

### **Match versus Worcestershire Golf Captains at Kirtlington GC – 24/5/17**

Unfortunately, Match Manager Paul Walker had a health scare watching his horse come a close second recently and had to drop out. Get well soon Paul and look forward to seeing you at a future event.

Hottest day of the year welcomed us at Kirtlington and even though I arrived early there were about 6 Worcester Captains to welcome me as well! High marks for punctuality.

Kirtlington granted us a two tee start and after an excellent sandwich lunch we were off from the 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Lots of bare legs on show – not a pretty sight! Our Captain had a tough match with Vice Captain Kevin Woodham making a great start by birdying the first and with his partner taking a big lead over the first 9 holes. The Captain and Richard Carr tried hard to claw the match back but eventually lost 3&2.

After this things improved for Oxford and remaining matches all went our way until the last game that was halved. A resounding victory for Oxford – 6.5 to 1.5. Well done everyone as this was a long overdue victory against Worcestershire – our first since 2012.

The course played well and as always Kirtlington's large slopey greens were a challenge for all. Dinner after the match was excellent so a big thank you to everyone at Kirtlington for a great day.

Captain Ian received the Trophy from Worcestershire Vice-Captain Kevin who generously did not wind up our Captain about Oxford's only loss on the day!

Excluding Cornwall, excellent start to the season – played 3 won 3. Great leadership Ian and good luck next week at Henley v Sussex.

Peter Walton

Vice Captain

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