



# EMERTON-COURT FINAL



**MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023**

## **“GREAT TORRINGTON TRIUMPH”**

After the deluge of rainfall the preceding day, the Emerton-Court Final took place at Churston Golf Club in windy but bright sunshine. The greenkeepers had worked tirelessly to ensure playing conditions were good.

In an enthralling match between the two contestants, Exeter and Great Torrington, the play ebbed and flowed. In the early stages Exeter appeared to have a slight advantage, but golf being golf, at the conclusion of the final match the score stood at 2 ½ - 2 ½

Game 1. Roger Worthington/Dave Adams (EXE) Halved against Paul Wheeler/Paul Adams. (GTO)

Game 2. Bob Gillespie/Keith Baxter (GTO) bt Darren Thorpe/John Fairman (EXE)

Game 3. John McIlveen/Paul Waite (EXE) evened the score beating John Smith/Colin Garrett

Game 4. Peter Sturman/Tony Gooch (GTO) bt Alan Cleave/Mike Comber (EXE)

Advantage Grt Torrington!

Game 5. Barrington Rogers/Ray Charleson (EXE) bt Billy Campbell/Merv Baker (GTO) to tie the match.

For the first time in many years the match went to an exciting ‘sudden death’ play-off between the Number 1 pairings on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tee. Dramatically, it went down to the putting, Great Torrington winning 3 shots to 4.

After the post-match meal, DMVGA Captain, David Bromage, expressed gratitude to Churston GC for hosting the event especially the greenkeepers and latterly the catering staff for their attentiveness.

He continued by stating it was the 47<sup>th</sup> EC final, which had commenced in 1976 and in that time there had been 17 different winners ( *now 18*) including Exeter in 1993. He congratulated the respective EC Captains – John Fairman of Exeter and Phil Harper of Great Torrington, and their team members, for providing such an excellent competitive match played in a true sporting manner.

Turning to the DMVGA Committee he thanked Secretary Malcolm Tester for organising the arrangements for the Final and the preceding rounds, and thanks to the Competition Organiser Tim Douglas-Riley for his efforts throughout the year.

In conclusion, after a short history on the Emerton Court Trophy itself, he asked the associations President, Bob Small, to make the presentation of the trophies.

### **The Emerton Court Trophy**



### **The Harold Lee Salver**



### **Great Torrington Captain, Phil Harper**

### **Exeter Captain John Fairman**

Both Captains thanked the DMVGA for the organisation of the competition and Churston as hosts, the home club of founder Gordon Emerton-Court, and a special word to their opponents on the sporting and friendly way the final had been played.



**Winners Great Torrington**



**Runners up Exeter**

# Emerton-Court Route to the final.

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	Libbaton Dartmouth	Libbaton Torquay			
	Torquay Wrangaton		Torquay Boringdon Park		
	Boringdon Park Woodbury	Boringdon Park Bigbury			
	Saunton Bigbury			Boringdon Park Exeter	
	Elfordleigh Teignmouth	Elfordleigh RND			
	Staddon Heights RND		RND Exeter		
	East Devon CREDITON	CREDITON Exeter			
	Axcliffe Exeter				Exeter GT Torrington
	Okehampton Churston	Churston Tiverton			
	Sidmouth Tiverton		Tiverton GT Torrington		
	Portmore Holsworthy	Holsworthy GT Torrington			
	Teign Valley GT Torrington			GT Torrington Tavistock	
	Ilfracombe Warren	Warren Bovey Tracey			
	Yelverton Bovey Tracey		Bovey Tracey Tavistock		
	DaintonPark Tavistock	Tavistock Honiton			
	Honiton Thurlestone				

**Match halved.  
GT Torrington  
wins on first  
playoff hole.**