



BERKSHIRE LADY CAPTAINS' GOLFING SOCIETY

Match report v Sussex Past Lady Captains and Secretaries, Friday 26 July 2019

This was an away match played at Seaford (Blatchington) Golf Club, a course perched on the downs above Seaford with spectacular views over the Channel. Such a pity that there was bit of a sea fret so places like Beachy Head were not as clear as they might have been. But there were (many) things for which to be thankful. The day before our match had been the hottest ever July day in the UK – possibly, even, the hottest day ever! Fortunately summer in the UK does not last too long and by Friday morning there were some spits and spots of rain and the temperature had reduced to a normal 22°C. Perfect golfing weather in fact!

The course itself was lovely: seemingly wide-open fairways but often with a slope that had to be countered, strategically placed bunkers and really interesting doglegs. It was challenging – but in a nice way – to walk off with a par on some of the long par 4s was very satisfying. I'm sure it would be a very different course on a windy day. (The trees on the back-9 all seemed to grow at an angle of 45°, so one can but imagine.) I can't wait to go back there!

The Sussex Past Captains and Secretaries looked after us very well. The club provided some of the best lunchtime sandwiches we have encountered as well as a delicious dinner. A big thank you is due to both our hosts and the club.

Interestingly, more members applied for this match despite the distance than any other – and fewer players dropped out. It was a long journey down to Seaford and several of our team took the opportunity to make a weekend of it. How sensible. The Sussex captain had looked up the past two results: they had won at home in 2017 and BLCGS had won at Mapledurham in 2018 ... and this year we had three wins, three losses and two halved matches – which meant we halved over all at 4:4. We all agreed a fair result.

Thank you to everyone who journeyed down to Sussex. They were:

Margaret Berriman, Barbara Shanks, Cathy Jones, Glyn Carroway, Jo Russ, Maureen Barnaville, Fay Unsworth, Norma Moran, Gill Lane, Breeda White, Pauline Sleet, Jill Dean, Katherine Hartwell, Mary Lush, Carol Broadhead and Babs Collyer.

Margaret Berriman
BLCGS Captain 2019