

County News

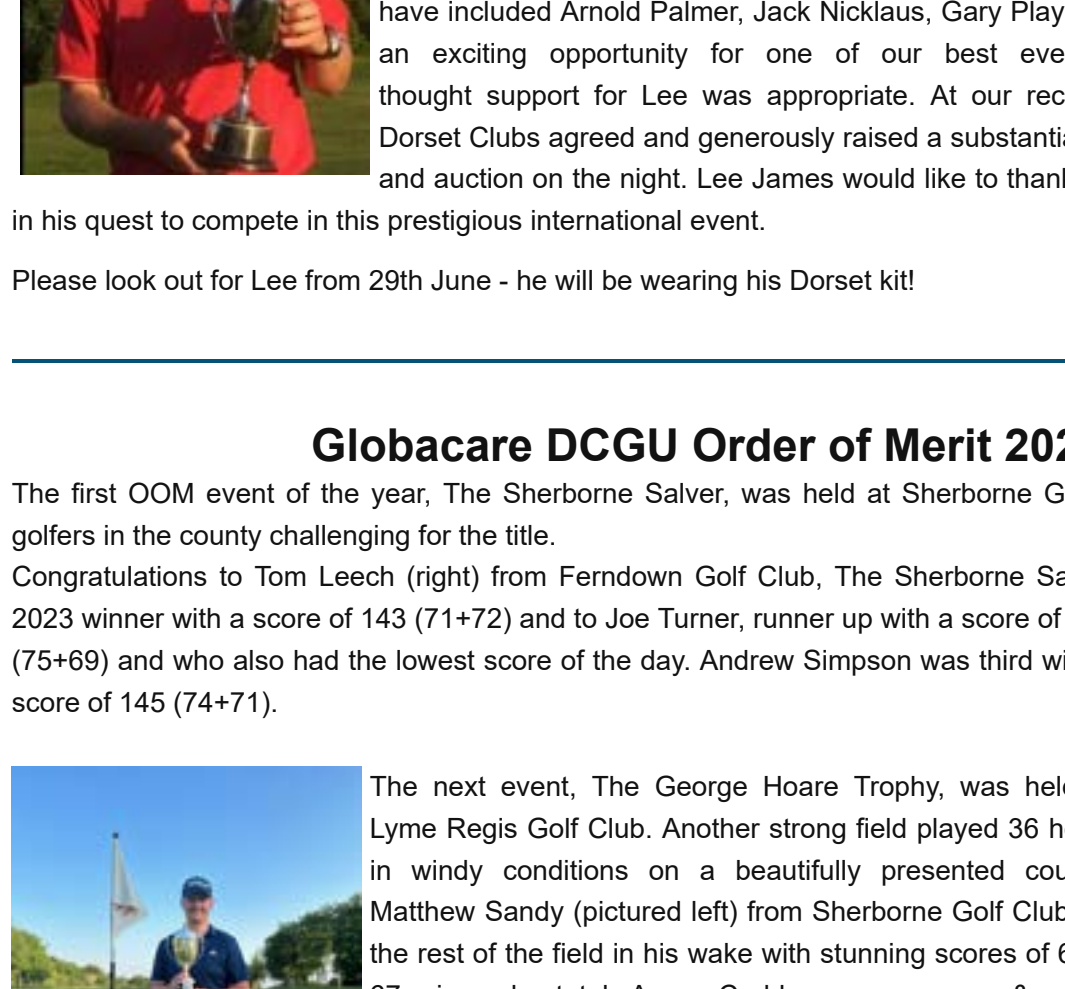
County Championship 2023

Congratulations to Zac Mudford from Lyme Regis Golf Club, Dorset County Champion 2023. Aged 16, Zac is the youngest ever winner and only the second from Lyme Regis.

Nick Hopwood (below) from Ferndown Golf Club finished runner-up in an extremely high quality final at the magnificently presented Broadstone Golf Club. The referee's scorecard shows the high calibre golf played under intense pressure, with Zac & Nick playing their 6th round in three days!

