

Shropshire Star Team Championship event.

On Wednesday 13th May, a team made up of Nigel Thomas, Paul Howard, Dean Bagley and John Steele, represented Horsehay Village Golf Club in the Shropshire Star Team Championship at Severn Meadows, Highley.

On a cold and wet morning, teams from across Shropshire and Hereford, including The Wrekin Golf Club, Telford Golf Club, Arscott Golf club and Hawkstone Park Golf Club to name a few, battled it out for the prestigious trophy sponsored by the Shropshire Star and in conjunction with the Shropshire and Hereford Golf Union.

With a shot gun start, Horsehay started from the third hole and with ball spotters on the horizon it signaled a difficult start. The team managed to negotiate the remainder of the front nine picking up a decent score, considering we had little knowledge of the course and no course planner to hand. On the back nine the course did catch the team out, and a couple of poor holes really didn't help with their points tally. As the heavens opened and the greens and fairways began to play slower, the course was now playing extremely tough.

With three holes left to play, the team needed something special, and good scores on the eighteenth, the first hole and a birdie on the second hole from Dean Bagley to finish, a score of 97pts was posted.

As other teams came in from out of the rain, no one was really sure how many points would be required, and it was only when third place - 96pts was announced that the Horsehay team knew that they had secured a place in the top three. With 97pts and second place our team was only beaten by the host club, Severn Meadows.

It is extremely pleasing that Horsehay Village Golf Club once again took second place for the second year running in this Shropshire and Hereford County Golf event. The competition and result will be covered in Saturday's Shropshire Star and should also be posted on the Shropshire Star website www.shropshirestar.com/archive/sport/golf/ in the near future.