



## Senior Men's Section - Captain's Newsletter December 2017

**The New Committee.** After the Senior Men's Section AGM held on 17<sup>th</sup> Nov, I have the pleasure of taking over as your captain for 2018 – thank you for electing me. We say thank you to Bob Wilson as he becomes the immediate past captain and the committee look to him for advice and guidance throughout 2018. Dave Kelsey steps up to be vice-captain for 2018 and I am indebted to the secretary, the treasurer and the competitions and fixtures secretary who have volunteered to stay on for another year. Clive Sheffield and Dave Rennie will continue their work as general committee members. We are always looking for a succession of volunteers for the committee and indeed, Dave Kelsey is seeking a potential vice-captain for next year.

**The Forthcoming Year.** It is my intention that we should all thoroughly enjoy our Seniors' golf during 2018, no matter what our respective handicaps. As to the Captain's Project, Clive and his happy gang of helpers intend to complete the excellent work refurbishing the tee marker stones and signage and then to move on to repairing and/or renewing the on-course waste bins. My chosen charity during my tenure as captain is Prostate Cancer UK. This is a break from the traditional choice of selecting a local charity, but it's a charity that I consider relevant to the seniors.

**Turkey Trot.** This was held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec on a cold, windy, yet dry day. We had a record turnout; 64 players and 47 diners who, with rosy cheeks, sat down to an excellent meal. The winner of the competition was Bill Stenhouse with 39 points, congratulations to him; further prizes were awarded down to the 10<sup>th</sup> placed player, nearest the pin and for the 4 winners of the 2s competition. Although recycled, even my joke got a laugh!

**Order of Merit.** As you are aware, the Order of Merit is played over most of the year and ends in November. Although there is no entry fee, prizes were awarded for the first 3 places. So congratulations for good steady golf throughout the year go to: Ross Starkey, Derek Sincock and Dave Kelsey who finished 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively.

**Plea from The Club Captain.** The Club Captain, Ian Robinson, sent an e-mail to all members to explain his initiative to play, when and wherever possible, from the grass tee boxes and not the mats during the winter months. However, this requires minimizing footfall and traffic on the tees. The message is clear – please keep off the tee box unless it is your turn to play. Thank you in anticipation.

Lastly from me, I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy Golfing New Year.

*Mike Murray-Smith*