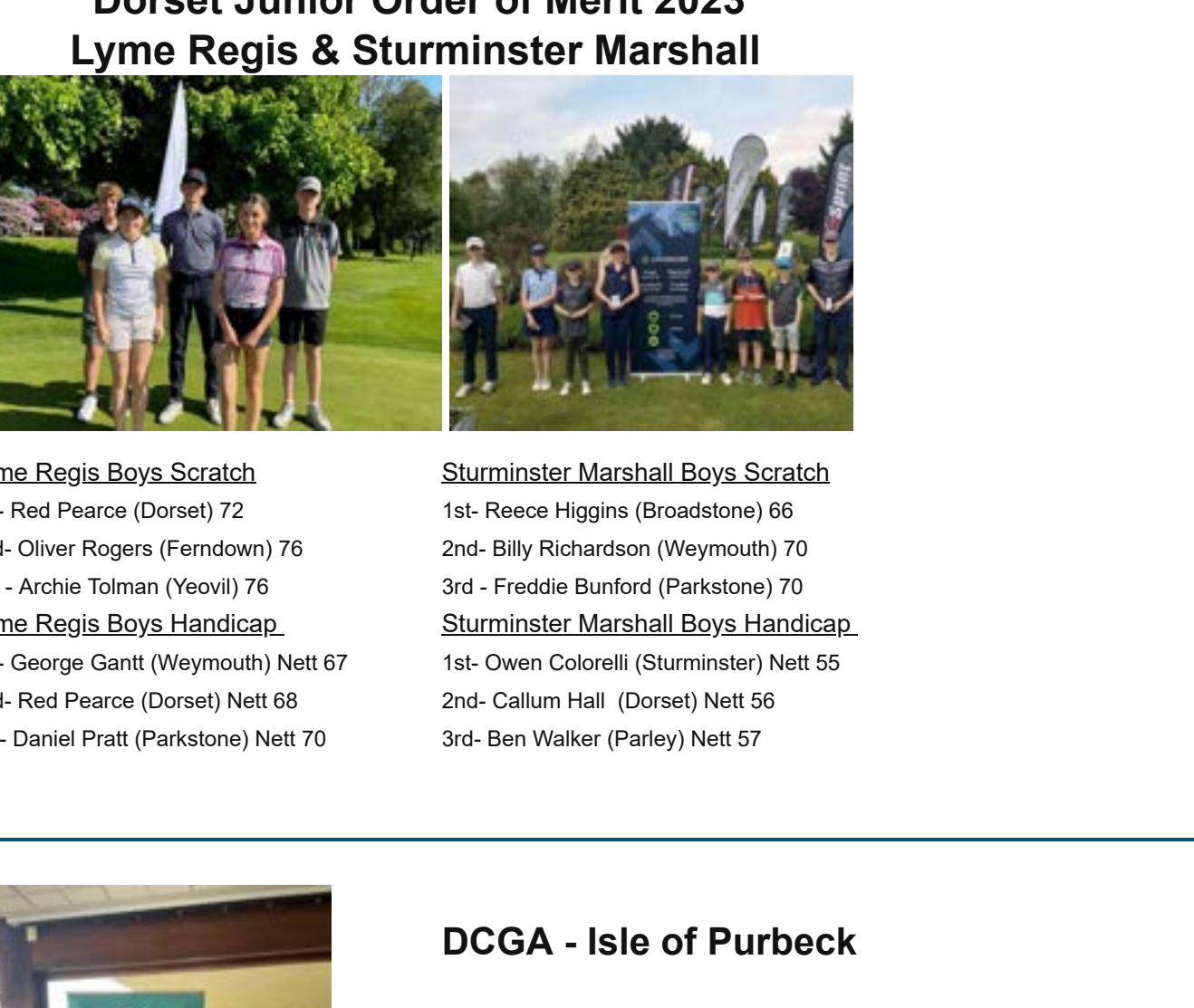


Congratulations also to all our winners from the strokeplay on day one. From left to right, Matthew Bruce-Smith (Knighton Heath) Garret Silver Salver, Jensen Bull (Parkstone) Luffman Cup & Lee James (Broadstone) Sika Trophy.



