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Beal wins 31st Hills Wiltshire Professionals Golf Championship for third time

Andy Beal of Salisbury and South Wiltshire Golf Club ended on 5 under par to win the 31st Hills Wiltshire Professionals Golf Championship held at Marlborough Golf club yesterday, 20 years after this first victory in 1991.



The 36 hole event saw 22 professionals teeing off in perfect weather conditions early in the morning. All eyes were on Dave Hutton of Hamptworth Golf and Country Club as he attempted to win the title for the eighth time and to make it six wins in a row. However, Dave had to make do with equal 3rd place finish on one under par.

Andy set a blistering pace, carding a fantastic 5 under par 67 in the morning.

He followed this up with a solid level par round of 72 in the afternoon to win by a 3 shot margin from Ogbourne Downs' Craig Bell, who shot up the leaderboard after a magnificent 67 in the afternoon. Barry Forster from North Wilts and Dave Hutton were two shots further back on one under par. Last year's runner-up Simon Amor from Marlborough GC finished fifth on one over par.

A special mention must go to Dan Carter from Upavon GC who, if it wasn't for a disaster 5 holes from home, was in with a real chance of winning. Dan finished sixth and is undoubtedly a champion for the future. **ENDS**



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