



Event Report

4 Counties Golf Captains Championship 2019

At West Wiltshire Golf Club

Wednesday 19 June

Weather Report Clouds scudded across the sky all day and the odd intermittent spots of rain. It then poured down during the meal.

Course Report Course in good condition though greens were sticky, and all putts had to be struck a little firmer than expected. Plenty of grass off the fairways which had the usual bald patches after last summer's lack of rain

Matches 6 pairs a side. Format 4BBB off 90% handicap, maximum stroke allowance 18, White Tees. First Tee 1200hrs with a 2-tee start, 1st and 10th.

Background Information This event was and remains as a match between the committees of the 4 Counties and engender friendship and social interchange fostered by the game we all love, GOLF. In general, Dorset have always kept to selecting Committee members whenever possible and then adding Captains to make up the numbers. Berkshire and Dorset were keen supporters of this event and Derek Grimes played a key part in its origins. We intend to ask Derek to write a short history of its origins detailing who were the drivers and who presented the main prize. The event is held in alphabetical order and it started in Berkshire then to Dorset. Next year it is due to be held at The Temple, Hurley Near Maidenhead. Dorset will host the event in 2021. Where? Too soon to know! The handicap allowance of 90% applies to all golfers with a handicap less than 18. Those players over 18 are limited to a maximum of 18.

This year it was Wiltshire's turn to run the event which was held at West Wiltshire Golf Course which stands on the very top of Elm Hill which dominates the town of Warminster. There are spectacular views over the surrounding countryside and it overlooks the Infantry Training base which is on the outskirts of the town and the very Western end of Salisbury Plain which is the largest military training area in England

This year, Dorset played with their Somerset counterparts whilst the hosts Wiltshire played with Berkshire.

There was a 2 course meal afterwards and much banter in the Clubhouse. The meal as a standard golfers menu was Roast Beef, Yorkshire pudding, Roast potatoes and selection of fresh local vegetables with horse radish sauce followed by Bread and Butter Pudding with Custard

The result sheet is attached, and you will see that we had reasonable results but not good enough to be near the top of the leader board 5 teams count and the score of the 6th team is used should there be a tie for count back.

The day was a good day's golf, in excellent company making new friends and catching up with old friends

West Wilts Golf Club
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1st Tee

H'cap

12:08	Bill Kent Nigel Mobbs 37	27 11	John Beer Kerri Allchurch
12:24	Jim Allan Brian Welsh 31	9 18	Dave Bate Stephen Parker
12:40	Dave Pickton Derek Grimes 39	11 18	Clive Steelwell Mike Rossiter

10th Tee

12:00	Pete Samuel Brian Hansford 41	16 11	S. Butterfield Chris Warcup
12:16	Alan Hebditch Pat Crane 41	15 9	Andy Carter Paul Hucker
12:32	David Thomas David Kimberley 40	10 20	Jim Scott Mike Snaith

Total

Best 5 Scores to count 198

Winners Wiltshire 212

Runners Up Somerset 207

3rd Berkshire 200

4th Dorset 198

Team 1
Kerry Allchurch, John Beer, Somerset Captain
Bill Kent Captain & Nigel Mobbs



John and Kerri played extremely well and scored 41 pts. Nigel played very steadily and was only helped on 3 holes by Bill who only lost 2 balls in another episode of Army Golf left, right, left around the course.

Team 2/3 Jim Allan, Derek Grimes, Brian Walsh and Dave Picton



All looking cheerful on the 1st tee

Brian Hansford with one of his Somerset playing partners,



David Thomas very pleased with his 41 points talking to Jim Scott of Somerset



Derek Grimes looking serious and reflective



Pat Crane drinking tea and trying to forget his drive off the first which sent the Ladies red tee marker further than his ball with Andy Carter Somerset Captain 2018



Bill with Pat Blake the Captain of Wiltshire
We have played golf together twice this year and now on good terms.



Who turned my Dorset Golf Medallion over?

A good crowd to play golf with and enjoy their company and hospitality over the years. With only 1 camera I missed most of those that teed off the 11th. Sorry.