Strokeplay [RESULTS](#)
Matchplay [RESULTS](#)

US Senior Open 2023



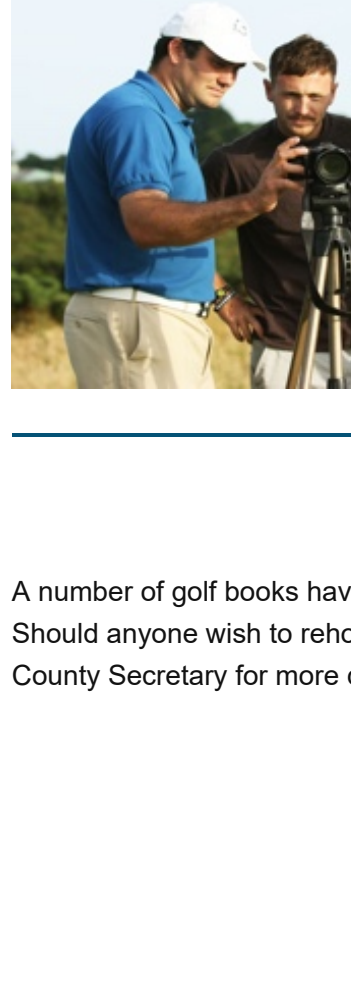
Lee James (below) from Broadstone won the Amateur Championship in 1994 at The Nairn Golf Club. Turning pro the following year Lee oscillated between the Challenge Tour and the European Tour for 20 years and despite a very good year in 2002 returned to the Amateur ranks in 2016.

Since his return he has played for the County in the South East League and in 2019 won the County Championship at Sherborne.

This year he has turned 50 and has been invited by the USGA to participate in the US Senior Open at The Sentry/World Golf Course in Wisconsin (pictured above).

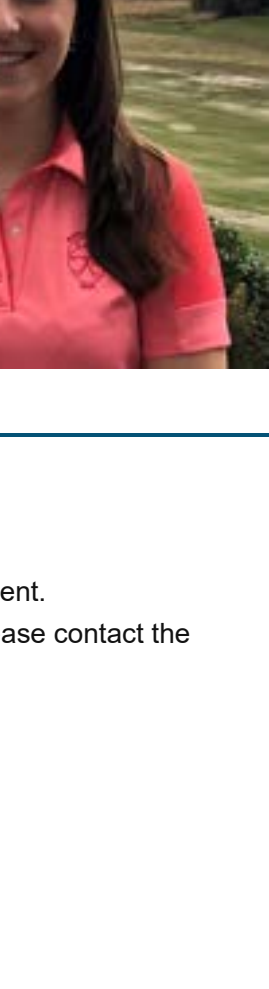
The winner of this tournament last year was Padraig Harrington. Previous winners have included Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player, and Lee Trevino. This is an exciting opportunity for one of our best ever Dorset golfers, so we thought support for Lee was appropriate. At our recent Centenary Dinner, the Dorset Clubs agreed and generously raised a substantial amount by way of a raffle and auction on the night. Lee James would like to thank everyone who has helped in his quest to compete in this prestigious international event.

Please look out for Lee on 29th June - he will be wearing his Dorset kit!



The next event, The George Hoare Trophy, was held at Lyme Regis Golf Club. Another strong field played 36 holes in windy conditions on a beautifully presented course. Matthew Sandy (pictured left) from Sherborne Golf Club left the rest of the field in his wake with stunning scores of 69 & 67, six under total. Aaron Crabb was runner up & newly crowned County Champion, Zac Mudford placed third.

The Wimborne Cup, at Parkstone Golf Club, on 24th June will be the fourth Globacare Order of Merit Event of the year.



Globacare DCGU Order of Merit 2023

The first OOM event of the year, The Sherborne Salver, was held at Sherborne Golf Club with 55 of the top golfers in the county challenging for the title.

