

## STUDLEY WOOD SENIORS SECTION

### CAPTAINS REPORT 2014/15

**Gentlemen,**

Can I start off by thanking each and every one of you for attending this AGM today and for the great support you have shown to me, my committee and our great Golf Club throughout the year. You have all helped to make it a fun, entertaining, sometimes frustrating but ultimately enjoyable experience.

I would like to especially thank my fantastic committee for all their hard work, commitment and support through the year. Ed has been a stalwart in managing the roll up draws and prize giving, Bill has as usual done a fantastic job in organising the Winter league and the Summer Pairs, Mike was a superb VC giving me support all through the year and Barry did a great job in liaising with the ladies and organising our special matches. Peter, although not on the committee, did his usual excellent job in singlehandedly organising and managing the away day and the tour. Also I must mention Steve who did a sterling job in running the finances and keeping the website up to date and relevant, despite not being on the committee. Steve was also very active in helping me to ease into the role.

To all these guys I say a hearty than you for all your help throughout the year.

Also mention must be made of the office , greenkeeping, restaurant and the pro staff. Ken, Matt and Dusan have been big supporters of our section and been very helpful and encouraging throughout the year, Matt in particular has been really helpful in getting us as many 2 tee starts as possible. The Pro staff have, as usual, been excellent in their efforts to improve our golfing ability, to little effect in my case I have to add but they did try ! To all the others I say a big thank you.

As you all know the year did not start off too well for me, in the first few weeks I suffered a heart attack and was out of action for a short period. In this time all the committee stepped up to the mark and helped out. Special thank go to Mike who took over the reins of being inter club match captain, a thankless task at times, but one he did extremely well. I would like to thank you all for your kind thoughts and understanding during this difficult period.

So, lets have a quick look back at some of the highlights of the year:

#### **Interclub matches....**

We played 20 matches, winning 8, drawing 5 and losing 7. Thanks to all who played in these matches, and especially to Mike and Bill who took over the Captaincy in my absence. It's a tough task running these games, just trying to sort the teams etc and Mike in particular did a brilliant job in organising it. I would encourage anyone who fancies a game to put their name down, it's a really enjoyable day and we welcome all levels and abilities, it's not just for the low handicappers!

### Charity Funds raised.

One of the most rewarding things we do throughout the year is to raise a significant amount for our chosen charities. In total we donated £1286 to various charities. These funds were spread across the charities as follows: Defibrillator £516, Ucare & Occtopus £580, Poppy appeal £190.

On top of this we collected a significant sum, £185, to be distributed amongst the staff. It's easy to forget these guys but they are critical in making the club what it is. From the office staff, through the catering team, Sue the cleaner and our excellent ground staff, they all contribute to making Studley one of the best cubs in Oxfordshire.

### Silverware matches:

Congratulations must go to all those skilled, and sometimes lucky..., individuals who won some Silverware during the year. Without trying to make them big headed they are as follows:

Winter league 2014/15	Paul Fitzgerald.
Quarterly Challenge, Q1	Colin Taylor
Q2	Peter Crook
Q3	Peter Nicholls
Q4	Steve Willingham
Annual Challenge	Colin Fursman
Seniors Club Champion, Gross	Steve Willingham
Net	Paul Dore
Roy Holland Trophy	Paul Fitzgerald
Jeremy Potter Trophy	John Dennis
Memorial Trophy	Colin Fursman
Singles KO	Hans Menzel
Pairs KO	Chris Tappin & Peter Smith
2014 Money List	Peter Nicholls

As well as all this we had the inaugural playing of the Champion of Champions Cup. Can I say a big thanks to Chris Tappin and David Scott who proposed this great idea and also stumped up the funds to pay for the trophy. A great day was had and the eventual winner was:

Gareth Munson.

## Other Events:

The Captains Charity day was a huge success. We had 66 people play in what turned out to be a hugely enjoyable day, even the weather played ball with us ! A massive thanks to the committee who, as usual, did everything they could to make it an enjoyable day. Also thanks must be given to those of you who donated prizes etc for the day. And it was especially good to involve the ladies in our day, it made us all improve our appearance, as well as modify our behaviour, well some of us anyway !

We held a very successful Xmas brunch game. 69 hearty souls braved the winter cold to have a great day. And all enjoyed the brunch afterwards. Well done to the winning team of John Walker, Aled Rowlands, Bob Jerreat and Hans Menzel.

We managed to achieve the target set of running 24 Senior run Qualifiers, not an easy task! The result was that some weeks we ended up with a senior Qualifier and a club Qualifier ! This target will be the subject to more debate at this years AGM.

Our attendances were slightly down versus the previous year, average 26.5 versus 27.4. But they were still well up on most years prior to that.

I also have to pay tribute to 2 sad losses from amongst our group. Steve Crossley passed away last year and of course we have just received the very sad news about Ron Duce. I am sure you will join me in wishing the family and friends of these 2 seniors our very best wishes.

Finally it just remains for me to say, once again, a very big thank you for all your help, advice, encouragement and support throughout the year and hope you will join me in wishing Mike and his new committee all the very best for the coming season.

Patrick Rooney

Senior captain 2014/15