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MERCHANT HOUSE FINANCE HOLDS ITS FIRST CORPORATE GOLF DAY

Historic Romford Golf Club was the venue for the first Merchant House Golf day on Tuesday September 18th 2007. Romford Golf Club, which was formed by Members of Parliament in 1894, boasts James Braid as its first professional. Braid went on to win one of his 5 Open Championships as the club professional in 1901 before going on to Walton Heath.

The Club holds the original minutes of a meeting of the 'Whitehall Golf Society' that took place on 9th February 1894 at the Golden Lion Hotel, Romford from where it was agreed lay out the course one mile away in Gidea Park and which opened for play in September that year.



**John Lutterloch, Chief Executive of MHF
presenting the trophy to Roger Belcher**

As a regular 'qualifying' course for the Open Championship, Romford is an excellent test of golf and fine weather and a course in excellent condition helped to make the day an enjoyable event for the 38 guests and staff. The day's play commenced with a 10 hole Texas Scramble in the morning and the main 18 hole tournament after lunch.

The golfers were a mix of customers, staff and banks.

The individual prize for the day went to Roger Belcher of Countryliner Coaches Ltd with an impressive score of 38 points stapleford.

John Lutterloch commented "We were delighted with our day at Romford and to have the chance to say thank you to our clients and bank colleagues with whom we have conducted our business during 2007".