Congratulations to Tom Leach (right) from Ferndown Golf Club, The Sherborne Salver 2023 winner with a score of 143 (71+72) and to Joe Turner, runner up with a score of 144 (75+69) and who also had the lowest score of the day. Andrew Simpson was third with a score of 145 (74+71).



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Dorset Junior Order of Merit 2023

Lyme Regis & Sturminster Marshall



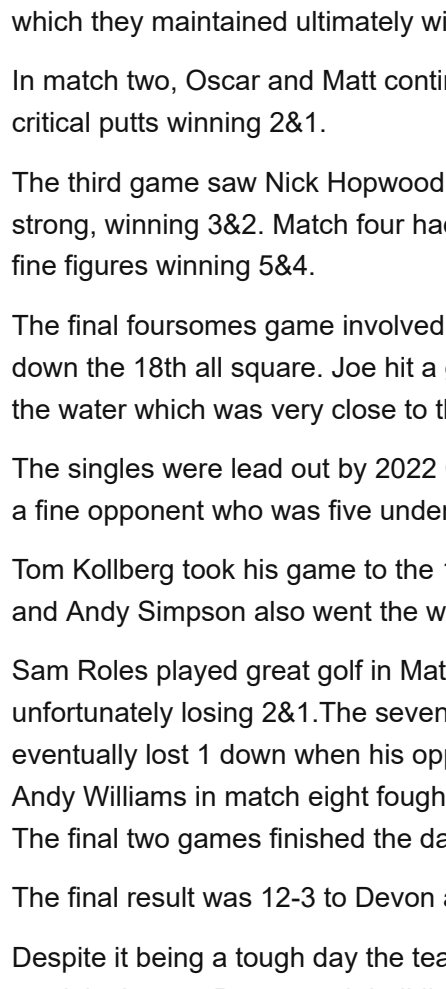
Lyme Regis Boys Scratch
1st- Red Pearce (Dorset) 72
2nd- Oliver Rogers (Ferndown) 76
3rd - Archie Tolman (Yeovil) 76

Lyme Regis Boys Handicap
1st- George Gantt (Weymouth) Nett 67
2nd- Red Pearce (Dorset) Nett 68
3rd- Daniel Pratt (Parkstone) Nett 70

Sturminster Marshall Boys Scratch
1st- Reece Higgins (Broadstone) 66
2nd- Billy Richardson (Weymouth) 70
3rd - Freddie Burford (Parkstone) 70

Sturminster Marshall Boys Handicap
1st- Owen Colorelli (Sturminster) Nett 55
2nd- Callum Hall (Dorset) Nett 56
3rd- Ben Walker (Parley) Nett 57

DCGA - Isle of Purbeck



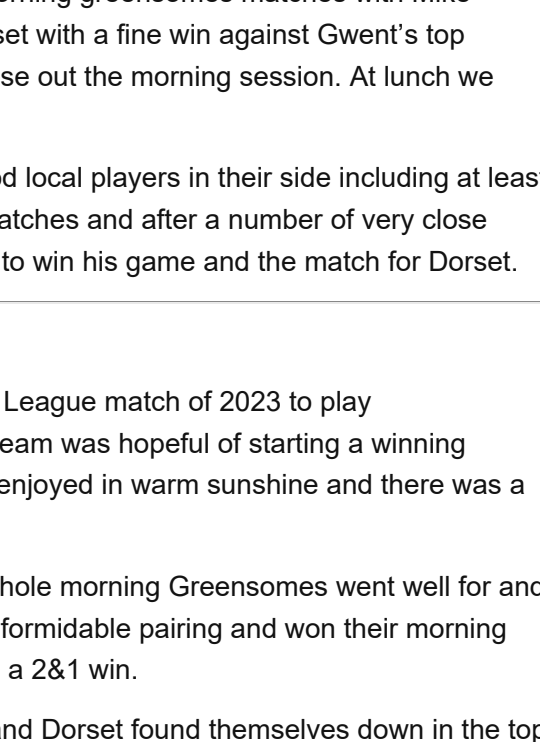
Congratulations to Jack Crockett and Derek Hammond (Sherborne GC) who won with 43 points

