



Senior Men's Section - Captain's Newsletter August 2018

Seniors' Invitation Day – Monday 3 Sep. This is a final reminder to the seniors. We have 52 signed up but could do with another 20 or so. Please note the following points:

The sign-up sheet will be taken down on Friday 24th August - so sign up this week. It would be appreciated if members could bring along a raffle prize, all the proceeds of which will go to the Seniors' Captain's charity – Prostate Cancer UK. Tee times for the event will be published on 27th August.

Match Results. The winning streak continues with wins against Oundle, Gog Magog and Wyboston Lakes. However, with an upcoming run of away fixtures, matches will become more difficult to win. If you want to try your hand at competitive golf, played in a friendly spirit, please append your name to the sign-up sheets displayed on the Seniors' noticeboard.

Away Day at Kilworth Springs Golf Club - 30 Aug. Clive Sheffield has arranged a fun day at Kilworth Springs and the sign-up sheet is on the noticeboard. Come and try your hand at a very good track.

SMS Committee 2019. The SMS is currently looking for vice-captain nominees for 2019. I repeat that there is an opening for the position of vice-captain. Experience is not essential as help and guidance is always available. If you would like to help with this fulfilling and rewarding role, please come and talk to me, our current vice-captain, Dave Kelsey, or any member of the committee.

Derek Sincock's Initiative. Following a recent on-course incident, the attending medical team asked for the patient's age, known medical conditions and any prescribed medication. Unfortunately, no accompanying player knew any of the above information about the player concerned. At the August SMS committee meeting, Derek proposed that players carry information in their respective golf bags. Derek stated that he would supply a simple proforma and containment bag for all who wished to take up the idea. The information would of course be private to each individual. Derek intends to display his concept in an open letter that will be displayed on the Seniors' noticeboard.

Competition Cards. Once again, a plea to all those who compete in boarded competitions and roll-up qualifiers. **Enter your score into the computer and leave your scorecard at the appropriate place.**

Ron's Rules. Q. A player, believing his tee shot might be lost to the right out of bounds off the 5th tee, played a provisional ball. He searched for his original ball but did not find it. He went forward and played his provisional ball but then on walking farther forward he found his original ball in bounds. The original ball must have bounced off a tree and then come back into bounds, because it was found much farther from the tee than anticipated. Was the original ball still the ball in play?

A. No. The player played a stroke with the provisional ball from a point nearer the hole than the place where the original ball was likely to be. When he did so, the provisional ball became the ball in play and the original ball was lost (Rule 27-2b). In this case the place where the original ball in fact lay was irrelevant.

Happy Golfing
Mike Murray-Smith
SMS Captain 2018