



## Senior Men's Section - Captain's Newsletter July 2018

**Senior Men's Open.** Congratulations to our vice-captain, Dave Kelsey, for organising this year's Brampton Park Senior Men's Open; the event attracted 104 players from golf clubs near and far. Winner of the visitors' section was Adrian Moore from Lakeside Lodge with 43 points; and congratulations to Jim Heeley who won the first prize for BPGC seniors with 40 points.

**Pazio's Pot.** This boarded competition was played on 6 July, with 56 seniors taking part. In a very tightly contested match, Peter Gutteridge scored 39 points and on count back was the eventual winner. However, mention must also be given to Kelvin Morris, Alan Palfrey, Ross Starkey, Mike Prince, Stuart Blackburn and Mike King, all of whom scored 39 points.

**Match Results.** Over the last 2 months the SMS has had an excellent run of results. Wins against Nene Park away (4-2), Elton Furze home (3½ to 2½), St Ives (Hunts) home (7-1) and a creditable draw (3-3) away to Girton means that we are on a roll. With many fixtures still to play, please append your name to the team sheets displayed on the noticeboard and come and enjoy competitive golf played in a friendly spirit.

**SMS Committee 2019.** The SMS is currently looking for vice-captain nominees for 2019. The success of the SMS is dependent on volunteers coming forward to undertake the various committee roles. The vice-captain is essential for succession planning and Mike Brooks had volunteered for election to this role. With Mike's passing, there is an opportunity for others to come forward as nominees for vice-captaincy. Experience is not essential as help and guidance is always available. If you would like to help with this fulfilling role, please come and talk to me, our current vice-captain Dave Kelsey, or any member of the committee.

**Charity Day Volunteer Helpers.** This year's Charity Day will take place on Friday 27 Jul. (Our normal Friday roll-up will take place on Thursday 26 Jul). We have been requested to supply ball spotters at various holes on the course. I have placed a list of requirements on the locker room noticeboard, therefore, if you are able to help, please append your names accordingly.

**Competition Cards** A plea from our Comps and Fixtures Sec. *'Once your round has been completed your score should be entered into the computer and the card left either with the person who is collecting them or in the box. I don't enjoy spending an afternoon trying to work out who has taken their card home with them and who has not bothered to enter their score in the computer'.* **Please comply, even if you 'DQ' your scorecard.**

### Ron's Rules.

Q. A player tees off on the 4th hole. The large pond in front of the tee is a water hazard marked with yellow stakes. The player's ball easily clears the pond, but halfway up the fairway it hits a tree and rebounds backwards into the aforementioned pond. Where does the player take a penalty drop from?

A. The player must proceed under Rule 26-1, which requires that the player drops a ball under penalty of one stroke **behind the water hazard**, keeping the point at which the original ball **last** crossed the margin directly between the hole and the spot on which the ball is dropped. Alternatively, the player can of course tee up again under penalty. The additional option of dropping within 2 club lengths of point of entry is not available in this case as the stakes are yellow and not red (lateral).

Happy Golfing

Mike Murray-Smith - SMS Captain 2018