

WGC v WLPC Monday 19th July 2021 @ Salisbury and South Wilts GC

There are hot days and there are really hot days, our match versus the Wiltshire ladies Past Captain's at Salisbury and South Wilts GC on Monday 19th July proved to be the latter. We do not normally experience temperature above 30° at Salisbury, but we did today and boy, did we suffer for it. Never-the-less we persevered, to play the match in Sahara like conditions over the undulating ground of Salisbury and South Wilts.

For those WGC members who have not had the opportunity or delight to play a match against the ladies, it is not run like our normal matches, where we (the WGC) play with our members against the opposition team. The match against (with) the ladies is a much different affair – where the 2 teams are split into a man and lady pairing assigned either to a WGC Captain's team (albeit comprising 8 WGC & 8 WLPC) or a WLPC Captain's team.

The match as you might suspect was a very tight affair, and no matter to how much barracking I received from Frank Ham the WGC Captain (and Wiltshire Golf President) to utilise `fiddle factor` to our benefit the score was the score. The match slipped through our fingers with the Wiltshire Lady Captain's team triumphant winning 4½ to 3½ - congratulations to the Ladies Captain Jennie Bankes and her team for winning.

I must comment on my match, I played for the WGC Captain, partnered with the WLPC Vice Captain Trisha Cook (S&SW) and played against Hermant Patel (Wrag Barn) and Teresa Meehan (S&SW). Although we did not win, we did not lose, and a half resulted. Apart from some fine golf by all, the most notable incident was pausing post the 9th hole to avail ourselves of an ice-cream which are sold at the bar – I do hope that all the flights did likewise

As stated in the opening report, it was extremely hot, and all must be congratulated for participating and finishing their rounds. There were some matches, with some members giving in excess of 20 shots to their opposition – all credit to many of the WGC players who experienced this through the day.

The match ended, as it usually does, in the bar – where it was noted that much rehydration was taken, before the meal, during the meal and after the meal. It was rumored (noted) that a number of the WGC stayed later to enjoy the company of the Salisbury members and partake in a glass or two (Pino Grigio for Frank) - golf at its best, a drink in one hand and someone to listen to your days exploits (or not).

Match Sec

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