

Kent Pearson Trophy Finals Day Report

West Kent Golf Club Thursday 15th June 2023

The four teams started arriving from 6:15am on a lovely sunny day at West Kent Golf Club. The course looked very impressive and was in amazing condition. The day then continued with a most welcome bacon roll.

The 4 semi-finalists teeing off alternately, from 8am were Nizels v Sundridge Park and Ashford v West Malling.

Captain Eileen Dickson was our starter for the day. She kindly organised some ball spotters for us from the ladies' section and even had her husband helping out. The teams also brought along their trusted supporters.

The scores were recorded after the 5th hole with Nizels and Sundridge Park having 3 matches all square, Nizels leading in 1 match and Sundridge leading the field with the remaining 3 matches. Whereas Ashford and West Malling only had 1 match all square, West Malling leading in another match but with Ashford taking an early lead with the remaining 5 matches.

After the 12th hole the results started to change with Nizels closing the gap as they were now 3 matches up against Sundridge Park's 4! The result for this semi-final was a win for Nizels.

In the second semi-final, Ashford held on to their lead of being 5 matches up. Ashford continued to hold their nerve, even though 1 match went on to the 20th hole, which won them a place in the final.

A well-deserved lunch break was had by all the teams looking exhausted after playing in the heat. West Kent certainly did us proud with the food. It was now time for the captains to decide on their team selection for the final.

There was a change in procedure this year as we decided to make the presentation to the semi-finalists West Malling and Sundridge Park.



West Malling



Sundridge Park

A presentation was also made to Karen as it was her last Kent Pearson Final as she has now fulfilled her 4-year stint.

The opportunity was also taken to introduce the new Deputy Manager – Lynn Craven.

FINAL

The final started promptly at 2pm between Nizels and Ashford, again with scores being recorded after the 5th and 12th holes.

Ashford yet again took an early lead being 4 matches up with Nizels leading in another 2 matches and only 1 match being all square.

After 12 holes Nizels yet again started to fight back narrowing the gap and taking the lead with the first win of the afternoon with match 1.

The next win was for Ashford in match 2 and then another win for Nizels in Match 3.

Match 5 was also won by Nizels leaving them hanging on a cliff edge as they were only waiting for 1 more win.

The final concluded with Nizels winning Match 4 meaning for the second year in a row they are the Kent Pearson Trophy winners.

A very exciting and entertaining Final congratulations to both teams:



Ashford-Runners up



Nizels-Winners



Presentation to

Nizels Captain Sarah Chuter by Marilyn Brown, Helen Johnson and Karen Taylor

We would like to thank Jane Marr, Ian Palmer and Jon Vail from the team of Kent Golf Referees for giving up their time, being on hand all day assisting and advising with rulings.

We would also like to thank Kent Golf President Marilyn Brown for attending in the afternoon and presenting the trophies.

The day was fully supported by West Kent Golf Club led by Matt and Steph ensuring everything went to plan.

We look forward to the Pearson Inter Counties Finals at Highgate Golf Club on Wednesday 19th July where Kent will be represented by Nizels, who are the current holders of the inter county trophy.

We are sure they will do their utmost to defend their title, and of course all supporters will be very welcome.

Thank you all for your continued support in the Pearson Trophy which only can exist with you all taking part.

Helen and Karen

CONGRATULATIONS! Team Nizels: Kent Pearson Trophy Winners 2022-23

