

THE CAPTAIN'S WEEK

Last Friday, I had yet another unique experience in my Captaincy year. I was asked to officially 'open' the new gazebo outside the Roundhouse by cutting some ribbon and unveiling the plaque that recognises the contribution made by the members of the **Lottery Club**. It also gave me the opportunity to thank Steve and Matt who did all the heavy lifting and Richard, Christine, Alex and John for raising the money. There remains much more to do on the course, so if you're not already part of the Lottery, please get involved!!

On Saturday it was back to golf for the **Mens' May Medal**. I teamed up with the quiet, unassuming combination of Steve Hughes and Mark Taylor who clearly thought my life needs brightening up. And judging by how badly I played, they're probably right. In Division 1, things were significantly brighter for Dominic Bunning who won his first Medal with a net 69 just beating Paul 'Always the Bridesmaid' Copson who was second one shot behind. Well played Dominic. In Division 2, Chris

Stanton took the top honours as he shot a net 70, two shots ahead of David O'Leary and Ruaridh Kelly. **On Sunday**, Ben and I had the pleasure of playing Dave Perrott and Steve Mackinson. It was even more of a pleasure because we won. Hurrah!



I think I'm under-dressed....



but then Nigel redresses the balance

Captain & Pro Challengers
Steve and Dave enjoy breakfast
under our new gazebo



The Lottery Committee and Green Team join me, the VC, the VP and the GM for the official opening of the new gazebo.



No expense spent on the ribbon!



Unveiling the Lottery Club plaque





MGC GOES TO THE RACES



...OR THE RACES COME TO MGC



Well done to Will, Andy and Darren for 'making it real' (with a little help from Veronica)



When two jockeys turned up to ride the same horse...



Will's horse suddenly bolts towards the bar



Swopped their copies of Stylish Hat Magazine for the latest edition of the Racing Post



A Champagne moment for winners Laura and Alan



I think I'm supposed to make a profit



I'm sure I've seen this race before



Alison on her new mount: *MayTheHorseBeWithYou*



"Is this what it's like to be at a Public School?"



HELP SHAPE OUR FUTURE...

Now that our membership has voted to accept the changes in the governance of the Club, the process of implementing the new management structure can begin at the Club's **AGM on Saturday 8th June**. This will include the opportunity for any member to stand for election to the Board of Directors if you feel you have something to contribute and are able to make the commitment to being part of the Club's management team. All candidates must have been a full playing member of the Club for at least five years (with MGC as your 'home club') and have a proposer and seconder who are either five or seven-day members. All nominations must be handed to our General Manager by **Friday 24th May**.

In the meantime, if you'd like some more information about the responsibilities that come with being a director or would like to discuss how you might get involved, please contact me, Michael Barnett or David Boyce.

MALDEN CUP

Congratulations to Lesley Mason and Janet Firmston-Williams for their fine victory in the **Ladies' Malden Cup** on Bank Holiday Monday. Lesley and Janet, who are both relatively new members of the Club, won the elegant trophy as well as lovely cut glass Champagne flutes presented by sponsor Amanda Blackburne with an excellent score of 42 points.



The Lady Captain ensures Janet avoids having to juggle her valuable prizes

And in second place was Sarah Fairbairn and Alison Trinnick who were just 2 points behind with Carol Bilton and Jenny Peterson coming third.



LAST BUT NOT LEAST

Unfortunately, I couldn't make the **Race Night** on Saturday but judging by the pictures taken by my on-course photographers and the comments from those who were there, it was a terrific evening. It looks like the event has helped to raise some £1500 for our Charity Day Fund. My thanks to Will, Andy and Darren for all their efforts to organise it. Well done.

On the subject of **CHARITY DAY**, please try to get a team together to take part in this years event on **WEDNESDAY 3rd JULY**. It is vitally important that we continue to support local organisations that help people of all ages in our community. John Driscoll and his Charity Committee have been working hard to put Charity Day together and they'd very much appreciate your support.

In the meantime, the **LADIES' SPRING MEETING** is taking place on Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th May. We can also look forward to the finals of the **MENS' SCRATCH SALVER** and **SCRATCH PLATE** on **Sunday 19th May** followed by the **VICTORY CUP** on **Sunday 25th May**.

And don't forget the **SUMMER PARTY** on **Saturday 1st June**. If you can, please join me for some great food, fun entertainment and terrific live music! What's not to like?

