



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

The End of a Great Year. The competitive golfing year finished with my first competition as your captain, The Turkey Trot. Well, the weather was dreadful. 62 players started from a shotgun start and it started raining and didn't stop till my group reached the 12th hole when the sun tried to poke its head out, but by then 28 had walked in, cold, wet and looking forward to Christmas lunch. By the time we reached the 16th hole Mike Brown complained he was wet and cold; Mike Murray-Smith complained that he couldn't grip his clubs and Phil Rogers complained that he hit a bad drive because the sun was in his eyes. Phil has promised better weather for next year's event. The weather didn't stop some though! Winning with 41pts was Martin Shirley, 2nd John Ballantine 40pts, 3rd Ross Starkey 38pts, 4th Mark Edmondson 37pts, 5th Nigel Mersh 33pts, 6th Simon Bottomley 33pts, 7th Mike King 33pts, 8th Kevin Cartlidge 33pts, 9th Bob Riordan 32pts and 10th David Lindley 32pts: all winning meat vouchers for Christmas from a local butcher. Well done to you all.

The Forthcoming Year. We have a great line up of inter-club matches next year, which starts with a home match with Gog Magog at the end of March: we also have Cambridge Meridian who have taken the place of Ely City. I hope you continue to support these matches as well as you did last year - they are always a great day.

Captain's Project. Part of my Captain's project is to rid some of the bunkers of the stones which we all complain about. This will be done under the supervision of Nick Meehan and will start in the spring when I will be asking for volunteers. I hope some of you will join me.

New Year's Eve Roll-Up. You may have noticed that the roll-up on the 31st December is from 07:00 till 09:00: this is due to very few people turning up over the new year period last year; so I have agreed with the pro shop to reduce our time by 30 minutes. If you intend to play on the 31st please remember to arrive in plenty of time to start before 09:00.

Ron's Rules.

Q. A player makes a stroke on the green with the flagstick left in the hole and the ball hits the flagstick. Is the player penalised?

A. No. Under the 2019 rules there is no penalty. The decision to have the flagstick in the hole must be made before the stroke, by either leaving it in the hole or having a removed flagstick put back.

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

Dave Kelsey