## WGC v Oxfordshire Captains – 13<sup>th</sup> August 2018

The Wiltshire was the venue for our match against the Oxfordshire Captains, and given the recent spell of exceptionally hot weather, was in superb condition. The course, played off the yellow tees was well presented for the match; the greens were nice and receptive and the fairways, although firm, were green and had not overly suffered from the scarcity of rain over the previous few weeks.

Following the usual introductions and team pairings over sandwiches and chips at lunchtime, play commenced at 13:02. Captain Andy partnered by Mel Stewart, Captain of The Wiltshire, had a tough match on their hands playing the Oxfordshire Captain Pete Walton and his partner Alistair Brown. With 5 holes to play, Andy and Mel were 3 down but their determination did not wane and they managed to pull back the deficit and halve their match on the 18<sup>th</sup> green. Ian Armstrong and Geoff Sparrow also halved their match.

There were wins for myself and Steve Powers, Dave Tiney and Mike Venables and Richard Knibb and Gordon Kenneth. Unfortunately, John Gillon and Ian Vincent, Ray Smith and Howard Banbrook and Barry Worth and Gordon Blagborough didn't manage to tame their visiting pairs.

Overall, the match was halved; however, as the visitors were the holders of the trophy, it left Wiltshire until next year when the match will be played at Carswell Golf Club.

The after-match dinner of breast of chicken with a sage sauce, roast potatoes and seasonal vegetables, followed by hot apple pie and ice cream went down well and all left The Wiltshire in good spirits.

Match Secretary

Ian Mitchell

## Wiltshire Golf Captains v Oxfordshire Golf Captains

Date: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2018 Venue: The Wiltshire

Match	Team: Oxfordshire G C	H/cap	Team: Wiltshire GC	H/cap	Result
1	Pete Walton Kirklington Golf Club Captain OGC	10	Andy Hatter Ogbourne Downs Captain WGC	11	Н
	<b>Alistair Brown</b> Hadden Hill Golf Club	6	<b>Mel Stewart</b> The Wiltshire <i>Club Captain</i>	11	
2	Roger Mawle Tadmarton Heath	7	Ian Mitchell The Wiltshire Match Secretary	9	W 4&3
	Brian Mallon Bicester	13	Steve Powers Wrag Barn	15	
3	<b>Danny Fois</b> Badgemore Park	7	Ian Vincent Upavon	17	L 4&3
	Chris Spearing Drayton Park Tres/Vice Captain	15	John Gillon Salisbury & South West	16	
4	Duncan Currie Bicester	8	Ian Armstrong The Wiltshire	8	Н
	Roger Sillence North Oxford Match Sec (Buggy)	11	Geoff Sparrow Ogbourne Downs	16	
5	Roger Davies Hadden Hill	9	Dave Tiney Wrag Barn	8	W 1 Up
	Tom Campbell Henley	16	Mike Venables Erlestoke	16	
6	Alan Gray Magnolia Park	10	Ray Smith The Wiltshire	15	L 3&1
	Bill Major Drayton Park	19	Howard Banbrook Marlborough	20	
7	John Richards Studley Wood	10	Richard Knibb Cumberwell	15	W 2&1
	Ken McAlpine Henley	18	Gordon Kenneth Marlborough	23	
8	Tim Nunneley Tadmarton Heath Golf Club	16	Barry Worth Cumberwell	19	L 3&2
	Mike Cahill North Oxford	18	Gordon Blagborough Upavon	22	

Match Secretary: Ian Mitchell Score: Match Halved