



Top and bottom left: Despite the horrendous rain prior to the Championship Andy Campbell and his team had both courses looking magnificent

Above: Tony James receives the wonderful National Championship trophy from Richard Minton, National Sales Manager of Scotts, and David Jenkins, Managing Director of Charterhouse/Redexim

Bottom right: Players and caddies ready themselves before tackling the Cheshire Course





The Charterhouse/Scotts National Championship supported by Softspikes, was a truly outstanding event. Carden Park showed its true quality in every way and both on and off the course it was an occasion which will be remembered by all who attended.

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Sitting six shots off the lead going into the final round, Tony James' thoughts may well have gone back to July and Carnoustie where Paul Lawrie recovered from ten shots back to win.

If this were indeed the case such memories obviously inspired the 30-year-old to some outstanding deeds over Carden Park's Nicklaus Course. Where he had putted poorly over the first round, with seven three putts and a four putt, he was inspired on the greens and shot a nett 64 to snatch the title of BIGGA's Champion Golfer by a single stroke.

"I got up early on the second day, bought a course planner and spent an hour on the range. I thought I had an outside chance," explained the Tehidy Park Assistant.

"It is by far the biggest event I've ever won and I feel just brilliant.

"It was a beautiful place to stay and to play and it was a great honour to be a part of the event...an even greater honour to win."

Since returning to work he has spent time fielding the congratulations of his club members while the replica trophy has pride of place among his BIGGA memorabilia in his home.

While Tony was a deserving winner credit must also go to David Cuthbertson, who led after the first round then chipped in twice at the beginning of the second round only to be overtaken by Tony's late charge.

The quality of the golf and the golfers was extremely high with 13 entrants at two handicap or better and a further 26 between three and five handicap.

The gross prize went to one of the scratch men Tony McLure, whose two round total of 147 was a superb achievement with the courses playing so long.

While the honours on the course

were handed out there is no doubting the real heroes of the event - Course Manager Andy Campbell and his team.

With five and a half inches of rain falling four a half days before the event and both courses closed the day before everyone arrived and the Nicklaus course under three feet of water in places Andy did a more than passable impression of King Canute to have them playable at all.

The fact that both courses were played, as per the programme, is a tribute to the endless hours of work carried out, often well into the night.

We look forward to returning next year...hopefully after a long dry spell!

Results

Winner of the BIGGA Championship

1. Anthony James, Tehidy Park, 139 Nett;
2. David Cuthbertson, Slaley Hall GC, 140;
3. Anthony Knight, Kingsdown GC, 142.

36 Hole Aggregate, Gross

1. Tony McLure, Whickham GC, 147;
2. Lee Corfield, Golf de Rimaison, France, 149 (better second round);
3. Greg Evans, Ealing GC, 149.

1st Round Winners

- 0-9. D. Davies, 72; 10-17. T. Bremer, 75; 18-28. C. Pennyquick, 72.

2nd Round Winners

- 0-9. S. Harvey, 67; 10-17. A. Howarth, 70; 18-28. P. Neve, 73.

Regional Team Cup

1. Northern - 1176, T. McLure, T. Weston, D. Collins, D. Davies, D. Hayes, D. Cuthbertson, P. Neve and P. Bowler.
2. South West & South Wales - 1181, J. Hamlet, A. Knight, M. Grogan, A. Gawman, T. Smith, A. James, L. Corfield and N. Webber.

Putting Competition

- Brian Turner, Sunningdale GC, 33

Par 3 Competition.

- Allen Lewis, Llanymynech GC, 26



Above: Did you hear the one about the wonderful After Dinner Speaker? John Simonett involved a huge number of the guests in his act.

Below: It's not how, it's how may. The scoreboard conceals many a story behind its simple numbers.

**BRITISH & INTERNATIONAL GOLF GREENKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
CHARTERHOUSE / SCOTTS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

