

Seniors' Section

Captain's Report to the AGM February 2017

Reflections on the 2016-17 Golfing Year.

Thanks to Paul Doré, Mike Atkins and Steve Atkins for their work as officers of your committee. Thanks also to all working committee members (Peter Nicholls, David Scott, Barry Muir) for their willing assistance, leadership of initiatives and support throughout the year.

Highlights of our year include:

1. A record high average attendance at weekly Roll Ups.
2. Successful introduction of 2 new Roll Up game formats through the season.
3. Successful completion of all Inter Club matches, including team participation by over 40 individual members and the successful introduction of 2 new partner clubs for our team matches.
4. A record annual fund raising donation from the Seniors for our chosen charity of U-Care.
5. A record attendance at our Away Day at The Buckinghamshire.
6. Two fully subscribed and popular residential golf tours.
7. A record attendance at the Christmas Lunch Party.
8. A fully functional and regularly updated Seniors Noticeboard and Website.
9. All trophies and noticeboards up to date with current inscriptions of winners and post-holders.

The seniors have enjoyed a very active year, one of great significance to the club. We look forward to the course development programme in the coming years.

For the first time, we have formally invited Ken Heathcote to speak at our AGM on issues and developments of his choice regarding Studley Wood Golf Club. We anticipate this will include course development and with that in mind, the Seniors have conducted 2 experimental rounds, teeing off from the Red Tee markers as a winter alternative to the overly used White Tee boxes. We have some interesting preferred options for the future stemming from this valuable experiment.

Finally, my sincere thanks to Neil and Bel, my fellow Captains and all committee members, but especially, once again, those dedicated guys on the Seniors Committee and other great helpers like Bill Taunton and Steve Davis who have enabled those earlier reflections on 2016-17 to be so positive. I am also most appreciative of the active support of Ken, Bal, Fitz, Matt, Tom, Iveta and all the staff here.

Most pleasing of all has been the positive spirit generally pervading the Seniors Section in every aspect of our times together; naturally we have issues, problems come up, but it is all about the spirit in which they are dealt with. Studley Wood is without doubt the best Golf Club of which I have ever been a member; I shall treasure but also sadly miss my involvement here.

Peter Crook

Seniors' Captain

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