

SENIORS AGM 2020

Seniors' Captain's Report

First and foremost I would like to thank the committee members who have given me great support throughout my Captains year. Paul Dore, Peter Nicholls, Roy Fulton, Phil Chaundy, Martin Wilkinson, Steve Capaldi and my Vice-Captain Stephen Painter.

We have often had to make quick decisions and have held email 'meetings' as well as the normal committee meetings and talking through the issues together is much less stressful than making snap decisions as Captain. It never ceases to amaze me how many issues come up at our meetings when I thought everything was going smoothly.

Four of the committee members are leaving and I am sure they are looking forward to a hassle free 2020.

Matches

We have played 18 matches this year with only one postponement due to weather.

Harleyford came in as a replacement for Kirtlington.

We won 8 matches, lost 9 and drew 1.

Two of the matches are 'sandwiches & chips' or 'fish & chips' straight after the golf and the others involve a two course meal. The dress code is now smart casual for all but one of the matches.

We had 43 different players over the year (same as last year!!) and I thank everyone who took part. A special mention to Terry Davies who played in all the matches.

Away Trips and Days

Many thanks to Peter Nicholls for arranging these trips. It is not an easy task but I think he does actually enjoy it.

He arranged away trips to Nottingham in June and Bournemouth in October. We also had away days to Wragg Barn in May and Leamington & County in September.

He is leaving the committee now but he intends to continue organising these trips which is much appreciated.

Roll-Ups

The average attendance was 28.9 which is in fact slightly down on last year. This may well be due to the weather conditions recently.

We played 30 qualifiers during the year which is really very good. If I tell you that the average number of qualifiers played in the UK is 4 per golfer. Burford seniors, for example, have only 6 qualifying competitions per year.

Congratulations to Mike Darnell for topping the Order of Merit. There is no trophy but to honour this achievement we were able to cut his handicap by one shot in the recent Annual Review. I know he was very pleased.

Handicaps

Once again, Steve Willingham played in the most qualifying competitions and actually improved on his tally of 48 from last year by playing 55 this year. Dave Drew was the next highest, playing in 47.

The most improved Senior this year was Dave Drew who reduced his handicap from 18.0 to 14.6.

Once again Ben Pritchard did very well by reducing his handicap from 21.3 to 18.1. I played with him recently and the improvement in his short game was very noticeable. Practice does indeed make perfect.

Major Events

Captains Charity Day went very well I believe and we raised £1,572 for Rennie Grove Hospice. My wife works for this charity so it's always a good idea to keep the wife happy.

The Annual Match against the Ladies was another good day with teams of 24 a side. We won this year. My thanks to Martin Wilkinson for organising the day.

Xmas Seniors Event turned out to be a very good day despite the appalling weather which curtailed the golf to 9 holes. My thanks to the Dicky Tickers for the entertainment.

Finally

Thanks to all the clubhouse staff and to the greenkeepers for providing us with a great golf course.

A special mention to Diane and Craig for organising many of the events that we held during the year and to Lisa in the kitchen for the food.

I believe we have a marvellous Seniors Section at this club and despite the odd hiccup we have got the routines and organisation about right.

We have Seniors willing and able to join the committee and take on the Captain and Vice-Captain roles which indicates a vibrant section of the club.

My best wishes to the incoming Captain, Stephen Painter. He is always full of new ideas and I am sure that we are going to have a great year with him at the helm.

Bob Clarke