It must have been a 3 hour drive north for Captain John Hawley to reach this year's venue at Sapey.

We should have thought ourselves lucky to be playing at one of the southernmost course in Hereford as some of the home team had travelled 2 hours south from Market Drayton.

Everybody arrived in good time and we were most impressed with the course which was not particularly long but quite tight and presented in great condition especially as it is a proprietary club with a membership of only 250.

The game was played in good spirit and with the early results not going our way we were bolstered by a magnificent victory of 8 and 6 by Mike Bowes and Martin Cooper.

Alas we were unable emulate their effort and eventually lost the match 5-3.