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Formby crowned champions of England for second successive year

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FORMBY'S golfers have been crowned champions of England – for the second successive year.

They emerged triumphant in a nail-biting finale to the English Champion Club Tournament, supported by PowaKaddy. But it needed a record-equalling performance from James Bolton to help the club successfully defend their title. He matched the course record on the final day at Scarcroft Golf Club, near Leeds, as Formby overcame a five-shot first-day deficit.

Three teams finished level on 424 after the two rounds with the Lancashire champions joining Dartford from Kent and overnight leaders Wike Ridge (Yorkshire).

Formby were declared winners thanks to their second round performance with a tally of 210 against Dartford's 212 and Wike Ridge's 215.

"We're delighted to win again and back-to-back wins is some achievement," said Bolton, who shot 64 on the second day. "We felt we had a good chance when we arrived because we had a strong team and although we lost Paul Kinnear from last year, Jack Shelley came in and he's plus-one handicap."

Formby began the day in fifth place, but they came storming through. Formby are the third club to defend the title.

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