PLAYER	SCORE	NET	GRAND	NET	GRAND	AGE
11 BARTNEY	72	72	72	72	72	38
12 JUDITH	73	73	73	73	73	39
13 JUDITH	74	74	74	74	74	40
14 JUDITH	75	75	75	75	75	41
15 JUDITH	76	76	76	76	76	42
16 JUDITH	77	77	77	77	77	43
17 JUDITH	78	78	78	78	78	44
18 JUDITH	79	79	79	79	79	45
19 JUDITH	80	80	80	80	80	46
20 JUDITH	81	81	81	81	81	47
21 JUDITH	82	82	82	82	82	48
22 JUDITH	83	83	83	83	83	49
23 JUDITH	84	84	84	84	84	50
24 JUDITH	85	85	85	85	85	51
25 JUDITH	86	86	86	86	86	52
26 JUDITH	87	87	87	87	87	53
27 JUDITH	88	88	88	88	88	54
28 JUDITH	89	89	89	89	89	55
29 JUDITH	90	90	90	90	90	56
30 JUDITH	91	91	91	91	91	57
31 JUDITH	92	92	92	92	92	58
32 JUDITH	93	93	93	93	93	59
33 JUDITH	94	94	94	94	94	60
34 JUDITH	95	95	95	95	95	61
35 JUDITH	96	96	96	96	96	62
36 JUDITH	97	97	97	97	97	63
37 JUDITH	98	98	98	98	98	64
38 JUDITH	99	99	99	99	99	65
39 JUDITH	100	100	100	100	100	66
40 JUDITH	101	101	101	101	101	67
41 JUDITH	102	102	102	102	102	68
42 JUDITH	103	103	103	103	103	69
43 JUDITH	104	104	104	104	104	70
44 JUDITH	105	105	105	105	105	71
45 JUDITH	106	106	106	106	106	72
46 JUDITH	107	107	107	107	107	73
47 JUDITH	108	108	108	108	108	74
48 JUDITH	109	109	109	109	109	75
49 JUDITH	110	110	110	110	110	76
50 JUDITH	111	111	111	111	111	77
51 JUDITH	112	112	112	112	112	78
52 JUDITH	113	113	113	113	113	79
53 JUDITH	114	114	114	114	114	80
54 JUDITH	115	115	115	115	115	81
55 JUDITH	116	116	116	116	116	82
56 JUDITH	117	117	117	117	117	83
57 JUDITH	118	118	118	118	118	84
58 JUDITH	119	119	119	119	119	85
59 JUDITH	120	120	120	120	120	86
60 JUDITH	121	121	121	121	121	87
61 JUDITH	122	122	122	122	122	88
62 JUDITH	123	123	123	123	123	89
63 JUDITH	124	124	124	124	124	90
64 JUDITH	125	125	125	125	125	91
65 JUDITH	126	126	126	126	126	92
66 JUDITH	127	127	127	127	127	93
67 JUDITH	128	128	128	128	128	94
68 JUDITH	129	129	129	129	129	95
69 JUDITH	130	130	130	130	130	96
70 JUDITH	131	131	131	131	131	97
71 JUDITH	132	132	132	132	132	98
72 JUDITH	133	133	133	133	133	99
73 JUDITH	134	134	134	134	134	100
74 JUDITH	135	135	135	135	135	101
75 JUDITH	136	136	136	136	136	102
76 JUDITH	137	137	137	137	137	103
77 JUDITH	138	138	138	138	138	104
78 JUDITH	139	139	139	139	139	105
79 JUDITH	140	140	140	140	140	106
80 JUDITH	141	141	141	141	141	107
81 JUDITH	142	142	142	142	142	108
82 JUDITH	143	143	143	143	143	109
83 JUDITH	144	144	144	144	144	110
84 JUDITH	145	145	145	145	145	111
85 JUDITH	146	146	146	146	146	112
86 JUDITH	147	147	147	147	147	113
87 JUDITH	148	148	148	148	148	114
88 JUDITH	149	149	149	149	149	115
89 JUDITH	150	150	150	150	150	116
90 JUDITH	151	151	151	151	151	117
91 JUDITH	152	152	152	152	152	118
92 JUDITH	153	153	153	153	153	119
93 JUDITH	154	154	154	154	154	120
94 JUDITH	155	155	155	155	155	121
95 JUDITH	156	156	156	156	156	122
96 JUDITH	157	157	157	157	157	123
97 JUDITH	158	158	158	158	158	124
98 JUDITH	159	159	159	159	159	125
99 JUDITH	160	160	160	160	160	126
100 JUDITH	161	161	161	161	161	127

Above: The Championship Banquet on the Monday evening was a most enjoyable occasion and (bottom) After Dinner Speaker John Simonett did manage to confuse Bert Cross with a knotty problem.

Right: Richard Minton; BIGGA Chairman, Gordon Child, David Jenkins and Carden Park Course Manager and Master Greenkeeper, Andy Campbell pictured with the impressive array of silverware.





Above. Richard Minton with Tony McLure winner of the Gross prize, Tony James, with David Cuthbertson, runner-up in the individual but winner of the team event with the Northern Region; Bert Cross of the Northern Region and David Jenkins



Above: Tony McLure played some fine golf to clinch the gross prize



Above: David Cuthbertson led after the first round and only Tony James' 64 denied him overall victory.



Above. Anthony Knight finished third on 142 after two solid rounds.

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