# The Holey Grail Trophy 2015



10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2015



# Sharks:

- 1. Mike Kingston (c)
- 2. Andy Collings
- 3. Chris Perry
- 4. Dan Brazier
- 5. Simon Richards
- 6. Alastair Goodwin
- 7. Matt Woollatt
- 8. Christian Donelan



# Dolphins:

- 1. Shane Kingston (c)
- 2. Neil Sargeant
- 3. Mike Prang
- 4. Pete Bateman
- 5. David Bomphrey
- 6. Ian Bateman
- 7. Alex Wood
- 8. Neil Chapman

### St Mellion International Resort

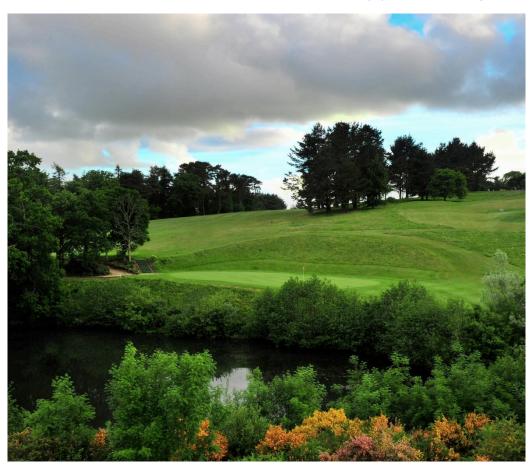
May 2010 saw the opening of the re-named and re-designed Kernow Course. The first course built by Herman and Martin Bond the original owners of St Mellion, designed by J. Hamilton Stutt opened in 1976. The Old Course, as it was then, called opened and quickly became a must play course and by 1979 was included amongst the elite by its inclusion on the European Tour with the hosting of the Benson & Hedges International Open. This was followed by two further tournaments as it played host to the Tournament Players Championship, which included a win for Bernhard Langer in 1983.

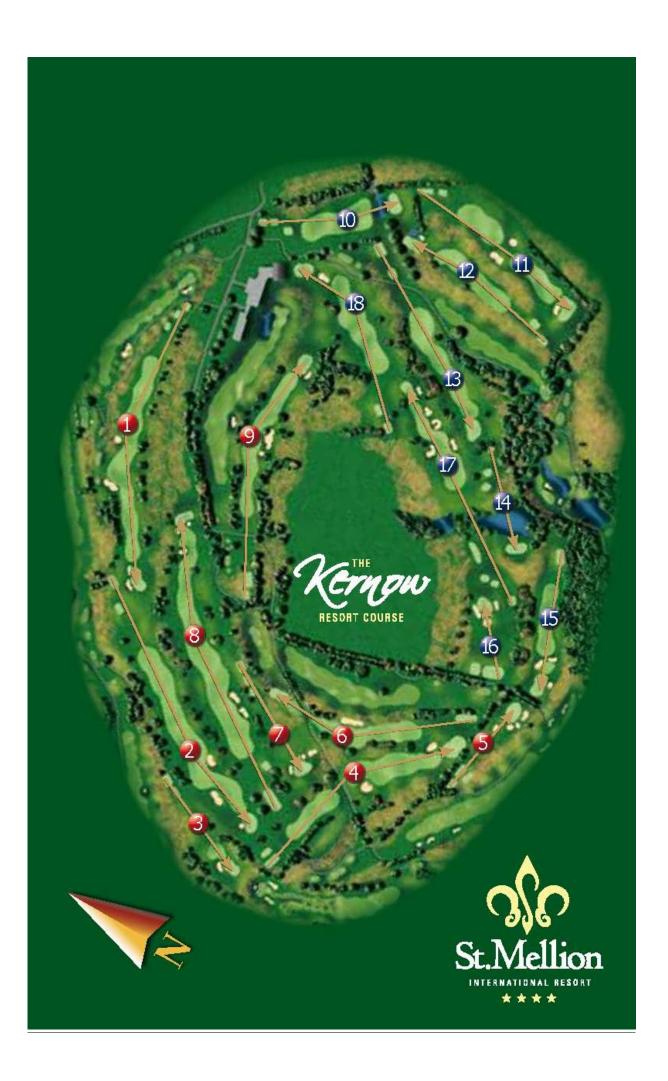
In 2008 work began on the £20-million re-development of St Mellion, an integral part of this was the enhancement of the original course to improve existing holes add this to the construction of 9 new holes to offer a really exciting new course.

