Voice Choir from near Harlech in Wales – a choir which included the Head Greenkeeper at Royal St David's Golf Club.