



## Match Report

### Dorset Golf Captains V Wiltshire Golf Captains

### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2019

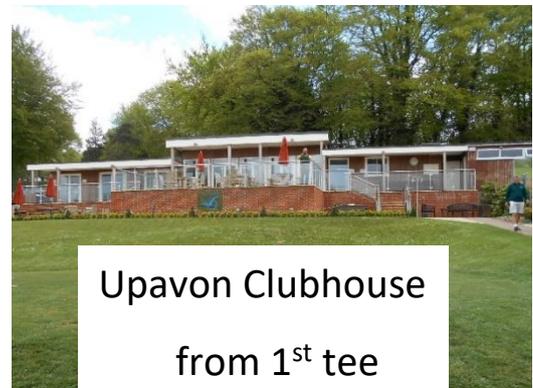
### Upavon Golf Club

#### Weather Report

Strong winds. up to 2 clubs in strength. dark clouds scurrying past overhead and with the odd sunny period. Rain was a constant threat if the wind eased. As we gathered on the first tee it rained but stopped within 15 minutes and we were wind dried within minutes and it stayed that way for the whole round. A strong persistent wind with gusts every now and again.

#### Course Report

On chalk down land high up on the Salisbury Plain with superb views across Pewsey Vale. Played long into the wind and short downwind. Some indifferent bounces due to the conditions, greens in excellent condition and fairways bare in patches due to last year's dry hot summer. There is a 600 yds par 5 which into the wind was cut down to 500 plus! It is 6032 yds off the yellow tees. A good test of golf for all and skylarks singing overhead!



Upavon Clubhouse  
from 1<sup>st</sup> tee

Matches 8 pairs a side. Format 4BBB off 90% handicap, Yellow Tees. First Tee 1300hrs

	<b>Dorset</b>	<b>Wiltshire</b>	<b>Result</b>	
<b>Team 1</b>	<b>Bill Kent Captain</b>	<b>Pat Blake Captain</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>Charles Foster</b>	<b>John Brinkley Upavon Capt.</b>		
<b>Team 2</b>	<b>Trevor Leaton</b>	<b>Ian Vincent</b>	<b>1/2</b>	<b>1/2</b>
	<b>Ian Bakewell</b>	<b>Barrie Rearden-Smith</b>		
<b>Team 3</b>	<b>Alan Bates</b>	<b>Robin Kingston</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>Neil Pollard President</b>	<b>Wally Bryson</b>		
<b>Team 4</b>	<b>Nigel Mobbs</b>	<b>Dennis Aitkin</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>Steve King</b>	<b>Ian Pearson</b>		
<b>Team 5</b>	<b>Paul Fowell</b>	<b>Bob Channon</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>Phil Dowell</b>	<b>Ian Lund</b>		
<b>Team 6</b>	<b>Peter Willingham</b>	<b>Gordon Blagbrough</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>Peter Samuel</b>	<b>Trish King</b>		

Team 7	David Canning	David Pallas	0	1
	Ron Rogers	Andrew Hunter		
Team 8	Terry Pettifer	Neil Timbrell	1	0
	David Kimberley	Gordon Bucket		
RESULT	DORSET – 4.5	WILTSHIRE – 3.5		

It was a close match played in good spirit and a GREAT result for Dorset as most had not played the course but all were well guided on every hole by the home team.

### Team Reports



#### Team 1

Pat Blake (Wiltshire Captain)

Bill Kent (Dorset Captain)

Charles Foster

John Brinkley

Wiltshire were 2 up through the first 4 holes and stayed that way for most of the round. On the Par 3, 6<sup>th</sup> hole of 202 yardsc Pat, the Wiltshire Captain was some 40 yds short of the green and chipped in. Despite our protestations that this was not allowed he insisted it was. Charles played very well and kept us in the match with his play in the strong wind which he is well used to being a Came Down member. I managed to feature once on the 16<sup>th</sup> hole where we reduced our deficit from dormy 3 to dormy 2. The 17<sup>th</sup> signalled our downfall. We enjoyed the banter, company and guidance of our hosts in what were very testing conditions. I saw a couple of hares, a few Buzzards and a Hercules transport aircraft low flying at 200 ft over the course. Pat a load master in his RAF days had a smile on his face and a tear in his eye as it flew past us several times! Well done Pat and John who both played well and deserved to win.



#### Team 2

Ian Vincent

Barrie Rearden-Smith

Trevor Leaton

Ian Bakewell

This was a tight match played in a good spirit in very gusty conditions and to halve the match was a fair result. They were very good hosts and a pleasure to play with.



### Team 3

Robin Kingston

Wally Bryson

Alan Bates

Neil Pollard

The Wiltshire pairing played well and deserved to win. They were very friendly, good company and fine hosts. Very windy conditions which, thankfully kept the rain at bay.



### Team 4

Nigel Mobbs

Steve King

Dennis Aitkin

Ian Pearson

Nigel played well and was 2 over par on the first 9. Steve 3 net 2 on the par 3s into the wind and we were 4 up by the 9<sup>th</sup> with Steve level par on the front 9. Steve eventually parred 4 of the 5 par 3s and we both played well despite the wind. Dennis and Ian were good company and hosts



### Team 5

Bob Channon

Ian Lund

Phil Dowell

Paul Fowell

Phil and Paul had a good game and a good win of 4 and 2. They enjoyed their match and company. A good day's golf in windy conditions.



#### Team 6

Gordon Blagbrough

Trish King

Peter Samuel

Peter Willingham

We managed to win one up with a gusty wind blowing the ball all over the place. Trish was good company though at times we were taken by surprise with her language. Good game in good company.



#### Team 7

David Pallas

Andrew Hunter

Ron Rogers

David Canning

Ron and David managed to reach the 18<sup>th</sup> but lost 2 down in what was a close match played in good spirit on both sides



#### Team 8

Neil Trimbrell

Gordon Bucket

Terry Pettifer

David Kimberley

We had a good win with an excellent start with a drive and 8 iron which just missed the pin and ran into the back bunker. Out the bunker to 4 inches and we sank the putt to go one up! A long 37foot putt gave us 4 up after 4 and we never looked back. Our putts went in and theirs did not! They did feel a bit hard done by, but they were excellent company and very good hosts.

## The Match Meal

Chicken and Leek pie with new potatoes, carrots, broccoli and cauliflower in a cheese sauce with a rhubarb cake and custard as the sweet which was well served and devoured swiftly by all players having built up a fair appetite due to the wind.



The Captains speeches were well received and the pleasure of Bill Kent receiving the highly prized trophy for the winners, Dorset was a sight to behold.

Bill's acceptance speech was followed by a true tale of an incident in a tattoo parlour which necessitated both the tattooist and his client a trip to A & E, the fire brigade to be called out due to a fire and a possible contested court case between the tattooist and his plus size female client.

A good result for Dorset - we hope this continues.

Next match is versus the Ladies at Dudsbury on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May.

Bill Kent  
Captain