



**Match Report**  
**Dorset Golf Captains – Saunton Salver 2019**  
**At Saunton Golf Club**  
**on Wed & Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Playing on both the East & West Course**

**Great News Dorset Golf Captains**  
**win the Saunton Salver**



From left to right ALL Happy faces for once

Back Row Graham Lucas, Pat Crane, Tony Howe, Gary Edwardes, Alan Bates, Dave Woodroffe

Front Row David Baker, Captain Saunton GC, Trevor Leaton, Bill Kent, David Picton and Steve Morris

Absent Jim Airth

Weather Report The weather was stormy and windy on both days with Thursday being not quite as bad as the Wednesday. It bordered on atrocious during heavy rainstorms when the wind reached some 40mph and just carried balls away or back towards the players. Downwind was difficult and the ball was tricky on the greens.

Course Report Both the East and West course were in excellent condition. Both had very lush fairways and the greens were true but due to the rain not particularly fast or that smooth.

Matches There were 6 pairs a side. Some 14 Counties played with 3 teams playing on the East and 3 on the West. The 2<sup>nd</sup> day, teams switch courses and reverse playing order. On day 1, Dorset paired with Devon were first off on both courses and the following day last off. Format 4BBB off 90% handicap, ONLY 5 team scores to count each day, off White Tees. First Tee 0930hrs. last tee each day was 1240 hrs.

The Full scores for both days and courses are attached. Dorset's winning scores were as follows.

	West 9/10	East 10/10
Gary Edwards & Dave Woodroffe	36	36
Pat Crane & Dave Picton	42	35
Steve Morris & Tony Howe.	30	30
	East 9/10	West 10/10
Bill & Trevor Leaton.	24	32
Jim Airth & Graham Lucas.	32	37
David Baker & Alan Bates.	35	31
Totals	175	171
Grand total	346	

Taking the lowest score (in red) away our total of 346 was well ahead of the second and 3<sup>rd</sup> teams.

Dorset became the proud holders of the Saunton Salver, which was played in horrendous conditions though day 1, Wednesday was by far the worse.

Dave Picton and Pat Crane had 42 Pts on the West Course on day 1 and were first by some 4 points from the second team

Thursday Graham Lucas and Jim Airth had 37 pts on the West and won that day on countback.

To have 2 teams in the day's winners' position on the West Course was a great win win.

I was very excited at the presentation and gave a rambling short speech and in the excitement, I left leaving my folder, camera and diary behind so had to wait for their return some 4 or 5 days afterwards.

A great competition with a fantastic result for Dorset. My thanks to the team for playing well. I was so proud to be your Captain.



The Captain with Trevor Leaton & the Salver

Trevor was my partner for the 2 days. He played well. He had to!

Some more photos of the team:



Gary Edwardes & Tony Howe



Graham Lucas & Steve Morris



Dave Picton & Alan Bates



Bill Kent, Pat Crane and David Baker



Saunton Sand GC dunes East & West Courses