The Wiltshire team arrived on the coast for the first inter-county match of the season on a day dominated by bright sunshine and blustery April showers. The Bridport captain advised that we would find the course in good order as there had been limited play during the first part of 2018 – 36 days had been lost to the weather. How right he was! With decent fairways and speedy greens it was difficult for the visitors to conceive that golf had not been possible on so many days.

The home team coped with the strong on-shore wind slightly better than the Wiltshire landlubbers as they eked a narrow victory. Wilts captain Andy commented that he never again wanted to hear that Ogbourne Down was a breezy a course!

The Dorset captain Nigel gave some local background information, and we took it that his comments about Bridport dagger were directed at his own team. The dagger was rope made from locally grown hemp for special use in a hangman's noose.

The Bridport clubhouse was splendid, the meal terrific, and the camaraderie first rate. Wiltshire had put up a good fight, and we left tired but happy that we had been treated to a most enjoyable day.

## Wiltshire Golf Captains v Dorset G C

## Date: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Venue: Bridport & West Dorset GC

## **Order of Play**

Match	Team: WGC	H/cap	Team: Dorset	H/cap	Result
	Andy Hatter (capt)	11	Nigel Mobbs (capt)	11	L
1	Howard Thompson	12	Mike Savage	7	4&3
	<b>Richard Callow</b>	18	Pete Commons	11	W
2	Ian Lund	15	Tony Howe	8	1up
	Ernie Key	16	Paul Fowell	11	L
3	John Hawley	19	David Kimberley	19	2&1
	Jim Cameron	5	Tony Pettifer	11	A/S
4	David Walker	17	Mike Lane	20	
	John Charles	19	Peter Brickell	12	L
5	Pete Trevor	17	Peter Olivio	19	3&2
	Mark Symonds	6	David Thomas	12	W
6	Ron East	18	Ian Bakewell	23	1up
	Colin Bell	17	David Baker	14	L 2
7	Gordon Kenneth	23	Derek Grimes	24	up
	Paul Lye	19	Steven Moss	11	W
8	Brian Howse	17	Tom Lane	26	4&3

Match Secretary: ... Ian Lund

Score : Dorset 41/2 Wilts 31/2

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