

## CAPTAINS NEWSLETTER –FEBRUARY 2018

With the 2017 Christmas and New Year festivities a distant memory and January now behind us, just a few words to keep us all up to date with what's currently happening at the club and to bring some exciting news about future events.

Firstly, well done to all our members playing in both the Winter League and Knockout for turning out for competitive golf in all weather and conditions - it will be interesting to see the final results and who is showing a little bit of early season form!

Thanks to Andrew and the Greens Staff who have been working hard over the winter months - their considerable efforts are currently there for us all to see – both the tree clearing project and drainage work are well under way and already paying dividends. Walking down the 12th fairway and looking left at the clearing towards the 4th hole is an excellent example of the good work being undertaken.

Due to comfortably being one of the worst putters in the club, I have personally welcomed the introduction of the oversized holes on the temporary greens this winter - any chance we can have them on all 18 greens in the summer??

Off the, course Trish and the Bar / Catering Team continue to provide their friendly and excellent service to members and visitors alike. The introduction of Sky TV has provided another facility for us all to enjoy with the coverage of football and golf proving popular and with the Six Nations Rugby coming up later this month, the “banter” in the clubhouse should be great. Trish is pleased to announce a refreshed bar menu details of which will be published shortly.

A couple of events for your diaries this month include the ever popular Quiz this coming Saturday 3rd Feb and the Captain's Hand Over Dinner on Saturday 24th Feb. Immediate Past Captain Malcolm Fawcett and myself would be really pleased to see as many of you as possible at the Hand Over Dinner which should be a memorable night. Tickets are currently on sale for both these events.

Looking further ahead, it is with great pleasure to announce that the region's Pro's are coming in force to Brancepeth! In June the prestigious North East / North West 36 hole PGA Championship is being held over our course along with the return to the rota of the Northumberland and Durham Golf Alliance.

In August, I am also delighted to say we are once again going to hold a Brancepeth Castle GC Pro Am. The Pro Am is being very kindly sponsored by Maddison Autos with St Cuthbert's Hospice, my chosen charity for the year, being the main beneficiary. Further details of all these events will be published in due course.

Many congratulations to Past Captain Ian Davison who had an albatross 2 on the par 5 12th hole on the last day in January - Driver and 5 wood brilliant!!

Looking forward to some good golfing weather ahead and seeing you all at the club.

David Tweddle, Captain