

Captains Report

Before I give my report for the season 2018-19, may I first take this opportunity in stating what a honour and a pleasure it has been to have held the office of Seniors Captain of the Leicestershire Golf Club, and indeed to have represented the club, met and played alongside many of you over these last twelve months.

There are many people to thank, Will Beaven, Jade Blocksidge and of course Alice Marston, who during her time here was of a great help to the seniors, I really appreciated the help that they have all given.

To Peter Livie our head professional, who helped out greatly over the last 12 months, especially when dealing with the seniors opens, and not forgetting Kym, who again during her time here with us was most helpful especially with the winter series.

To the bar and kitchen staff who have all supported us so well. To Simon and Clare, with their wonderful array of good food. In particular I would like to put on record my thanks to Piotr. For all the work he has done not only for the seniors but for the club in general. During my time as captain of the seniors he served us well, always going that bit extra to make sure that we were always looked after. I think I can safely say on behalf of us all we wish him all the very best for the future.

My thanks also go to Kanti Patel, [vice captain] David Sparrow [fixture and competition secretary] Bhikhu Hindocha [Finance] Francis Lobo [Elected member of the General Committee,] All these gentlemen have served as part of the steering group and I am grateful for their help, advice and support throughout the year.

However it is to you the members who I offer my sincere thanks, for the way that you have supported the section throughout the year. In playing in competitions and representing the seniors in club fixtures

With regard to the winter series 2018-19, we were blessed with weather good enough to play all six competitions. Over the six there was an average of 44 members that played in each one. This again showed wonderful support to the seniors section.

On the subject of club fixtures, I cannot thank you the members enough for the wonderful support that has been shown throughout the season. There were occasions that due to illness and injury members stepped in at the very last minute to help out, to them and again to you all my sincere thanks.

I will again thank David Sparrow for all the work he does in arranging our fixtures and competitions, liaising with other clubs and the office in making sure that everything is in order. David is already hard at work making sure that next years fixtures are in place

In July for the away day we had a wonderful turn out of 40 members who attended Beeston Fields Golf Club. Members reported that we were very well looked after and an enjoyable day was had by all. The winners on the day were, *Roger Povoas, Bruce Allen, Arthur Campbell, and John Palmer.*

I would like to thank Francis Lobo for all the help he gave on the day, ensuring that everything ran smoothly. Francis as you know sits on the General Committee, he is also part of our steering group, this liaison has been of great value to the seniors, and I thank Francis for all his help and support he has given.

As for the Ladies of the Leicestershire there was a very enjoyable match played with regard to the Silver Putter, again the Ladies were too good for us winning 3 1/2 - 2 1/2.

On 19/9/19 we had our Invitation day, 62 people played, which is a wonderful turn out, shotgun start, followed by bangers and smash, feed back again from you and quests suggested a most enjoyable day. The winners being *John Palmer and his quest Stewart Wilson from Essex.*

I would also like to thank Prakash Magdani, who at the last minute, due to an injury to a member who had to drop out, walked with the single pair and marked their card, a wonderful gesture, greatly appreciated.

During the season there were two senior opens held at the Leicestershire Golf Club, the Spring Open the other being the Summer Open, It is I believe worthy of note, that over 360 people attended and played in the two opens, the attraction to play at the Leicestershire is there for all to see.

The annual match against the Miscreants for the Whetstone Jug was retained by the Leicestershire Seniors with a 4-1 win.

Details of all our competitions winners and club results are attached to this report.

Looking forward to the future, I would like to acknowledge the wonderful support I received from your Vice Captain, Kanti Patel, who has played in the vast majority of club fixtures, plus he has overseen the administration and recording of the Mike Lewis competition, Kanti also serves on the sub committee for House and IT. I take this opportunity in wishing him all the very best for this coming season.

My predecessor, Roger Povoas, made reference in his report last year, just how important the seniors are, that this should be recognised, that he hoped that the seniors would go from strength to strength, with this in mind you might have noticed that the Seniors Captain can, whilst he is in office, park his car in any of the bays marked committee when attending the club.

Furthermore as from 2020 the Seniors Captain will receive a 50% discount in his yearly subscription.

I am assured by the club, that when sufficient funds are available, honours boards for seniors competitions will also be on display within the club.

I am again assured that the seniors roll up times will not change, and will always be in the diary for Monday's and Thursday's.

I hope that you agree with me that in consultation with the club that this has been a very good start in going from strength to strength.

As Seniors Captain I have also been fortunate enough to have represented the Leicestershire Golf Club on Blue Ribbon events, in doing so I take the opportunity in thanking Mike Bucktin our Club Captain and indeed, Lady Captain, Marion Keene, for these opportunities.

Finally I end as I started in acknowledging what a honour it has been to have been the Captain of the Leicestershire Seniors, I sincerely hope

that you have enjoyed the year as well, the simple fact is that we were out there playing.

I am aware that there have been others who through injury and sickness have not been able to play as much as they would have liked, to them and others I wish you a speedy recovery, good health and look forward to seeing you on the golf course soon.

Paul Donaghy

Club Matches

Glen Gorse	Lost	5-1
Wollaton Park	Won	4-2
Kibworth	Lost	3 1/2 - 2 1/2
Scraptoft	Halved	3-3
Hinckley	Lost	4-2
Kirby Muxloe	Lost	4-2
Greetham Vally	Won	4-2
Willesley Park	Lost	4-2
Rothley Park	Won	5-1
Northants County	Lost	4-2
Burghley Park	Halved	3-3
Cosby	Lost	4-2
Northants County	Won	4-2
Luffenham	Won	4-2
Lingdale	Halved	3-3
Longcliffe	Won	5-1
Oundle	Lost	4-2
Belton Park	Won	5-1
Wollaton Park	Lost	3 1/2 - 2 1/2
Charnwood	Won	4-2
Rushcliffe	Lost	3 1/2 - 2 1/2
Market Harborough	Won	3 1/2 - 2 1/2

Competitions

Simpson Bowel

Umesh Pankhania

P.E Daniels

Andrew Swann

The Lockhart

Brian Marlow

Naked Lady

Graham Warwick

Ted Stanger

Roger Corp & Chris Saul

Mike Lewis

Prakash Magdani

Seniors AGM

Monday 14th, October 2019

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