

HONOURS EVEN - AGAIN.

Following last year's drawn match against Shropshire and Herefordshire Past Captains at the highest course in England – Kington G C, High Post Golf Club was the venue for WGC Captain Pat Blake and his team to do battle to retain the trophy.

It was a glorious day with warm sunshine, tempered by a light breeze – few excuses left for not playing some good golf on this very scenic downland course.

After welcoming our visits from the north and the normal light lunch, the 1st tee was ready for Pat, accompanied by the High Post Captain, Richard Cory to lead the way against S&H Captain John Devereux and Match Manager Rob Davies.

And, as I stood there watching the matches tee off, one has to say the S&H Past Captains did impress by hitting the fairway more often than not. Was this going to be another disappointing day for WGC?

Pat and Richard did set the team a fine example by winning a tight match one up, although that was quickly reversed by the next two matches going the way of S&H.

After that, it really was a ding dong battle, with the overall result going down to the last match with all to play for on the last hole. WGC were one up, thanks to Bill Cardno and David Clutson. Although this good news has to be tempered by the fact that Trevor Allsop from S&H was playing on his own – but had obviously put up a very good solo fight.

Alas for Trevor, the 18th proved to be one hole too far and WGC won the match 2up.

After the necessary refreshments, it was in for dinner and, I have to say the steak pie was superb.

Pat was obviously itching to get on his feet and, in fairness, with some of the S&H lads facing a three hour journey home, speeches by Pat and John were humerously given and enjoyably short.

The result was announced – another 4-4 draw, the trophy retained by WGC and presented to Pat – and it was hometime.

Well fed and watered, lots of tales to tell of what went wrong (and occasionally went right) and looking forward to next year's match somewhere in S&H.

A great day, renewing acquaintances and with the matches played in great spirit and friendship.

**Jim Murdoch
Match Secretary**

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Wiltshire Golf Captains v Shropshire & Herefordshire

Golf Captains

Order of Play

Date: Tuesday 14th May 2019 Venue: High Post G C

Match	Team: Wiltshire G C	H/cap	Team:Shropshire & Herefordshire G C	H/cap	WGC Result
1	Pat Blake WGC Captain Chippenham G C	12	John Devereux S&H Captain The Herefordshire	15	W 1up
	Richard Cory Captain High Post G C	20	Rob Davies Match Manager Mile End	22	
2	Mark Symonds Cumberwell Park G C	6	Amrit Singh S&H Vice Captain Arscott	15	L 2/1
	David Pallas Hamptworth G C	21	Colin Wall Shifnal	14	
3	Jim Gould WGC President Salisbury & S Wilts G C	18	Martin Statham Bridgnorth	17	L 3/2
	Clive Waldron High Post G C	8	Roger Thomas Wrekin	13	
4	Terry Broom Cumberwell Park G C	8	Roger Elston Bridgnorth	20	W 2/1
	June Poffley North Wilts	15	Jim Keenan Lilleshall	19	
5	Paul McLaughlin Chippenham G C	8	Graham Hosker Worfield	8	L 2/1
	Rod Grinsted Wrag Barn G C	10	Roy Roberts Mile End	13	
6	David Spaven Salisbury & S Wilts G C	11	Mick Dearing Oswestry	14	W 2up
	David Walker Upavon G C	19	Robert Holloway Leominster	25	
7	Jim Murdoch Match Sec & WGC Vice Captain High Post G C	7	Melvyn Lea The Herefordshire	13	L 4/3
	John Hawley WGC Vice President Hamptworth G C	19	David Ralph Hawkstone Park	14	
8	Bill Cardno Chippenham G C	9	Trevor Allsop Bridgnorth	17	W 2up
	David Clutson Tidworth G C	15			

Wiltshire GC 4 v 4 Shropshire & Herefordshire GC