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The next event is Crane Valley on 28th of June, [Click here](#) to sign-up

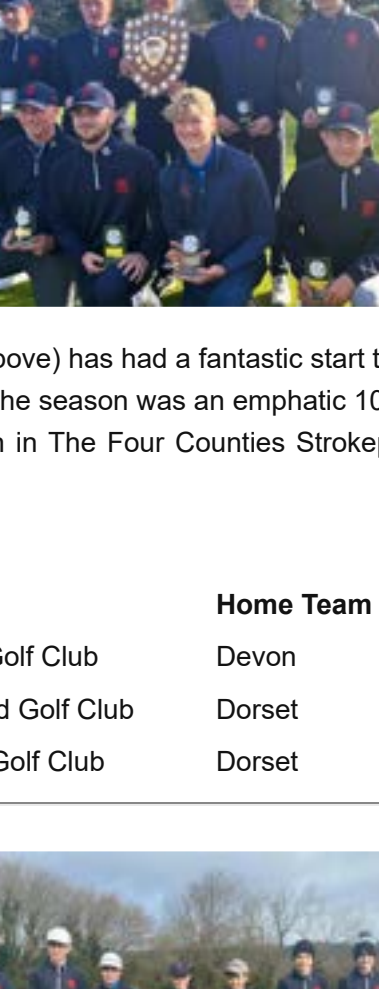
Awards for Dorset PGA Professionals

Congratulations to Alice Davis (Parkstone) and Phillippe Bonfanti (Isle of Purbeck) on receiving the Advanced PGA Professional and Advanced PGA Coach awards respectively.



Ready Made Golf Library

A number of golf books have been left to the County by Major Hugh Wylie, a former President. Should anyone wish to rehomed this wonderful collection, subject to a suitable donation, please contact the County Secretary for more details.



Competitions 2023

- [Seniors Championship - 21st June](#)
- [Cyril Nash \(Juniors\) - 9th July](#)
- [President's Trophy \(Foursomes\) - 23rd July](#)
- [U14 & U12 Championship - 27th July](#)
- [South England Boys Open \(SEBO\) - 1st August](#)
- [Mixed Foursomes - 12th August](#)
- [Adult/Junior Greensomes - 15th August](#)
- [Boys Championship - 24th August](#)
- [Men's Pairs Championship - 5th September](#)
- [County Strokeplay - 10th September](#)
- [Centenary Team Championship - 17th September](#)
- [Mens Foursomes - 1st October](#)
- [Dorset County AM/AM - 21st October](#)

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Team News



1st Team

Dorset v Gloucestershire Sunday 2nd April

Dorset suffered a 9-6 home defeat to Gloucestershire as their Channel League season got underway at Ferndown Golf Club. On a cold spring day, the foursomes commenced with Dorset's Sam Roles and Jensen Bull being involved in a close contest before losing 2&1. The second match saw Nick Hopwood and Andy Su play some great golf to win, also by a score of 2&1. In match three, Matt Warren and debutant Zac Mudford were convincingly beaten 4&3. The fourth match had Andy Rideout and Andy Robson level the scores with a fine 4&3 victory and in the final game Gregg Sutcliffe and another debutant Andy Simpson enjoyed a stellar game to win 5&4. Armed with a 3-2 lead, Dorset commenced the singles and it was to be expected that Gloucestershire would come out strongly. Rideout led Dorset out but lost 5&3 while Warren's match went the full distance ending all square. In match three, Roles was up against some excellent play, heavily beaten 6&5. In the fourth game, Mudford was up against Nick Day. It was a close contest finishing in Day's favour on the 17th but Hopwood and Matt five continued to impress with a 5&4 win. Bull in match six was unable to hold off his opponent and lost on the 14th whilst Su playing behind him came up just short losing one down. Match eight was halved by Andy Simpson and Andy Robson in match nine was up against some fine play from his opponent losing 5&4. In the final game, Sutcliffe played very well again, winning 4&3. That left the overall result in favour of Gloucestershire who showed why they are such a strong side.

