

AUTUMN MEETING (2018) MATCH REPORT

A strong wind and rain which followed later in the day meant the Wiltshire Golf Captains faced with some demanding conditions as they played for the “Burridge Salvagers” at their Autumn Meeting.

The competition this year was played over the Red and Yellow courses at Cumberwell Park, the course used to host the Euro Pro Tour event. The format, 4 ball better ball medal, produced some outstanding scores.

The Wiltshire Captains were joined by guests from Berkshire, Hampshire and Sussex Captains Associations.

Winners of the “Burridge Salvagers” were Alistair Ross from Salisbury & South Wilts and his partner Hemant Patel from Wrag Barn with a score of 60, eleven under Par. Runners Up were Paul McGlaughlin, Chippenham and Shaun Carney, Wrag Barn with a score of 61, taking the honours from two other pairs on count back over the back 9. Best score on the front 9 went to Andy Smith, Upavon and Fred Psyk, Cumberwell Park, score 30. Best score on the back 9 was claimed by Steve Coleman, The Wiltshire and David O’Brien, Kingsdown, 30. Continuing the theme of good scoring the visitors prize was taken by Phil Hadfield, Berkshire President and Shane Dickson, Hampshire Captain, score 62, nine under Par.

All scores and Results are detailed below.

The Day was hosted by Terry Broom President of Wiltshire Captains and member of Cumbewell Park. He conveyed his thanks to Cumberwell for allowing us to hold the meeting at the club, for presenting the course in fine condition and for the truly excellent dinner we all enjoyed.

This is the last event for the 2018 season other than the Saunton Salver. Our team for this competition will be led by Terry, good luck boys at Saunton, play well.

Geoff Titt

Meetings Secretary

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Scores

Terry Broom & David Ruffet	71
Steve Langley & Ray Smith	69
Andy Hatter & Gordon Blagbrough	63
Rod Grinsted & Colin Bell	69
Melvin Stewart & David Hiscock	70
Chris Vinall & John Charles	65
Tony Leach & June Poffley	68
Mark Symonds & Mike Venables	71
Ian Mitchell & Martin Cooper	63
Graham Sharpe & Martin Hudson	67
Bill Lawrance & Barry Hales	67
Pat Blake & Steve Powers	67
Neil Black & Keith Townsend	67
Paul McLaughlin & Shaun Carney	61
Andy Smith & Fred Psyk	61
Alistair Ross & Hemant Patel	60

Ian Wood & Bob Rolf	67
John Ledgister & Roger Entwisle	74
Gary Fardon & John Hawley	65
Liam Coleman & Alan Kerr	65
Steve Coleman & David O'Brien	61
Mike Bowes & Martin Lang	65
Dick Solomon & Gordon Kenneth	72
Phil Harris & Peter Rattue	62

GUESTS

Brian Mortimer & Neil Smith	67
Phil Hadfield & Shane Dickson	62
Peter Ward & Derek Cummins	67

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RESULTS

<u>WINNERS</u>	Alistair Ross & Hamnat Patel	60
<u>RUNNERS UP</u>	Paul McGlaughlin & Shaun Carney	61
<u>BEST FRONT 9</u>	Andy Smith & Fred Psyk	30
<u>BEST BACK 9</u>	Steve Coleman & David O'Brien	30
<u>BEST GUESTS</u>	Paul Hadfield & Shane Dickson	62

CAPTAINS REPORT

First of all I would like to tell you what a privilege and pleasure it has been to be your captain for the last 12 months. I have always made it quite clear during my term in office that I have been so lucky to have this honour bestowed upon me as really it was meant to be David Dunbar but unfortunately due to ill health he could not take up the post. David continues to battle with his condition and I can confirm that he continues to follow the progress of our Association via the web site.

When I took over the reins from previous Captain David I was struck with the impressive playing record he had maintained both personally and as a team and as he presented me with the chain of office he also handed over a large collection of trophies which I became responsible for and ensuring that I remembered them at the appropriate matches.

I commented it might be difficult to match his achievements. I am glad to announce that I have not disappointed and matched my own expectations. I remembered all the trophies and was unable to match the results David achieved On the upside Pat you will not have to remember so many trophies next year!!!!

