

Wiltshire Golf Captains - v - Oxfordshire Golf Captains
Thursday 17th August 2017
Played at Drayton Park Golf Club

As so often when playing away matches, there were quite a number of the Wiltshire players who were not familiar with the green swards of Drayton Park and so very much appreciated the local knowledge of their opponents. Non more so than the writer of this report and Wiltshire's Captain, Dave Ruffett, whose welcome geographical guide was the Club Captain, Simon Berry. The Wiltshire team was made up of members from eight Clubs, including six members of Wrag Barn. So thanks to all players and particularly Wrag Barn members, for their excellent support.

The games as normal had their ups and downs, those on the ups sported satisfied smiles, those on the downs, well, they just smiled. The course was in very good shape and a pleasure to play. It certainly entertained and advice from 'home' players was much appreciated, when tackling a number of the holes.

For a while it looked as though the visitors would triumph over the home team, sadly the last couple of matches didn't quite go to plan and the final result was victory for the home team 4 ½ – 3 ½

We were very well hosted by our opposite numbers and sat down to a splendid after match meal, accompanied by a particularly fine Merlot. The after dinner proceedings were very eloquently handled by the Oxfordshire Captain, Ian Allison, admirably supported by our own Captain, Dave Ruffett. So, aside from the result, the whole day was most enjoyable.

As an after thought, the weather was splendid throughout the match but as we relaxed with a post match libation, the heavens opened and the course got very, very wet. We all felt very relieved and possibly a little smug!

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Match Secretary