



Winning team from Branxton Golf Club, Australia.



Worfield Golfers and Ireland in US

Worfield Golf Club, from Shropshire, represented Great Britain and Ireland in the World Finals of the 2004 John Deere Team Championship, held in November in Arizona.

31 teams from six nations took part in two days of competition at the world renowned Grayhawk Golf Club, in Scottsdale, playing on the prestigious Raptor and Talon courses.

Worfield's overall score of 114 put them in a very respectable equal tenth place, eleventh on countback.

The John Deere Team Championship title went to the Australian team, who finished on 103, narrowly beating the American team, from Hesperia, California, with a total score of 104. This is the first time a team outside North America has won the Championship.

The competition got off to a great start for the Worfield team - made up of Club Chairman, Trevor Williams; Secretary, William Weaver; Professional, Steve Russell; Course Manager, Mike Fowkes

and John Deere dealer salesman, Pete Worthy, of John Osman Groundcare, Oswestry, Shropshire - with a first day score of 16 under par.

"Then on the second day we were absolutely flying round, and after nine holes found ourselves 12 under," said William.

"Unfortunately the back nine weren't so good and we finished the day two 14 under. It was very tight towards the end, which made for an exciting competition, and well done to the Australian boys who got the title and the trophy."

Asked for his view of the trip, William simply replied, "Awesome. This was a once in a lifetime trip and we were determined to make the most of it. In the end we played six days of golf altogether."

In addition to the two days of practice and two days of competition at the John Deere World Championship, the team managed to squeeze in a day at Troon North on their first day in Arizona and



Left to Right: Howard Storey (John Deere), Eddie Donlon (GCSAI), Pete Worthy (John Osman Groundcare), Mike Fowkes (Worfield Golf Club), Steve Russell (Worfield Golf Club), David Hart (John Deere), William Weaver (Worfield Golf Club), Trevor Williams (Worfield Golf Club) and Andy Campbell (BIGGA).



Gregg Breningmeyer, of John Deere, with Andy Campbell, of BIGGA.

fly the flag for Britain finals

finished their trip with a round at TPC, Scottsdale before, catching the flight home.



The team was accompanied to America by BIGGA Chairman, Andy Campbell, and by Eddie Donlon, President of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of Ireland (GCSAI).

Both organisations were presented with donations from John Deere Limited at the World Finals, in support of BIGGA's and GCSAI's educational activities.

John Deere Limited contributes £25 for every team that enters the competition and, with 426 teams taking part this year in Great Britain and Ireland, this amounted to a total of £10,650.

In Britain, this funding will be used to support BIGGA's Continue to Learn workshops at Harrogate in January, and the Turf Managers' Conference at Staverton Park, Northamptonshire in March.



Worfield Golf Club - William Weaver, Steve Russell, Trevor Williams, Pete Worthy and Mike Fowkes.

