



As we've made our New Year resolutions, and we're trying our best to keep to them, I'm sure that improving your golf is high on the list. Although quite cold and frosty, the recent weather has not prevented many of us in Worcestershire from getting out there on our fine courses.

The **County juniors** have not had one coaching session cancelled and they have been enjoying the various competitions and skill building activities provided by our coaches at Bromsgrove GC, Kings Norton GC, Cleobury Mortimer GC and Blackwell GC. It was great to see some of our former top juniors, who are now either in the 1st Team or at American colleges, returning over the Christmas period to play alongside our boys and give them the benefit of their advice.

The first main event on the County calendar, **the Annual Dinner**, held at Kings Norton GC on Friday 20th January 2017, was, from all the feedback received, a great success. Some 200 attendees enjoyed a fine meal and good company together with highly entertaining speeches from the distinguished guests. It was a pleasure to have on the top table, our President, Mr Will Painter, Mr John Stubbings (President MGU), who toasted the Union and, in response on behalf of the guests, Mr Keith Macintosh (Captain, R&A Golf Club, St Andrews). The guest speaker, Mr Bob Webb, provided a very amusing finale to the evening.

During Mr Will Painter's speech he was keen to praise the work of the County volunteers, referees and Executive members, who give so much of their time support the Union's events. He thanked all the clubs in the union, who continue to support the County's competitions and team matches so generously. In addition, our team points winner prizes were presented to their respective 2016 winners, as outlined below:



Tom Godfrey (Fulford Heath GC) and **Steven Lane** (The Worcestershire GC) (unfortunately, not able to attend) who both won The President's Shield for the most points gained in the County 1st Team matches during the 2016 season.



James Berwick, (Kings Norton GC) who won The Chandler Shield, for the most points gained in the County 2nd Team matches during the 2016 season.



Gary Bristow, (Redditch GC) who won The Bolton Shield, for the most points gained in the County Senior Team matches during 2016.



Pete Adams, County Seniors Captain, received the EGU 2016 Midland Senior Team Champions Trophy from John Stubbings, MGU President, at the dinner.

Our website has recently been revamped, please have a look and you'll find all the information you need about our County events.

www.mens.worcestershireamateurgolf.co.uk

Bill Thompson: County Chairman and Past President