



7th-9th May, 2023

Sharks:

1. *Chris Perry*
2. *Simon Richards*
3. *Mick Kingston*
4. *Alastair Goodwin*
5. *Howard McKay*
6. *Ben Gunn*
7. *Matt Woollatt*
8. *Luke Jones*

Dolphins:

1. *Neil Sargeant*
2. *Mike Prange*
3. *David Bompfrey*
4. *Pete Bateman*
5. *Ian Bateman*
6. *Alex Wood*
7. *Neil Chapman*
8. *Shane Kingston*

Belton Woods – The Lakes Course

18 Holes | Par 72 | 6,776 Yards

This course features water heavily and it impacts visually and practically on a number of the holes. A conservative strategic approach would definitely pay dividends. The Course proved to be a great test when hosting the PGA 2018 Fourball championship the greens were in excellent order.

Highlights

4th Hole, Par 4, 404 Yards. Bunkers and a lateral ditch bisect the landing area for most golfers making this an interesting challenge off the tee. A carry of 253 yards is required to avoid the water but a bunker lays strategically right to catch a slightly miss-hit shorter ball. A ditch boundaries the entire left side with bunkers protecting the green complex short right and left.

6th Hole, Par 4, 424 Yards. Another interesting hole with bunkers placed opposite each other from 200 to 220 yards providing a clear pinch point for any slightly miss-hit drive. Lay up short and most golfers will fail to have the firepower to reach a very small and incredibly well protected green complex. A par achieved here is a good score.

Back 9 Highlights

10th Hole, Par 4, 364 Yards. This is relatively open off the tee encouraging the use of a driver. However, this then brings in a host of challenges as again the green is a very small one surrounded by water on all sides.

13th Hole, Par 4, 422 Yards. This is a nicely framed hole by hedgerows and trees. No water is visible but it still requires a steady tee shot as the fairway around the standard landing area is very pinched and protected by bunkers on either side. The green is protected short with swales and banking to the rear.

17th Hole, Par 3, 219 Yards. A very challenging par 3 given the distance and the green protected by water to right, left and centre. A bunker patrols back left. This isn't an easy lay-up hole either given a range of trees to the right of the fairway that would prevent easy access to the green. This is a card wrecker!

18th Hole, Par 5, 486 Yards. This is an interesting hole. The 18th on the Woods Course run parallel and the layouts have been swopped to meet the needs of professional tournaments that required the final green to have the greatest viewing gallery possible. This is a knee trembler of a golf hole given that there are usually galleries of previous societies gathered and drinking on the large patio area. The tee shot needs to be accurate to have any chance of an approach with the second shot to a very small and tight green well protected by water to the front and sides.

The Holey Grail Trophy 2023 – Belton Woods (The Woods Course)

Day 1 (Monday 8th May), from 11.56am

Sharks

Player

Dolphins

Player

Match 1

S Richards

A Wood

A Goodwin

I Bateman

1

0

Match 2

M Kingston

P Bateman

H McKay

D Bomphey

1

0

Match 3

C Perry

N Sargeant

M Woollatt

N Chapman

1

0

Match 4

B Gunn

M Prange

L Jones

S Kingston

1

0

Carried forward:

4

0

The Holey Grail Trophy 2023 – Belton Woods (The Lakes Course)

Day 2 (Tuesday 9th May), from 10.28am

Brought forward:

4

0

Sharks

Dolphins

Player

Player

Match 5

L Jones

N Chapman

H McKay

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0

1

Match 6

S Richards

A Wood

M Woollatt

S Kingston

0

1

Match 7

M Kingston

D Bompfrey

C Perry

N Sargeant

$\frac{1}{2}$

$\frac{1}{2}$

Match 8

B Gunn

M Prange

A Goodwin

I Bateman

1

0

Day 2 Total:

1 $\frac{1}{2}$

2 $\frac{1}{2}$

Overall:

5 $\frac{1}{2}$

2 $\frac{1}{2}$

Winners:

Sharks

Belton Woods – The Woods Course

18 Holes | Par 73 | 6,623 Yards

Visually this can be seen as being more interesting than the Lakes as there are some great views and vistas around Lincolnshire. It offers a similar challenge to its brother and provides the same quality greens and surrounds.

This course envelopes the Lakes and therefore has many more opportunities for hitting the ball out of bounds. The first nine holes head eastwards out and back then you cross the clubhouse to take on a southerly direction followed by a swift turn back towards the east.

2nd Hole, Par 4, 374 Yards. Tight drive protected to the right of the hole in its entirety by out-of-bounds, bunkers left and a sloping fairway make this a challenge requiring an accurate tee shot. A long thin elevated green protected short by two bunkers offers yet another serious challenge.

Highlights:

4th Hole, Par 3, 165 Yards. This is a beautifully framed and constructed hole. The green offers several levels and is a hazard in itself. Do not leave a downhill putt as the green is fast and sloping back towards the fairway.

7th Hole, Par 5, 482 Yards. This hole is a full dog-leg right and requires an accurate tee shot to avoid cross ditches and a bunker. The second shot here is crucial as there are no run-in areas to the green as it is too heavily bunkered and will require an aerial shot to access it.

11th Hole, Par 3, 202 Yards. Playing towards the south, this is a cleverly bunkered green. The fairway area has been built up and visually provides a pinching effect making this look even more difficult from the tee. A par here would be welcome on any card.

14th Hole, Par 5, 543 Yards. OOB is present for the entire length of this hole to the left. All other hazards are clearly visible with pinch points indicated by the fairway cut.

15th Hole, Par 3, 177 Yards. Another good par 3, well framed visually with banking to the rear for any overly exuberant tee shot. Bunkers to the front protect from an off-line shot.

17th Hole, Par 4, 384 Yards. This provides another interesting challenge off the tee. Driver is definitely wet but the cut fairway does not extend to the right so the suggestion is a medium to long iron followed by a similar shot. This is stroke index 2 for a reason.

18th Hole, Par 5, 475 Yards. Aim short of the left bunker for the first, then try and leave a full shot into the green from the next. The green is very well protected by water and bunkers and the proximity of the watching galleries. This a good finishing hole for a society type venue.

The Lakes Course



The Woods Course



Past events:

- 2011 Celtic Manor Resort, Wales: Sharks 4, Dolphins 4
- 2012 The Belfry, England: ~~Sharks~~ 4, Dolphins 4
- 2013 The K Club, Ireland: Sharks 5, Dolphins 3
- 2014 Chart Hills & Dale Hill, England: Sharks ½, Dolphins 7½
- 2015 St Mellion Resort, Cornwall: Sharks 4½, ~~Dolphins~~ 3½
- 2016 St Pierre Country Club, Wales: Sharks 5, Dolphins 3
- 2017 East Sussex National, England: Sharks 3½, Dolphins 4½
- 2018 Barnham Broom, England: Sharks 5 ½, Dolphins 2 ½
- 2019 Prince's Golf Club, England: Sharks 4 ½, Dolphins 3 ½
- 2020 Celtic Manor Resort, Wales: ~~Sharks~~ 3 ½, Dolphins 4 ½
- 2021 The Oxfordshire, England: Sharks 1, Dolphins 7
- 2022 The Vale Resort, Wales: ~~Sharks~~ 4, Dolphins 4

Overall:

Sharks: 5 Wins, 3 Draws, 4 Losses

Dolphins: 4 Wins, 3 Draws, 5 Losses



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