

Captains Report 2015/16

Gentlemen,

Thank you for attending this A.G.M and for the tremendous support you have shown me, my committee and Studley Wood Golf Club throughout the past year. A year that has passed very quickly and proved hugely enjoyable.

I have been blessed with a brilliant hard working and diligent committee and this coupled with the support of past Captains has proved invaluable.

Peter our Vice-Captain has done a great job with Roll Ups and provided excellent cover with regard to the Inter-Club matches. He in turn has been well served by Paul, Steve, and Barry. The committee have also asked me to mention their thanks to all members who have cheerfully chipped in when we have been shorthanded at Roll Ups.

Barry's liaising with the Ladies and help at special matches was greatly appreciated as was Steve's secretarial skills and Paul's excellent work with the website and all things IT.

If Carlsberg did golf tours and away days they would employ Peter Nicholls and we have been very fortunate to have co-opted his services in that department. Even better news is his decision to seek election onto the committee and to continue that good work as a committee member. I must also thank Bill Taunton for organising the Winter League and Summer pairs competition, another good job well done.

I have mentioned the support of past Captains and must congratulate them on the template they have created over the years, which I have tried to work to and maintain the high standards they have set. I would especially thank Pat for his help with some of my IT problems, also in this area Steve Davis has proved invaluable. Plus of course Steve carried on as Treasurer for what I understand was his fifth year serving the Senior's.

As you can see I have relied heavily on co-opted help, hence my decision to propose the amendment to the constitution i.e: Item 5 on the Agenda.

My thankyou's would not be complete without mention of the tremendous support I have received from Ken, Baljit, Matt and the office staff, plus The Club Captains Dave Drew and Elizabeth Wheeldon. I must also mention the grounds staff and greenkeepers who provide us with such a superb course. Tom, Chris and the catering staff who so ably look after the "Inner Golfer" and finally past and present Presidents Barry and Paul. Thank you all very much.

On other matters, the Inter-Club matches went well with 11 wins, 3 halves and 6 losses. We used 44 different players but will always welcome more! The Rye Hill game been replaced by Goring and Streatley on this year's fixture list. Another good course which I thoroughly recommend.

The two matches with the Ladies went very well and were well supported, plus we finally won back the Trophy!!

The Captains Charity Day was a great success with 72 taking part and thanks to your generosity we were able to donate £725 to the Captains Charities.

Whilst the Christmas Lunch was well received and supported, 68 sat down to lunch, I am aware some people prefer the brunch option. I am sure that Peter would appreciate your thoughts and comments with regard to this year's format.

Roll Up numbers for 2015 averaged 25.9, down from 26.5 in 2014, but 8 more events took place with numbers attending up from 2276 in 2014 to 2431 in 2015. Targets in the number of qualifiers played were achieved but this remains a matter of debate which I am sure will be made obvious later in the meeting.

Once again thank you to you all for what has been a marvellous and interesting experience. I am sure you will afford Peter the same fantastic level of support you have given me. I join you in wishing him every success.

Mike Atkins