

Four way tie at Farrington

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The experienced quartet of George Ryall, Andrew Sherborne, Jon Bevan and Mike Watson all shared the top spot at the 2009 staging of the G&S PGA Farrington Pro Am after handing in 3 under par 69's.

The Farrington course noticeably continues to improve with every visit the G&S PGA make to the venue and this was no exception. The greens were again in excellent condition but a few tricky flag positions accompanied by a blustery wind made scoring tricky at times. Sherborne was the first to post the score aided by an inward half of 33. This was soon matched by Bevan who has been in good form in the West Region of late as he also covered his second nine holes in 3 under par. His Wessex Golf Centre colleague Mike Watson was the next to return his card. He recovered from an early double bogey at the 5th after four putts to produce a best of the day 32 over the back nine finishing with two birdie three's at 17 and 18. This gave him his third consecutive individual victory in the Farrington event over a course he must enjoy playing. The final winning score came from Ryall who produced two sub par nine hole totals in compiling his score. In 5th place on his own was G&S PGA chairman David Haines on 2 under par 70 just ahead of Farrington Pro Steve Ritchie on 71.

In the team event Mike Watson again led the field home as he teamed up with his regular partners in Andy Coles, Steve Coles and Paul Cummings to rack up an impressive score of 17 under par, 127. Second and third place went to Hambrook Professionals Trevor Jones and Giuseppe Licata with Jones's team just tipping Licata's on the back nine holes.

This was the first time the event had been played on a Sunday and the entry was lower than it had been before and it is hoped it can return to a midweek date next year. The G&S PGA would like to thank Jill Goble for running the event on the day, the Farrington Staff for their part in the organisation and all the Professionals who supported the event especially those who stepped in at the last minute to fill gaps.

Winning team:
Pictured from l to r:
Andrew Coles,
Paul Cummings,
Steve Coles,
Mike Watson.
Head Professional Jon
Lawrence at the back.

