

County Newsletter

March 2019

We've now got an extra hour in the evenings, the first major is almost upon us and at many clubs the greens are recovering well after their spring maintenance work. It's an exciting time of the year for all golfers.



Many congratulations to **David McGillivray**, who was duly elected as our President at the annual Council Meeting. Taking over from **Grenville Rose**, he chaired the meeting and the Council approved the appointment of **Anthony Hill** as the 2019 County Captain. Anthony has kindly taken over from **Steven Lane**, who, because of considerable work commitments, was unable to continue as Captain.

Newly co-opted members to the County Executive were **John Whitehead** (Droitwich GC) and **Alex Bishop** (Droitwich GC)

- **Tony Edwards** explained that six courses were in the final group to be course rated in our County this year and the World-Wide Handicap System roll out is now being delayed to the Autumn of 2020.
- **The County Secretary urged all Club Committee members to read this excellent checklist, produced by the R&A. Please follow this link :** <https://www.randa.org/~media/rules-modernization/resources-center/files/get-ready-for-2019--committees.ashx>

Under the enthusiastic guidance of **Andy McDonald**, it's great to see a thriving **Worcestershire Handicap League**, involving some 20 clubs in four divisions getting ready for their season's matches.

22 County Seniors, despite some inclement weather, visited **The Vale of Glamorgan GC** on the 17th & 18th March for their Spring pre-season get together. It was a great success, much enjoyed by everyone and very efficiently organised by **Paul Newman**, Seniors Captain.



Harrison Leaver



James and Sonny

39 County Juniors enjoyed fine weather and had a super day out at **The Players Club, Bristol**, on Sunday 24th March. It was impressive to see how younger and older boys were mixing, partnering and supporting each other throughout the day.

It was the leadership skills of **James Yorke** (KNGC) in partnership with young **Thomas Griffiths** (Droitwich GC) that won a special prize for such personal attributes.

The overall winners were **James Humphries** (Redditch GC) and **Sonny Priestley** (Gaudet Luce GC), whilst the best individual score was from **Harrison Leaver** (Gaudet Luce GC). Thank you to all the parents and volunteers for their support with this popular event.

The 1st & 2nd Teams are holding a pre-season get-together at The Cotswold GC on Sunday 14th April. This will give the Captains a good idea of their teams before the first league matches in May.

The **Droitwich Shield & R&A Salvagers** are in their semi- final stages. Moseley GC will play Wharton Park GC in the final of the Kidderminster Cup – Sunday 28th April at Blackwell GC.

Please check our very informative website for all results, entry forms and match reports.

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Bill Thompson

County Chairman and Past President