The new layout starts with the longest par-5 on the course, as this is a hole created from the original 1st and 2nd holes of the Old Course. Holes 2 to 5 were part of the original design but have now been enhanced by strategic new bunkers. Holes 6 to 9 are new additions to the re-designed course that offers the opportunity to use every club in your bag!

The back 9 starts with another 3 new holes with a real risk, reward par- 4 10th hole, which is reachable with a Sunday best but danger lurks so caution should prevail. The new 11th & 12th holes overlook the Nicklaus Course and surrounding area, which will hopefully give some inspiration playing these holes, which are definite birdie opportunities.

Holes 13 to 16 are a part of the original design but have been tweaked to bring to the standard of the new holes. The new 17th hole is an exciting new par-4, which has two plateaus to aim for to provide a flat lie for the demanding but exciting 2nd shot. The closing hole now returns back to the clubhouse with the new tee strategically placed to ensure the golfer is tested to the very end, but hopefully a par will be achieved so the 19th hole completes an enjoyable round of golf.

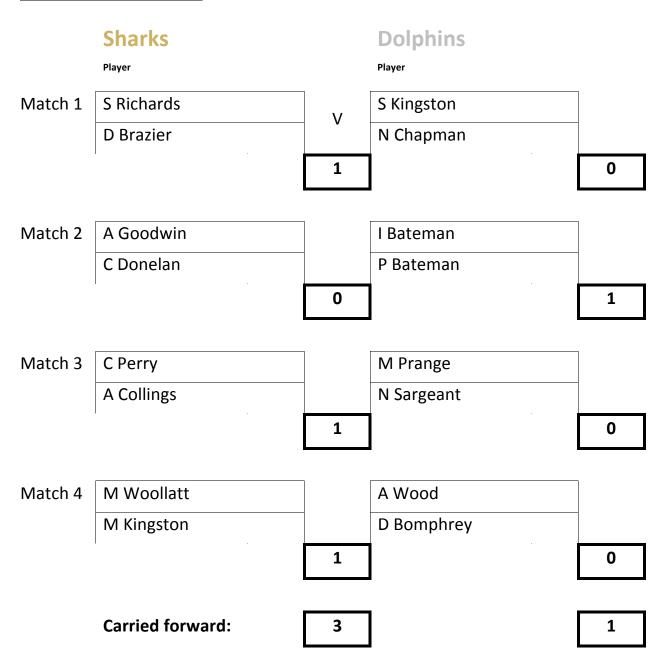




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# Day 1 (Saturday 11th May), from 10.30am

