

Reach for Skycaddie

THE PGA EuroPro Tour has signed a long-term agreement with Skycaddie Europe, giving players the use of state-of-the-art handheld GPS systems on the world's leading developmental tour in 2006.

"We are keen to see the tour develop with this outstanding range finder, which will allow players to know not only distances to greens, but how far it is to reach or carry a hazard such as a bunker or water," said Skycaddie's Jackie Hitchcock.

The EuroPro Tour's managing director, Eddie Hearn, said he was "delighted" to welcome Skycaddie as a tour partner.

Quiz Answers

- (1) 1) a3; b1; c5; d4; e2
 (2) a3; b4; c5; d1; e2
 (3) Paul McGinley
 (4) a2; b4; c5; d3; e1
 (5) a1; b2; c5; d3; e4

Superb Bowood deal

READERS of English Club Golfer are being encouraged to play the luscious Dave Thomas-designed Bowood golf course in Wiltshire, set in the stunning 4,000-acre Bowood estate.

The course rolls out to an impressive 7,317 yards with numerous doglegs, hidden bunkers and various water hazards to test the very best. Yet, with various tees on offer, beginners can also enjoy a memorable round.

A stay at the adjoining Queenwood Lodge includes two rounds of complimentary golf. Call 01249 822228 for further details and rates.

PHOTOS: Tom Ward



DOUBLE JOY: Cheshire's Phil Jones hit a hole-in-one on the second day

INAUGURAL WINNERS: The Cheshire seniors' team said it was a privilege to win the inaugural English Seniors County contest

Cheshire are Super seniors

Thrilling finish to the inaugural event

By Dave Hamilton

I could have been a walk in the park but it turned out to be anything but as Cheshire wrapped up the inaugural English Seniors County Championship on a damp and gloomy closing day at Minchinhampton.

In the end it all came down to the final putt in the final match on the final green before Cheshire knew they could celebrate after a nail-biting afternoon finished in a draw with Kent.

That was all Cheshire needed to land the title but even that looked like being snatched from their grasp at the end.

"We're thrilled to be the inaugural seniors champions," said Cheshire captain Roger Fielding. "We were thrilled to qualify from

the north region and we knew we had a strong squad. But to be part of and to win what is going to be an increasingly important competition is a privilege.

"It was fitting that the tournament should end with the last match on the last green. That just underlines how close the competition was."

After convincing victories on the two previous days, the title decider proved to be just what the doctor ordered.

Kent looked like taking both morning foursomes but Cheshire snatched halves from each by winning the final hole with birdie-fours after they'd been on



Seniors' finals prove a real winner with all team captains

THE first-ever Seniors County Championship proved a huge success with all four competing counties enthusiastic that it is now part of the EGU's annual calendar of events.

"I'm in no doubt this has been the finest three days golf I've had in 35 years," said Northamptonshire captain Martin Harris. "It felt like we were playing in the Ryder Cup."

It's been a huge success, well organised and we couldn't have had a finer venue than Minchinhampton which was magnificent.

George Davies, the Somerset skipper, echoed those words, adding: "Seniors golf has come of age and I'm so glad this has been introduced. The EGU has grasped the nettle for senior golf."

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