



CAPTAIN'S FIRST BLOG - Monday 15th October

A very hectic start to my year!

After being given the thumbs up at the AGM, I've spent even more time at the Club than usual. My car and Green Jacket have too!

The contentious issue at the AGM (the voting) is being addressed immediately and there will be more information on that shortly.

The Drive In was a super day from my viewpoint. Staff and members were so supportive and up for a good time that the day flew by. Numerous tales of friends feeling less than 100% on Monday morning/afternoon are testament to that.

On Wednesday evening I attended the Ladies Section AGM and on Thursday the Lady Captain's Drive In was held which serves as a reminder that I represent the whole Club which I am of course more than happy to do. On Thursday evening I enjoyed a late night out away from the Club at a rock concert.

Friday saw the first Absent Friends Day, golf followed by food and then entertainment provided by our DJs Jan and Keith Rush who also hosted the Karaoke . It was a very good event which will be a regular part of the calendar allowing us the chance to mingle with the families of our friends who have sadly passed away. Out of sight does not mean out of mind and the families will always be part of the "Shirley Park Family".

Saturday was Finals Day of the Warren and Hilliard Leagues at Kingswood, always a splendid event. Our teams played well but came up against some incredible scoring from other clubs. Lovely dinner and after dinner speeches and mingling with our friends from other clubs followed by a nightcap at SPGC on the way home.

Sunday was The International, the traditional first event of the new Captain's year. As always it was a not too serious golf competition followed by a lovely lunch and a drink or two. It was very good to see some of our more recent members getting involved and enjoying the banter, camaraderie and merriment which always accompanies the event.

Today is pretty much a chill out and liver repair day, apart from picking up my car and the Green Jacket yet again and meeting a new member later on.

Vice Captain Paul Byfield, President Dave Smith, Lady Captain Polly Spall and I are all on the same page in that we enjoy, respect and plan to uphold the traditions which are part of the history of the Club but we are also prepared to move with the times and listen to fresh ideas.

We all look forward to this year being a very happy and successful year for the Club and thank you for your support and good wishes so far.

Barry Pearce
Captain