



Girls on Course

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Captain's Corner



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Well, at last, it looks like we can properly start the Golfing season - so welcome to the first newsletter of my Lady Captain's year.

I'd like to start by reiterating my congratulations to Sue Young on her successful and very enjoyable year. As most of you will know, I wasn't able to join in all the activities she arranged due to a piece of clumsiness on the ski slope – resulting in smashed tibia – however, the lay-off has certainly made me keener than ever to get and enjoy walking around the golf course – whether I can enjoy the golf itself remains to be seen. I don't anticipate replicating Sue's achievement of being Player of the Year.

Being on crutches also meant that I had to rely on Sue to take the lead for several of the friendly matches a role, as you may know, normally undertaken by the Vice-Captain. So thanks again for that Sue.

And so that brings me on to my Vice-Captain, Sue Bailey. You won't have seen Sue B around recently, as she had to have an operation on her foot and is currently on crutches! (Sound familiar?) I understand that the operation went well and she is hoping to be playing again by the summer. I know she is looking forward to being back on her feet and back playing with you all and I'm sure you all will join me in wishing her all the best for a speedy recovery.

Friendlies

We have a full program of friendly matches this year, even with the demise of Park Hill we still have ten fixtures arranged. Please sign up for these if you are interested and available, everyone is welcome to join in.

I struggled several times last year to get a team (of 8) and had to call on a "ringer" from another club and cancel altogether, on one occasion. It would be good if we could make it easier for Sue B this year.

Team Matches

The serious fixtures have also started and I went along to support the Handicap League team on Wednesday at Kilworth Springs. It was a close match overall but unfortunately my encouragement wasn't sufficient and they lost 2 - 1.

This year we entered a team in a new competition, the Annodata Match Play and won our first match against Lingdale earlier this month, so now progress to the next round. Donna tells me that she is thinking that Beedles Lake could enter two teams next year, so if you are interested in playing let her know.

Handicaps and Opens

You will all be aware that we are in the midst of changes to both the Handicapping System and the Rules of Golf, but as

yet we do not have a full understanding of the impacts of either
However, at the end of last year we decided to amalgamate responsibility for ladies' and men's handicaps, in order to better manage any changes. Kathy Seal has joined the Handicap Committee to ensure that the men are doing a proper job! Given that there is still a requirement for all players who enter the Open Competitions, at other clubs, to provide information back to their home club, Kathy has asked that, if you are in the prizes at an away Open, would you send her a copy, or photo, of your winning card – as this can be used at handicap review time, to ensure your handicaps are appropriate.

9 hole Open and Coffee

We held our first 9 hole Open with Coffee and Cakes (thanks Donna) on Friday, 9 April. Obviously, it was touch and go as to whether it would be on, given that the course was under water at the start of the week but fortunately we were able to go ahead. We had 18 teams enter, mostly from other clubs and everyone seemed to have a good day. Thank you everyone for donating raffle prizes – we had an excellent selection (and plenty left over for the Seniors' Open). We raised

£135 for our charity, Wishes4Kids.

Diary Dates

You will have seen from your diaries that Captains' Day is Saturday, 11 August, when I hope, with your help, we will raise lots more money for our charity. I have also arranged two Away Days one to Belton Park on Wednesday, 6th June and an overnight at Whittlebury Park on Sunday, 5th/Monday, 6th August. I am just finalising arrangements and will be providing full details of these shortly. Finally, as the course will have been open 25 years this summer, we are planning an Anniversary Day on Friday, 29 June, when there will be a fun golf competition in the afternoon and an evening Social – please keep this date free and come and join us, at one or both of these, to celebrate.

I think that's enough for my first newsletter. I look forward to playing with as many of you as possible during my year as your Lady Captain and hope that you all have an enjoyable year's golf in 2018.

Elaine Pritchett

PS Just in case you've not seen my sign-up sheet for my Away Day at Belton Park at the beginning of June, it's on the

noticeboard at the far end of the changing room.

I'd love as many of you to join me as possible, as I'm told it's an enjoyable course – so please sign up if you can.

PRIZE WINNERS

When you win a prize in a competition you can now choose whether you have a voucher for pro shop/bar or a voucher from Post Office which covers a lot of shops or a medal / trophy.

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