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Making of World Hickory champ King

FROM Musselburgh to Gullane, with a short stop on the way at Craighielaw, the World Hickory caravan moved from the oldest course via one of the newest, to Gullane 2.

Willie Park Jr's historic design of 1898, for which he was paid a sum of 10 guineas, was thought to be too expensive by the committee of that time. Willie refused to reduce the price and was duly paid.

The 240 competitors in this week's World Hickory Open praised this historic course.

The two-day competition on Thursday and Friday were played in dry and blustery conditions, making the course quite difficult.

However, it doesn't seem to have affected the quality of the golf.

In the Pro-am, the team, led by Andrew Oldcorn, scored 61, ten under par, with Old-

corn, one of the first-round leaders, with a two over par 73.

The second team was the Scotsman's Fantasy Golf winners, led by Mark King, with a 62, nine under par.

King was two shots behind the leaders with a 75.

In joint second place, also on 62, was Malcolm Duck's Kilspindie House team from Canada, led by Steven Taylor, one of the joint leaders, on 73.

In fourth place was the team of journalists from VisitScotland led by Alastair Good of Gullane with 63. Alisdair's score of 73 was joint leader

On the following day, in again very difficult conditions, Mark King, (Kingsfield) followed his 75 with a 73, finishing birdie, eagle, birdie, giving him a two-round total of 148 and was a worthy



● World Hickory Golf winner Mark King (right) is presented with his gong by Lionel Freedman, Hickory Open chairman winner of the World Hickory Championship.

In joint second place was the home professional, Alisdair Good on 150, with last year's winner, Lindsay Mann (Carnoustie).

In joint fourth place were his brother, Fraser Mann (Musselburgh), Andrew Oldcorn (Kingsacre), David Thomson (Carnegie Club) and David Orr (East Renfrewshire) the current Scottish PGA champion on 151.

The organisers were delighted with the venue, the Gala Dinner in the clubhouse and the support from Gullane Golf Club.

There is a growing number of competitors who own their own hickory clubs, but clubs were supplied by St Andrews Golf Company (1881), the last manufacturer of golf clubs in Scotland and Kingarock Golf Club, the Hickory Course situated at Hill of Tarvit, near Cupar in Fife.