



OLCGA 1st Team Captain Report

Executive Meeting - Monday 5th August 2024

Since the last Exec meeting, we have completed 2024 County Match Week at Fulford Heath Golf Club



Day 1 morning saw hard fought and close matches against Berkshire but unfortunately the overall result was a loss (1-4) - great news was the point won by Caroline Johnson meant she earned her County Colours – well done Caroline!

Day 2 afternoon saw us up against Buckinghamshire, who not only won CMW last year – they also went onto to win the National County Title as well. Everyone dug in, fought hard, but against some very classy opposition we were not able to make an impact. Result was a 0-5 loss.

Day 2 morning - new foursomes pairings for day two as we chased our first win of the tournament. Happily, that came in the morning session against Warwickshire (win 3-2), and also saw our debutants (Ales Howe and Lara Murphy) both claiming their first CMW victories.

Day 2 afternoon opponents were Northamptonshire – another win for the foursomes pairing of Kate Evans and Alex Howe however overall result was a 1-4 loss.

Day 3 morning – our last match of CMW was against Worcester & Herefordshire. Another session of very close matches with 4 of the 5 going to the 18th. Unfortunately luck was not on our side on the final green and we lost the session ½ – 4 ½.

Buckinghamshire once again move onto the national finals in September, having beaten all the counties on their way to becoming the Midlands South Champions. We wish them luck.

The overall results do not fully reflect the fantastic golf which was played by the team – a large number of our matches went to the 17th or 18th holes, but the end results were not in our favour. Despite this a fantastic team spirit was maintained, and everyone can be very proud of themselves. Caroline Johnson was the "most valuable player" of the tournament for Oxfordshire.

Yet again the team was strongly supported by visiting Oxfordshire ladies who came as supporters, and also a number gave up their time to be fantastic caddies – thank you all, it is truly appreciated.

Next year's CMW will be hosted by Buckinghamshire at Harewood Downs Golf Club.

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