

18th July: Match against Bedfordshire at Kenilworth GC

40 players enjoyed a course in fine condition in spite of the rainfall shortage, and needless to say the match was played in glorious weather.

Apart from the course, the hospitality, food and service in the clubhouse was most enjoyable, with air conditioning in the dining room bringing relief to the players who had toiled throughout a very warm and high humidity afternoon.

John Loynton had reported in unfit having sustained an ankle injury and we trust he will be back swinging soon! As usual our “fill in” members for Match Secretary were immediately available to step in and Robert Kemp brought humour and efficiency to the introductions and the game arrangements.

Chris Peake (Kenilworth Captain) was introduced for the “Welcoming Speech” which he delivered with easy humour and the necessary brevity!

Fortunately the KGC Match Secretary (our Lynda) was on hand to arrange multiple tee starts: the 1st, 5th and 10th tees, and this of course meant that matches were not hanging around – in fact the arrangements resulted in maximising the beer time in the bar and on the patio so necessary under these tropical conditions.

Flexibility on the catering side brought us to the dining room earlier rather than later, providing the climate for a relaxed dinner of excellent food and wine - is our tradition.

In the speeches, our President David was quite relaxed in the knowledge of the match result and hit the right notes in his thanks to Kenilworth GC for their support and delivery, his hope that all players had had an enjoyable day (without doubt) of conflict match play without rancour! (He did let it be known that Captain Chris had driven the 14th green which is no mean feat!)

Barry, Bedfordshire Captain, responded by emphasising that today had all the ingredients of “golf with pleasure all around” although he had to report that Bedfordshire had lost to the hosts: 6 – 4.



The Top Match: Chris, David, Barry and ?



And then David and Chris in mufti in the Clubhouse after their game



Images of the event



Rick Waddington joined us for the meal – it was good to have him back in our company and recovering as well as can be expected.



Nigel always brings stories to the table and smiles on fellow diners!



The "Captains of the Day" bring the day's proceedings to an end