By taking over the office in the Autumn you get a gentle introduction with invites to a few County Annual Dinners where the golf is very relaxed and you have the opportunity to meet fellow Captains of Captains across the South and also some colourful characters within their Associations always followed by fine food and wine. It is also a good chance to start a bit of friendly banter in order to set up a little friendly rivalry.

The competition season kicks off at Saunton Sands where the team performed admirably and came second overall and we provided the best pair on the west course through Jim Cameron and John Charles. This I felt was a good result as we have no coast line so no links courses, it matched the previous year's result and as Somerset won it added to the rivalry taking shape with Their Captain Andy Carter.

Moving on to our events the Spring Meeting I think set the tone for the year with fantastic weather (not normal for Ogbourne Downs) company and fayre in the bar and restaurant after. The competition was won by Steve Coleman. The Summer Meeting held at Tidworth was just as big a success as the Spring Meeting with Upavon taking the Team Competition and I must say they looked as smart at the presentation as they did on the course. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Geoff Titt for his organisational skills which have also been demonstrated today and the efforts he put into all three of our annual events. He is normally supported with teams of people from host clubs and whilst these are too large to name individually I would like to express my thanks to them their support was always much appreciated.

On to the matches. We play 13 matches although following David's lead last year we will not count the match against the Lady Captains of Wiltshire as this has become a full mixed match and I did not know who was on my team and who was not. Prior to the game I had felt quite confident for this match; I had five men from Upavon playing on their own track. Note to the match secretary next year do not let the Ladies section select the pairs as I apparently only ended up with one local player on my team and APPARENTLY lost the match but won the wooden spoon.

So to the remaining matches our record for the year is Won 4 Halved 3 Lost 5 my own record was not quite so good W 4, H1, L7, just as bad as some members thought do you not think Mr Hawley but hey ho.

All matches were played in the most tremendous spirit and I was struck with the camaraderie that was struck up between all the golfers. The weather we experienced this year was fantastic from the outset (this must have been better than last year) although some courses were challenged to the maximum by the conditions but all were presented in good condition for our enjoyment.

I would like to thank everyone who took part in matches it means a lot to both the Association and to me personally that you take the time to support us. Extra thanks to those Captains who were paired with myself I hope it did not reduce your enjoyment too much. The biggest thanks though go to the match secretaries who undertake all the stress and strain leading up the matches and most of it on match days. Other counties do it differently with one person taking on all matches, sometimes even the Captains themselves, but I think spreading the load like we do is better. My experience was much enhanced by the match secretary's activity and I thank you one and all.

Two events stood out for me this year our inaugural against South Wales Coast Past Captains, which must count as our first international match. We were looked after very well at a very nice course that had a name that I could not begin to attempt to spell and I hope and think that this will be the start of a long and friendly association. Their Captain Mike expressed similar feelings and commented on the bond had already developed and how happy he was to see that I was winning my battle against anorexia.

The second event was not a match but the Four Counties event held this year in Somerset's own backyard at Bath Golf Club. Where we returned triumphant with the trophy and bizarrely a packet of loose-leaf tea, (the reasons were explained). The only blot on the day was that the Somerset Captain Andy, made his excuses not to be there at the presentation to hear my acceptance speech but from the comments made to me via social media I knew word had got back, unfortunately he got some revenge which he milked somewhat in our match at Earlestone but our victory at Bath hurt him.

I would like to thank President Terry and Vice-Captain Pat who supported me throughout the year and both took turns in partnering me and standing in for me when I was unable to attend events. My thanks to the executive who at times have guided me and nudged me in the right direction and to the club reps who give up their time to support the Executive.

I said at the outset of my year that I might not be conventional but I hope 1) I have not upset anybody or at least not too many 2) Those that have taken part in matches and events have had a good time. If you have enjoyed it half as much as I have you have had a ball. Those who maybe have not taken part yet I would urge you to get involved this is a great Association.

Once more I thank you for the opportunity to be your Captain for 2018. It has been an honour and a joy.

Andy Hatter

WGC Captain 2018

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