Dorset v Cornwall Sunday 7th May

Dorset hosted Cornwall on Sunday in the second Channel league match of the season, at Parkstone Golf Club. After what was a disappointing result for the team against a strong Gloucestershire team, they knew it was going to be another tough test against a very good Cornwall team.

Dorset were led out in the foursomes by the experienced pair of Adan Yates and Andy Rideout. This was a fantastic first game with some top-quality golf being played by both teams. Unfortunately, Dorset coming out on the wrong side of a very narrow defeat, 1 down.

The second pairing out included Oscar Hein and Matt Warren who played some of the best golf of the day, shooting 6 under par for 14 holes and gaining Dorset's first point of the day, with a brilliant 6&4 win.

The third pairing saw a very experienced player in David Norton playing with Zac Mudford who was starting only his second first team match. This once again was an extremely close match, with some top-quality golf being played. Both teams had to settle in the end for a share of the points which gained Zac his first points for the first team. Well done Zac!

The fourth pairing for Dorset was Luke Hirst and Joe Turner, who came up against a very strong pairing for Cornwall and unfortunately came out on the wrong side of a defeat by 4&3.

The final foursomes pairing was Gregg Sutcliffe and Andrew Simpson, both showed tremendous grit and determination after going behind early to fight back and win 3&2. This is now two wins out of two for this pairing, and so, with both teams tied at 2 1/2 points at lunch, we knew that we needed a quick start from the boys leading us out at the top. And that is exactly what our current Dorset County Champion, Oscar Hein did. He started quickly with birdies and never looked back, getting Dorset's first singles point on the board winning 2up. Adan Yates was out second, and despite his best efforts and some good golf, lost against a very experienced Cornwall player 4&3. Andy Rideout was out third and we all know how much he loves playing at Parkstone, his golf was superb and despite Cornish resistance managed to get Dorset's second point of the afternoon with a 2-up win. Cornwall then made a fighting comeback taking both the fourth and fifth match against Joe Turner and David Norton. At this point on the golf course, it was looking extremely close and could have gone either way, that was until the rising Dorset superstar from Lyme Regis Zac Mudford, stepped up to the plate and won his match 2up. This was then followed by a brilliant win for Matt Warren securing his second point of the day, winning 4&3. A superb effort from Matt!

The good news continued with Andrew Simpson gaining a 2&1 victory, Dorset were extremely close to this season's first win! And when Luke Hirst delivered a point with a 3&2 win, the guys had done it, Dorset's first win in the Channel League since their return.

Gregg Sutcliffe who was out last was up against it with The Cornwall boy hitting him with a number of birdies and losing 4&3.

This made the final score Dorset 8 1/2 - Cornwall 6 1/2

Dorset v Devon Sunday 14th May

Devon hosted Dorset in our third Channel League match of the season. The morning foursomes commenced with Luke Hirst and Sam Roles leading us out. Devon started very strongly with early birdies building a lead which they maintained ultimately winning 6&5.

In match two, Oscar and Matt continued their good play with a close contest. The Devon pair again holed some critical putts winning 2&1.

The third game saw Nick Hopwood play with debutant Andy Williams. They fought hard but Devon were again strong, winning 3&2. Match four had Zac Mudford and Andy Simpson pair up and again Devon produced some fine figures winning 5&4.

The final foursomes game involved Tom Kollberg and Joe Turner who both played well in a great game coming down the 18th all square. Joe hit a great drive and Tom went for the green on the par 5 but unfortunately found the water which was very close to the green.

The singles were lead out by 2022 County Champion, Oscar Hein, and he played well again but was up against a fine opponent who was five under par winning 3&2.

Tom Kollberg took his game to the 17th but was defeated 2&1. Matches three and four involving Matt Warren and Andy Simpson also went the way of Devon by a score of 4&3.

