

ST IVES WIN JOCK STEWART TROPHY

Six golfers from St Ives came from behind to win one of the most prestigious County golf competitions last week. Club Vice-captain Nick Stork and his team-mates Andrew Green, Mark Priestley, Barry Stimpson, John Brown and Phil Reeson won the Jock Stewart Trophy by beating Barkway Park two and a half matches to a half in an exciting final played over 36 holes at Newmarket Links Golf Club.

The foursomes competition, which was founded in 1959, was last won by St Ives in 1987, though a team from the club reached the final ten years ago.

St Ives had a slow start and at the end of the morning's 18 holes the team found themselves down in each of the matches; the first pair by four holes, the second pair by five and the final pair by two. After lunch St Ives came out inspired and spectacularly managed to reverse the scores in each match. The first pair halved while the remaining two won 3&2.

To reach the final St Ives had already knocked out teams from Elton Furze, Abbotsley and Ramsey in previous rounds.

After the match Nick Stork said: "It's such a long time since we won this trophy so I am very pleased indeed, especially as we were so far behind at lunchtime. It shows the strength of the team we have put together this year."

Fifteen months ago the St Ives club moved from its Westwood Road home to a new £9m. inland links course just outside the town and the course has already been described as a future premier County venue. New members are welcome. There is no joining fee at present.

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