

Men's Golf Captain's Blog – 29th September 2022



As I my year of Captaincy draws to a close, it's time for some reflection and words of thanks. I genuinely feel that our golf section is in good order – on and off the course. There are of course a few niggles here and there – like any golf club, and there's always scope for improvement but overall, things are good in my view.

There are many people to thank for this in particular the greenkeeping team who have delivered a course and greens that are envied by visitors from other clubs, Marc, Tristan and Louis, our course marshalls and Ricky and his team. I also wish to thank the Clubhouse staff – the locker room team, the F&B team and the Club Reception team. A big thank you.

I also wish to acknowledge the work that the Golf Committee, chaired by Niels Verbeek, does behind the scenes. The Committee, from which I will stand down next month, gives deep thought on what they think is best for all of the Members and for the long-term.

The Men's Golf Committee has provided me with much support through the year, and quietly deals with a range of matters on your behalf. Douglas Millar, in particular, deserves a special mention for everything he does for the Seniors Section, which forms large part of part of our membership. The Committee will be further strengthened with Jonathan Perkins joining the Committee with effect from next month.

I wish to thank Tricia Morgan, the Ladies' Golf Captain, for her tireless work for her section and indeed for our section too. I was so pleased that she and I agreed to choose Regenerate as our charity for the year. Thanks to your support, we have raised a good amount (final total will be announced later this year) and we have raised the profile of the charity; I sincerely hope that many of you can continue to support it outside of the Club in the years to come.

And finally, I wish Simon Butler the very best in his year of Captaincy; he assumes the mantle on 15th October. Simon has been a great support to me as my Vice Captain, and he will be an excellent Men's Captain; he has a deep knowledge and love of the game, he is known by many Members, and he's a pretty good golfer too! Simon and Charlotta Lyckeus, the next Ladies' Captain, just won the Mixed Foursomes.

Club Knockouts

Finals to be played

Lockwood Foster (Men's singles): Andy Nowell is playing Ollie Hunt in the final.

Men's Summer Fourball: Alec Lever and Michael Lever are playing Pradip Patel and Chris Lipscomb in the final.

Scratch Knockouts: David Birn is playing Pete Crocombe in the final.

Ockleshaw Cup (Seniors Knockout): Hassan Dajani is playing Mel Davies in the final.

Super Seniors Knockout: Derek Lyons is playing Ralph Evers in the final

Winners

Married Foursomes: Astrid and Tim Drayson defeated Andrew and Kathleen Bacon in the final.

Mixed Foursomes: Simon Butler and Charlotta Lyckeus defeated Caroline Williams and Nigel Brown in their final.

Seniors Scratch Knockout: Roy Martin won against Greg Waunford-Brown.

Seriously Seniors Knockout: Hassan Dajani won against David Bouch.

Please note that entry for the Winter Foursomes is now open, as are the Seniors' winter knockouts.

Captain and Past Captains vs The Club

My challenge series of matches ended last week with Ricky and I losing to Roy Martin and Richard Spalding 2&1; Richard was in scintillating form (1 over after 17).



Thankfully, Oscar and I won our first match together when we defeated Michael Murray and Ian Hay 4&3. All of the matches that I've played this year have been hugely enjoyable and the quality of golf especially good. Ricky has consistently played sub-par golf, which has been a delight to witness.

My record: played 17, nine wins, two halves and six losses. The proceeds from these matches go to the Regenerate Charity.

We have the end of season Captain and Pro Challenge Competition on 9th October. If you have played in a Captain and Pro match and haven't yet signed up, and wish to, please contact Louis.

Club Roll-ups

Starting on Sunday 2nd October, Club Roll-Ups return to the pre-Covid Roll-Up arrangements – i.e.. roll-up at 7.30am, groups (3-balls) drawn promptly at 7.45am, first group off at 8.00am. Please ensure that you play ready golf, avoid being slow and please rake bunkers, repair pitchmarks, replace divots etc. The roll-ups are Stableford: please input your score to IG and hand the card to the organiser, a member of the Men's Golf Committee. On Sunday, Bob Mitchell is the organiser.

Between now and Christmas there are five Club Roll-ups to enter. We will review the success or otherwise of the Roll-Ups under these arrangements at the end of the year.

Club match vs Royal Mid-Surrey

Our annual match against RMS was played for the Whale Cup last weekend. Home advantage didn't help us to a victory; we lost 4-2. Many thanks to Simon Butler for leading the 12-man team, and for those Members who played.

Men's Competitions

Over the next month, the following competitions are scheduled (details on IG):

- Club Stableford - 1st October
- Club Roll-Up – 2nd October
- Scratch Medal – 8th October (open to all players with a handicap of 6.1 or less)
- Captains Drive-In – 15th October
- Club Roll-Up – 22nd October
- Season Finale – 29th October

Happy golfing everyone.

Paul

