

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 Ardurwy Male Voice Choir from near Harlech in Wales – a choir which included the Head Greenkeeper at Royal St David's Golf Club.

HAYTER CHALLENGE RESULTS

(All scores Nett unless stated)

- Regional Team Prize: 1. Northern Region 642 2. Midland Region 654.
- Overall Individual Winner: Stephen Heap, Midland, 74.
- Category 1. Handicap 0-9. 1. Paul Fitzgerald, Eire, 77; 2. Graeme MacDonald, Midland, 78 (BIH); Alex Russell, Northern, 78.
- Category 2. Handicap 10-18. 1. Philip Wentworth, South West and South Wales, 76; 2. Robert Washbrook, South East, 77; 3. Martin O'Shea, Eire, 80.
- Category 3. Handicap 19-28. 1. Stephen Heap, Midland, 74; 2. Paul Neve, Northern, 75; 3. John Cuffey, Northern Ireland, 76.
- Best Gross: Graeme MacDonald, Midland, 81 (Gross).
- Over 55s: Tom Mulqueen, Eire, 80.
- Under 21: David Gibbons, Midland, 80 (BIH)
- Putting Competition. Brian Hillen, Scotland, 29.
- Longest Drive: Bob Walker, South West and South Wales
- Nearest the Pin: James Logan, Northern Ireland.
- Special Prize: Toddy Huddleston, South East, whose nett score of 81 beat his age by a shot.
- International Medal. 1. Bob Heron, Canada, 76; 2. Sandy Reid, Scotland, 78; 3. Doug Meyer, Canada, 79. (BIH).



The winning Northern team. Bob Lupton receives the prize from Hayters MD, Tony Bourke



Participating teams, from top: Eire, Northern Ireland, South East, Midland, Scotland and South West & South Wales