Sam Roles played great golf in Match five winning 4&3. Match six had Zac Mudford in a close contest. Unfortunately losing 2&1. The seventh game went all the way with Luke playing some excellent golf. He eventually lost 1 down when his opponent hit his second shot inside 3 feet to make an eagle three on the 18th. Andy Williams in match eight fought hard but lost 4&3.

The final two games finished the day on a brighter note when Joe Turner won 2&1 and Nick Hopwood 5&3.

The final result was 12-3 to Devon and we can only congratulate them on their fine golf all day.

Despite it being a tough day the team played hard and supported each other. We now move on to South West week in June at Perranporth building on that good spirit and work ethic.

FIXTURES 2023

Date	Venue	Home Team	Away Team
10th - 16th June	Perranporth Golf Club	South West Week	Dorset
Sunday 2nd July	Isle of Purbeck Golf Club	Dorset	Wiltshire
Sunday 9th July	Salford Golf Club	Somerset	Dorset
Sunday 6th Aug	Dudsbury Golf Club	Dorset	Gwent
Sunday 8th Oct	Southerdown Golf Club	Glamorgan	Dorset

Seniors Team



Dorset v Gwent 11th May

Dorset Seniors travelled to Llanwrn Golf Club for the first match of 2023 in the Channel League versus Gwent. We arrived on Wednesday to a very wet course with 2 holes out of play due to the very heavy rain the course had suffered in the previous few days. Our course was more than happy to receive the rain during our afternoon practice round and there were concerns that a more overnight rain might close the course.

The match day however was dry and we made a good start in the morning greensomes matches with Mike Spearing and newcomer Gerry Whiteley getting a great start for Dorset with a fine win against Gwent's top pairing. Phil Bill and Gary Earl also had an impressive 4&2 win to close out the morning session. At lunch we were 3-2 up and early on it looked like being even better for us.

The afternoon singles were hard fought; Gwent had a number of good local players in their side including at least one Welsh national player. In the end it came down to the last few matches and after a number of very close games. Vince Joyce in the last match got a tremendous birdie on 17 to win his game and the match for Dorset.

Dorset v Gloucestershire 22nd May

Dorset Seniors travelled to Filton Golf Club for their second Channel League match of 2023 to play Gloucestershire. After last weeks close away win versus Gwent the team was hopeful of starting a winning streak with another away match. Practice on Sunday afternoon was enjoyed in warm sunshine and there was a quiet confidence going into the match on Monday.

Monday was sunny with occasional clouds and a brisk breeze. The 9-hole morning Greensomes went well for and Dorset, 4-1 up at lunchtime. Tony Coles and Todd Sotthcott proved a formidable pairings and won their morning match 4&3 with Mark Stickley and Dave Barton also pairing well with a 2&1 win.

The afternoon provided the expected fight back by Gloucestershire and Dorset found themselves down in the top 4 games after the first 9 holes in the afternoon; the morning lead had been pegged back. However, with strength in the middle order, Dorset held firm and with a spirited fight back by Dave Barton and Tony Coles to both get halves the team eventually saw out a fairly comfortable win. A special mention for Paul Bodle who had control throughout his match in a fine win against Richard Wood, a seasoned Gloucestershire player.

The Dorset team now have a break for the County Seniors Championship in June before a very hectic schedule in July but it is great to start the season in the new league with two wins under the belt.

FIXTURES 2023

Date	Venue	Home Team	Away Team
3rd July	Remedy Oak Golf Club	Dorset	Somerset
13th July	Sherborne Golf Club	Dorset	Devon
19th July	Newquay Golf Club	South West Champs	Dorset
31st July	West Cornwall GC	Cornwall	Dorset
25th Aug	North Wilts Golf Club	Wiltshire	Dorset
5th Sep	Broadstone Golf Club	Dorset	Glamorgan

Junior Teams

The **Dorset U16 Boys Team** (pictured above) has had a fantastic start to the season. Their first Greenway League match of the season was an emphatic 10.5 - 4.5 away win against Devon. This was followed up with a superb win in The Four Counties Strokeplay at Knighton Heath Golf Club in very testing conditions.

