## The West of England Captains' Inter County Championship.

On Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup> 2017, one hundred and forty-four club captains from the 6 counties which comprise the west of England travelled to Saunton Golf Club in north Devon to compete in this event which kicks off the golfing season for WGC.

We were met by a beautiful sunny day on the links at Saunton. The courses were presented in superb condition and it was difficult to imagine that this area was used by a US army tank unit as a training ground for the Normandy landings during WW2!

After the match we gathered for a 3 course dinner and were welcomed by the Saunton Captain Grahame Davidson, the reply given by the WGC Captain David Ruffett who thanked Saunton GC for their generous hospitality and good condition of both East and West courses.

Wiltshire managed to improve our position in the competition from fourth in 2016 to third in 2017. The winners were defending champions Somerset with another strong performance. Their Captain Jim Scott in his speech made a heartfelt mention of Colin Maws, ex Captain of Saunton GC who is "retiring" after organising 125 similar events for the club.

As the sun began to set, Wiltshire Captains started their long jouneys home after stories of missed putts, lost balls and what might have beens, content after a superb day, to dream of ...perhaps winning in 2018.