

WGC v Somerset Golf Captains Monday 26 July 2021 @ Taunton & Pickeridge GC

The weather was superb on our visit to Taunton and Pickeridge GC on Monday 26 July for our annual fixture with Somerset Captains. Indeed, it was very sticky and warm with the occasional rumble of thunder in the distance, but we battled on! The showers in the clubhouse were very welcome at the end of the day.

The course was in excellent condition. Some of the course is built on an old limestone quarry which resulted in a number of the fairways being very undulating and some large grass hollows. It was useful to have some good local knowledge of the course and in the end that made the difference.

Our Captain, Frank Ham, partnered with Paul Lye played against the Somerset Captain, Steve Butterfield, partnered with the Captain of Taunton and Pickeridge GC, Mrs Jackie Ford. I believe there was some very good-natured banter during the course of this match!

We finished the day with an excellent meal, great conversation and company. The senior president from Somerset, Ken Hinchcliffe, joined us for the meal and the Somerset captain regaled us with stories from days gone by. There is a tiepin for the winning captain to wear (donated by Dermot McHugh) as well as the presentation of the ball markers plaque.

Apparently, this fixture started in 1963 at Kingsdown. Not all the results are known but at the last count it was 23 to Wiltshire and 22 to Somerset with 6 halved. Other results have been lost over time.....One hopes the result of this match will be lost over time!

The Somerset Captain donated two bottles of wine for nearest the pin on the 16th, and nearest the pin in two on the 18th, both won by Paul McLaughlin of Wiltshire. So that he did not take both prizes home the next nearest the pin on the 16th was Paul Lye of Wiltshire; so, Wiltshire did come away with something.

Overall an excellent day, but sadly a good win for Somerset with Wiltshire going down 5 – 3. There is always next year!

Wiltshire Golf Captains v

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