

News Release

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The PGA World Hickory Open

Mark Is King Of The Hickory Shafts

Joint sixth overnight, Mark King forged to the front with the best second round of two-over-par 73 to win the world professional hickory championship by two shots with a two-round total of six-over 148 over the Gullane No 2 course today (Friday).

King, Scottish boys' matchplay champion at Dunbar in 1989, was winning on the Tartan Tour for the fourth time this season - and the cheque for £2,011 was almost double his previous best in 2009.

Runners-up on 150 were last year's winner and 1983 Walker Cup player, Lindsay Mann (Carnoustie) and Gullane's Alasdair Good, playing only his second ever competitive round with hickory-shafted clubs.

Mann's rounds were 76 and 74, Good's 73 and 77. Each earned £1,408.

There were two Manns in the top six with Lindsay's brother Fraser sharing fourth place with Paul Wardell (Whitekirk) and Andrew Oldcorn (Kings Acre) on 151 for which the trio received £742 each.

Fraser Mann and Wardell both scored 74 and 77, Oldcorn, joint overnight leader with Good and Steven Taylor, had rounds of 73 and 78.

Former British women's open amateur stroke play champion Heather MacRae, who is doing her PGA training with Alasdair Good as her boss and mentor, finished one shot outside the money.

She had scores of 84 and 82 for 31st place on 166. The £12,500 prize fund stretched as far as 30th place.