

DORSET WINNERS

Inter Counties Captains Challenge Event at St Mellion

Following the demise of the Saunton Salver after COVID and a false start last year, Bill Hibbert, a member of Derbyshire Golf Captains, succeeded in getting St Mellion to host a similar event with 7 county captains associations taking part this year, including Dorset.

This event is a 12-a-side, 36-hole better-ball pairs team Stableford competition held over two days with each pair playing the Nicklaus Course one day and the Kernow Course the other day, with 5 scores to count and one discard each day.

The weather was kind, just a breeze and some sunshine and with on-site accommodation and all 84 competitors dining together each day there was a great atmosphere, particularly after dinner in the bar. Everyone had a great time on and off the courses.

Captain Peter picked the pairings with great effect, Dorset played outstandingly well, seven pairs scoring 40 or more points over the two days, with the following prize winners:

Runner up best pair on Nicklaus Course Day 1 –

Nigel Mobbs & Phil Dowell 42 points

Winner best pair on Nicklaus Course Day 2 –

John Skinner and Andy Sutherland 40 points

Winner best pair Kernow Course Day 2 –

Peter Brickell & Neil Paul 41 points

Runner up best pair Kernow Course Day 2 –

Nigel Mobbs & Phil Dowell 40 points

EVENT CHAMPIONS (best 5 scores each day)	DORSET	389 points
Runners up	SURREY	361
Third	SHROPSHIRE & HERTFORDSHIRE	345
Fourth	DERBYSHIRE	345
Fifth	SOUTH WALES	343
Sixth	SOMERSET	343
Seventh	SUFFOLK	329



The Dorset team was Peter Brickell, Neil Paul, Tony Howe, David Woodroffe, Nigel Mobbs, Phil Dowell, Brian Hansford, Alan Bates, Gary Edwardes, Pat Crane, John Skinner & Andy Sutherland and we are all grateful for Phil and Andy playing as late replacements as two of our original team dropped out for surgery scheduled at short notice by the NHS. Our two late replacements excelled themselves, see below.

WELL DONE ALL OF YOU