

SAUNTON SIX COUNTIES

Vene, vidi, vici - well, we did the first two, but not the last!

Twenty four gallant Wiltshire Past Captains journeyed down to the renowned Saunton Sands Golf Club on Thursday 28 March to compete in the annual Saunton Six Counties match – with colleagues, from Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Gloucester and Somerset,

On arrival, it was good to see all the Wiltshire team adhering to the new fitness regime of bacon baps and/or big boys breakfast! They were nice though!

The format is a better ball match, with twelve pairs from each county competing on the east course, and another 12 on the west. Add all the 24 scores and you have the result.

Wiltshire are usually paired to go out last with Gloucester, as the two counties have the furthest to travel.

Due to early morning mist, play was delayed by just over half an hour, but it then turned out to be a lovely, sunny day. If you have not played Saunton, you should – both courses are a real test of golf with the adjacent sand dunes and gorse being quite penal – and with very fast and subtle greens.

At dinner, many a tale was told of what could have been, what might have been and what should have been – really a typical amateur golfing round of highlights and lowlights. Ah well, better to have tried than not to have tried at all.

Dinner was served to all 144 players very efficiently. and the meal was just what we all needed to reenergise ourselves for the trip home. Speeches were given, mercifully short, and the prize giving took place and the club house began to empty around 1945hrs – for the trips home.

Alas, life is never quite that simple – the A303 was closed – no advance warning signs (thank you Highways Authority) and what should have been a nice drive home for some of us, turned into a much longer trip along many a country lane.

As for the golf, Devon were once again the winners with a total of 410 points, with Cornwall just pipping us for fifth place (work it out!). But, just to round off this report with some good news – Alistair Ross (Salisbury & South Wilts) and Steve Langley (Cumberwell Park) won the prize for the best score round the East course – with a magnificent 40 pts – well done lads – some pride restored.

**Jim Murdoch
WGC Vice Captain**

WEST OF ENGLAND CAPTAINS RESULTS

28TH MARCH 2019



EAST COURSE

COUNTY	PAIR 1	PAIR 2	PAIR 3	PAIR 4	PAIR 5	PAIR 6	TOTAL
CORNWALL	37	29	31	37	32	34	200
DEVON	30	36	33	38	37	26	200
DORSET	38	32	36	30	33	36	205
GLOUCESTERSHIRE	27	32	37	33	33	36	198
SOMERSET	30	36	31	36	31	35	199
WILTSHIRE	31	24	37	29	28	40	189

WEST COURSE

COUNTY	PAIR 7	PAIR 8	PAIR 9	PAIR 10	PAIR 11	PAIR 12	TOTAL
CORNWALL	32	25	33	26	27	32	175
DEVON	29	38	37	33	36	37	210
DORSET	31	26	37	34	35	34	197
GLOUCESTERSHIRE	33	33	28	24	34	38	190
SOMERSET	38	34	30	32	33	36	203
WILTSHIRE	32	23	32	29	30	37	183

OVERALL

COUNTY	EAST	WEST	TOTAL
CORNWALL	200	175	375
DEVON	200	210	410
DORSET	205	197	402
GLOUCESTERSHIRE	198	190	388
SOMERSET	199	203	402
WILTSHIRE	189	183	372

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POSITION	COUNTY	TOTAL POINTS
1ST	Devon	410
2ND	Dorset	402
3RD	Somerset	402
4TH	Gloucestershire	388
5TH	Cornwall	375
6TH	Wiltshire	372

BEST PAIR - EAST

NAMES	POINTS	COUNTY
Steve Langley & Alistair Ross	40	Wiltshire

BEST PAIR - WEST

NAMES	POINTS	COUNTY
Brendan Nunan & Keith Hanson	38	Gloucestershire