

Seniors Section Report August 2016

Inter Club Games.

Since the last Report, the Seniors have played two Inter-club matches.

Wychwood - Won 4-2

Ellesborough - Lost 0-6

So far this season we have Played 12, Won 6, Lost 4, and Drawn 2.

Captain's Charity Day.

We hosted our Senior Captain's Charity Day on July 19th, in which we raised a record figure of £1,033 for our chosen charities of U-Care and Water Aid. As Captain, I am most grateful to the Seniors Committee for all their hard work, to Mike Atkins and his team of Ladies for their provision of cakes, to Steve Davies for his help with registration and to David Scott for his diligence in the collection of entry fees. I was also most grateful for the support and practical assistance from Neil and Bel as fellow captains.

Seniors Club Championship.

37 Seniors entered this 2 round medal competition. The overall Gross Score Champion was Bob Clarke with Ian Frazer winning the Nett Competition. The Seniors Committee will discuss options for the future of this competition in a future meeting and I was pleased to benefit from the positive ideas stemming from the last Men's Committee meeting.

Course Issues.

A couple of issues have arisen recently which require attention.

(1) Removal of stones from the bunker.

It has been brought to my attention that we do not have the necessary "Local Rule" on this important matter. We believe that, given the present condition of several bunkers pending the course improvement plan, it is important that we adopt a Local Rule allowing this, in common with many/most clubs. A dangerous situation arose in a recent competition regarding a significant stone exposed in a bunker which was dangerous to both player and his club when attempting to strike a ball. This situation needs to be addressed, not least as many member's currently believe we have such a rule!

(2) Significant tractor tracks "through the green"

There are several significant rutted depressions where greenkeeper's tractor tracks have made bare earth indentations in the fairway/light rough which clearly will not repair or regrow. These either need to be repaired as a priority or designated as GUR. The ground-staff must be aware of where these are as they mow the areas concerned and could be asked to take appropriate action to resolve this easily.

Course Development Plan.

I reported back to committee following our recent discussions in Men's' committee and General Committee. The Seniors fully support the policy position taken and look forward to hearing more of the costed, prioritised plan for course development introduced by Ken earlier in the year. In particular, we support the intention to establish Par 3 permanent winter mats in the positions identified in our last meeting.

We also discussed Ken's concept of the 60, 64 and 67 Studley course designation. The seniors volunteer to pilot this idea when the club management are ready to proceed. We were also open to the idea of the measured Nine Hole handicap course. In both cases we strongly recommend the establishment of new course scorecards clearly identifying the course and stroke indices being played.

Trophy Inscriptions.

The inscriptions for the Annual and Quarterly Challenges and the Memorial Trophy, which have been outstanding for some time, have now been actioned by the Seniors Committee in line with the permission given at the last General Meeting. These will now be inscribed with the winners and deceased members' names respectively and the invoice presented to the Club for payment as agreed.

Autumn Tour and Away Day.

Peter Nicholl has kindly arranged a 12 strong Seniors Tour in Dorset from October 2nd to 4th and an Away Day at The Lambourne on September 7th, which we also hope will be well supported; our last one at The Buckinghamshire had a take up of 32.

Peter Crook
Seniors Captain
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