



Captains Update



Fellow Dorset Captains,

Following the searing heat of a couple of weeks ago it is lovely to get to a more pleasant 21 degrees.

As I said in my last missive, I would update you all on the events in July, and so here it is.

On Thursday July 8th we welcomed Devon Captains' to a sunny but rather blustery day at Weymouth GC. My thanks go to all the staff at Weymouth GC for their assistance, food and good course on the day. There were no speeches



allowed but I can report a victory for the Dorset Captains of 5 ½ to 2 ½.

We moved on to the Mixed Greensome at Lyme Regis on Tuesday July 13th which again was a lovely sunny day. The course looked magnificent and the food afterwards and service was exemplary. We had an entry of 20 pairs which was similar to other years. In fourth place were John and Paula Skinner with 35 points, third Dave Shenton and Kate Roberts from Broadstone with 36, on count back also with 36 and second place were Alan Bates and Sally Davis from Weymouth and the winners with 37 points were John Coley and Caroline Baker from Lyme Regis.



We then had the inaugural 9 hole challenge organised by our President Derek Grimes on Thursday July 22nd which was a great success. We had 31 Captains taking part including one under 60 and one over 90. My thanks to Sue and Mandy (Derek's wife and daughter) for looking after everyone with coffee and bacon baps before play and drinks, sandwiches and cake after play. Again, the course was a delight and a good challenge for a lot of the Captains' who had never played the course at Canford School. The winner on the day with a magnificent 21 points was David Darts from Ferndown.



Yesterday we travelled to Sutton Green GC to play the Surrey Captains'. A warm welcome as usual and my thanks for their hospitality with coffee before and wine at dinner. Despite heavy rain the night before and removing the bunkers from play the course looked very good and the greens were

magnificent if difficult to read. Everyone enjoyed the day and Dorset Captains were victorious again with a 5 matches -to 3 win.

August is no less hectic, with matches against Somerset Captains' at Oake Manor GC on Tuesday August 3rd, at which my Vice Captain David will be in charge, and the following day against Gloucester Captains' at Wareham GC. I am pleased to say that Eddie Durden, who many of you know and a long-standing member of Dorset Captains, has offered to be starter on the day. This concludes our matches against other Counties this year.

On Friday August the 20th we have our annual match against the past Lady Captains which this year will be at Bridport & West Dorset GC.

August 23rd brings us Captain's Day at the Dorset Golf and Country Club and August 25th our 50th Anniversary celebrations at Dudsbury GC. There are still places available for both of these events. For details please visit our website dorsetgolfcaptains.org.uk

The Committee for the 50th Anniversary have decided to open up entry for the day of celebration to any Club Vice Captain who would like to play golf and join in with the dinner or they would be welcome to just attend the dinner. This will give the Vice Captains an opportunity to see at first hand the welcome and camaraderie that exists with the Dorset Captains'. Hopefully they will then join the Dorset Golf Captains' in their year of office. Perhaps you could all ask your Club Captains' to invite their Vice Captain to the event at Dudsbury GC. Please give this matter your urgent attention as we need to give Dudsbury GC the final numbers by Wednesday August 11th.

Following my last update, I have spoken to our past Captain and President Neil Pollard and although he is unable to drive for a few months he is fine and on the road to a full recovery. I am sure we all wish him well.

September begins with our Invitation Competition at Came Down on September 1st and is immediately followed by President's Day at Brokenhurst GC on September 2nd. Again there are still places available for both events.

Looking further ahead, please put the Annual Dinner date in your diaries which is Friday November 19th with our guest speaker this year being Adger Brown, a well-known after dinner speaker. It would be great to see as many of you there as possible.

Best Wishes
Peter
Captain 2021