



South West Inter Counties 2019

11th-13th August hosted at

Dudsbury Golf Club – Hotel and Spa

Every year the SW Inter Counties is hosted by an individual County in the area, the counties are Cornwall, Devon, Somerset, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Dorset. This year the competition was hosted by Dorset Junior Girls.

The competition is played over two and a half days, one match foursomes and then four singles. The team comprise of eight junior girls U18 with handicaps below 24. This is match play off handicap.

Practice round was very windy on the Saturday and only slightly better on Sunday. Monday and Tuesday were better weather conditions with just the occasional rain shower. Dudsbury Course was in excellent condition thanks to Warren Moss and his team of greenkeepers. They were kept on their toes with the wind taking down a lot of branches which needed to be cleared before play each day.

The first day had wins for Dorset against Cornwall, Wiltshire against Somerset and Gloucestershire against Devon.

An early start on Monday 7:45 and play resumed, winners in the morning were – Cornwall against Devon, Somerset beat Dorset and Gloucestershire and Wiltshire halved.

Out again in the afternoon and some determined and impressive golf was played by all girls, scores were Somerset and Devon halved, Cornwall beat Gloucestershire and Dorset beat Wiltshire after a very tough competition.

Everything to play for on the final day. Another early start and some very tired girls. Cornwall beat Wiltshire, Dorset beat Devon and Somerset beat Gloucestershire.

Very tight with three counties able to win – Cornwall, Somerset and Dorset. Cornwall and Somerset were against each other on Tuesday afternoon and Dorset last out against Gloucestershire.

Wiltshire beat Devon and then Somerset managed to win against Cornwall in very tight matches. Therefore, Dorset needed to win or draw in the afternoon. Molly Kington finished first with an amazing 7-6 win, closely followed by the foursomes pairing of Lauren Purchase

and Megan Withnall – 4-2. Some nail biting and then Chloe Haesler won on the 17th 2-1, Alex Cornell put up a very hard-fought match but lost. One player on the course even though we had one – Scarlett Williams, still on the course and followed by all the players and parents, won on the 18th – match won 4 -1.

Dorset won with 4 wins from Somerset, Dorset girls won an amazing 17.5 matches. Next year the competition is being held at Carlyon Bay GC.

The full team was:

Lauren Purchase (Dudsbury GC) – Captain

Hermione Christey-Clover (Ashley Wood Golf Club) – Vice Captain

Alex Cornell (Parkstone GC)

Chloe Haesler (Broadstone GC)

Molly Kington (Weymouth GC)

Ellen Mans (Dudsbury GC)

Megan Withnall (Ferndown GC)

Scarlett Williams (Parkstone GC)

Dudsbury GC have been extremely supportive of Dorset Junior Girls and thanks to Beate Brabant, Paul Palmer and Alison Fitzpatrick (Lady Captain).

This is a team event and without all the help from volunteers would not take place, big thank you to Caroline Townsend, Martin Purchase, Paul Cornell and Steve Haesler

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