Under 16s Fixtures

Date	Venue	Home Team	Away Team
1st June	Woodbury Golf Club	Devon	South West Champs
18th August	Ashley Wood Golf Club	Dorset	Devon
22nd August	Weymouth Golf Club	Dorset	Cornwall

Tall Pines provided an interesting location for the **Dorset Under 14's** first match of the season against Somerset. With the backdrop of planes taking off, the course was in excellent condition and the Dorset boys were raring to go!

The foursomes started in beautiful sunshine with the early exchanges very tight. There was drama in the first match as Alfie and Harrison missed a putt to win it on the last hole only to lose the match. The 9th saw more drama as both Ryan & Reece and Zach & Alex came from 2 down to tie matches 2 & 3. Having built a good lead early on Taylor and Will survived a late push to leave the scores 2-2 going into the afternoon's singles.

The earlier sun sadly gave way to clouds for afternoon singles and the strong wind meant for testing conditions. The early matches proved very tight with the lead fluctuating throughout. Harrison, Ryan and Reece narrowly losing on the 18th with Alfie and Alex both losing 3&2 (Alex fighting back well from 4 down through 8 in his first county match).

Thankfully the last 3 matches went our way with Zach winning 3&2 and both Taylor and Will winning (4&3 and 7&6 respectively) to pick up maximum points for the team.

A great battling effort from all the boys and while we were disappointed to lose there was a significant improvement from our start last year. With only a few weeks to wait for the next fixture we are all looking forward to another match.

Dorset took on a very strong Wiltshire team at Rushmore Golf Club in what would prove to be a tough contest. Wiltshire, the 2022 South West Champions were looking good on the range before the foursomes but so were the youthful Dorset boys. The morning got off to a difficult start with 3 of the 4 matches going down early with just Taylor Vizard and Will Marshall leading their match after the opening holes. Zach Jolley and Finlay Harvey would eventually pull their game around to half their match. Taylor and Will went on to win 1 up leaving the Dorset boys trailing 2.5 - 1.5 after the morning.

And so, onto the singles. Wiltshire's combined handicap was 42 shots lower than Dorset's so the lads were going to need to be on top form to win matches. The afternoon did prove to be a difficult test but many of the lads were holding their own and playing some great golf. Unfortunately, in the end we were defeated 6.5 - 1.5 in the singles. Four lads lost the 18th hole to either half or lose their match so it was a certainly closer than the score suggests.

It was a stern test but lots of experience was gained. We now have a little wait until our next game against Devon in August.

Under 14 Fixtures

Date	Venue	Home Team	Away Team
1st June	Woodbury Golf Club	Devon	South West Champs
18th August	Ashley Wood Golf Club	Dorset	Devon
22nd August	Weymouth Golf Club	Dorset	Cornwall

Dudsbury Golf Club



Dudsbury Golf Club is a 6,904 yard, par 71 championship golf course, designed by Donald Steel who provided the master plan for the modern St Andrews.

It has been the venue for many prestigious events, including the PGA Europro Tour as seen on Sky Sports, and the BMW PGA Order of Merit Championship – as well as the EGU McGregor Tournament and England Champion Club.

The course is set in 160 acres of beautiful Dorset countryside rolling gently down to the River Stour. The clubhouse, with its south facing elevated position, affords superb panoramic views. Streams meander gently through the course under Purbeck stone bridges linking the nine lakes with the river.

The greens have been constructed to USGA specification and are sand based, well drained and receptive. They are protected by large bunkers and water hazards. A feature hole is the 16th where the green is over two lakes: the more aggressive the drive the greater the reward.

Dorset County Golf Events 2023:

- Ladies Inter Club Foursomes - 13th June
- Junior Open - 25th June
- Dorset Open & Hillamland Trophy - 29th July
- Dorset 1st Team v Gwent - 6th August
- DCGA - 11th October

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