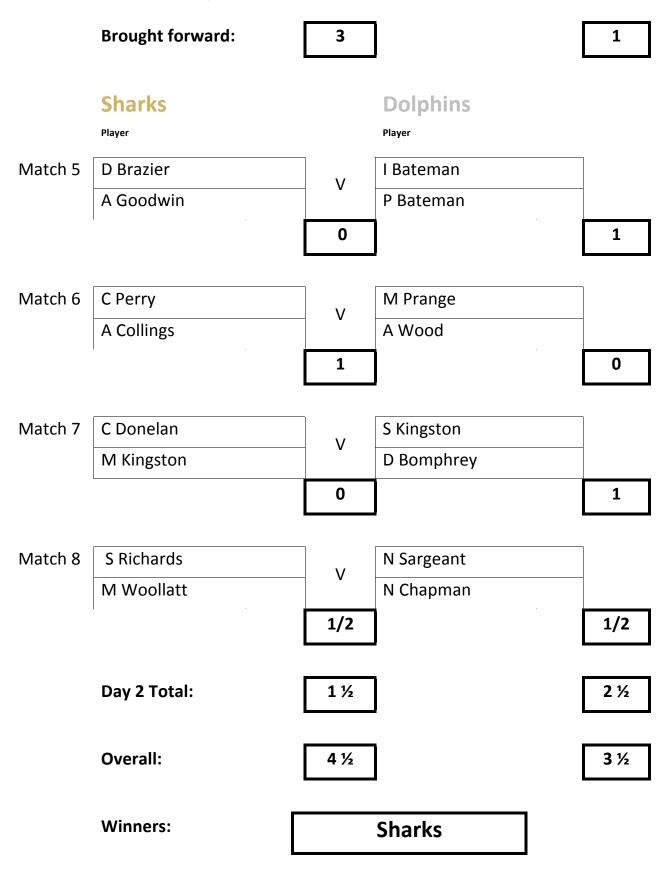
#### **The Kernow Course:**



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## Day 2 (Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May), from 10.30am

### **The Jack Nicklaus Signature Course:**



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Jack Nicklaus builds gorgeous golf courses. They are built for his game - long, fortified greens that require a soaring faded approach shot. St Mellion, the UK's first Nicklaus creation, opened in 1988 and gorgeous it certainly is.

Sure, St Mellion is tough but don't let that put you off. From the opening tee shot the course pitches you headlong in to an almost hallucinogenic trip of crazy pea-green cambers, star light sand, lemon gorse, slate streams and dark brooding woods.

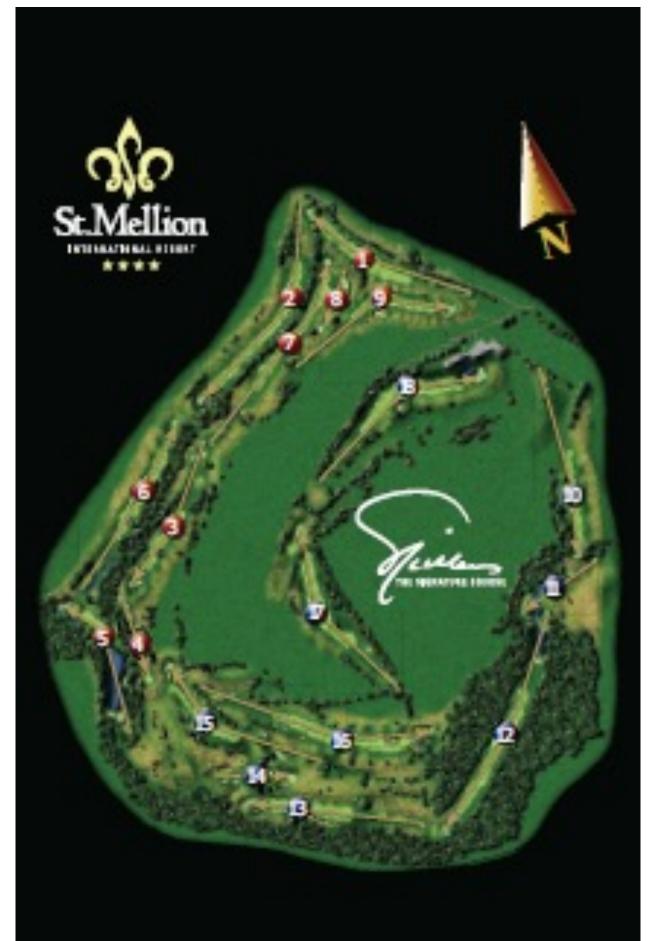
A lot of the Nicklaus hallmarks are here, the Golden Bear loves a raised teeing ground and although the first tee shot is a semi-blind most of the rest set you up very nicely indeed.

Conditioning is excellent with evenly-coloured, smooth greens stimping at around 9.5. As your round unfolds it dawns on you that St Mellion somehow blends American target golf with rolling Cornish scenery. The picture perfect short par-4 5th hole is a great example.

More great examples of this Americo-celtic fusion adorn the back 9, most stunningly on the opening trio (see St Mellion's Amen Corner) which combine water with a classic Cornish backdrop.

After this the pace doesn't slacken a touch after the epic, forested downhill par-5 12th the course continues flowing to the finish until you reach the par-4 18th which is a worthy climax to a pulsating round.





#### 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



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