

Studley Wood Golf Club
Seniors' AGM 2022
Seniors' Captain's Report

It's been a privilege to be Studley Wood's Seniors' Captain for the last 12 months. After the difficulties of 2021 it's been good to have a full year of golf and personally I've thoroughly enjoyed the year, even if my handicap has been heading steadily north all year. Anyway I hope you've all enjoyed the year too.

Of course things are much changed since our pre Covid roll ups with everything now done online. Fortunately I've been supported by an exceptional Committee who have shared the workload and made my job easy. So a big thank you from me to all of the Committee who have given unstilted support during the year. There have been helpers beyond the Committee too – Bob Clarke (results), John Walker (Knockouts), Paul Dore (website) and Jonathan Perks (draws) have all lent a hand. And of course there's Peter Nichols who has been organising our golfing breaks and Away Days for the last 10 years. Peter is handing over the reins later in the year, but I think we should show our appreciation for his efforts here today.

For the club it's been a year of change too – new ownership, clubhouse refurbishment and on-course changes too. Not to mention interesting changes in the catering department. Through it all the staff have kept smiling well most of the time. In fairness it's not easy keeping golfers happy so I'd like to thank the clubhouse staff and the greens staff for helping to make Studley a great club. And Ken – you've been a great support and I appreciate it. When I look around I cannot see another club I'd want to join, so I think myself fortunate to be a member here.

Major events

One of the highlights of the year for me was the Seniors' Charity Golf Day in support of the Oxford Branch of the Samaritans'. We raised a sizeable sum - £4160, but what pleased me most was that everyone seemed to enjoy a fun day in the sun.

The weather was less kind to us for our Christmas match but we were able to have Christmas lunch together for the first time in 2 years and we enjoyed some excellent musical entertainment, thanks to Graham Reed and the conducting skills of Dave Drew.

Matches

In 2021 we only managed one inter club match, so it was good to play an almost full programme this year – the only fixture we didn't manage to reschedule was the away game at Burford. However we did add home and away fixtures with The Springs.

We had no shortage of seniors wishing to participate in the matches and we were relatively successful too – we won 10 lost 7 and drew 2. We only lost one home match and that was against The Oxfordshire so I hope will reverse that result this year.

Looking forward

We have the presentation evening on 30 April. I'll finally get to present the trophies won during the year, assuming the cups return from the engravers in time! If anyone is interested in attending let me know – it should be a good evening.

The Seniors' Section is in very good fettle – healthy turn outs at all of our events and a very able group of people lined up to be your Committee for the next year.

And most importantly incoming Captain Terry Davies to lead us. Terry has been a superb Vice Captain and I'm sure he will continue in similar vein as Captain. Enjoy your year Terry and don't work too hard.

Stephen Capaldi
Seniors' Captain 2021/22