

UK Fire and Rescue Service National Golf Championship

Sheriff's Cup 2009 (9th-11th June)

This years team golf championships were held at Lisburn Golf Club, Northern Ireland (just south of Belfast). The golf club is widely regarded as one of the finest parkland courses in the area and proved to be an extremely testing venue, with tight tree lined fairways and well protected fast greens.

HFRS Team consisted of Lee Digweed (captain, Borehamwood), Daren Smith (Stevenage) John McHale (Harpenden), Phil Powell (Harpenden).

47 teams from all the UK enjoyed three days of excellent hospitality, good weather and a beautiful pint or two of Guinness, (or in Darren's case 20 or 30). The scoring however did not match the superb surroundings with only one competitor playing under par, he had the best individual gross and net score of 77 and 71 respectively against a par of 72.

HFRS were in 4th place after the 4 ball better ball competition, with both parings scoring net 70's (2 under). Things did not go as well on the singles day with Phil out firsts and setting the standard with a net 80, this was followed by an 83 from John, a 80 from Lee and Darren seeing the team home with a battling 83.

Even with these high scores HRFS team came a creditable 19th

As the very high scores indicate the course was playing very difficult but this did not detract from everyone's enjoyment. The venue and competition was considered by most to be one of the best in the 48 years of Sheriff Cup competition.