



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

Captain's Day Friday 12 Oct. On a breezy but dry day, 41 players took part in this annual event.



The day was rounded off with the prize giving at the Captain's Dinner with some names seemingly stuck on repeat. The pro-shop can expect some significant expenditure!

Match Results. The recent series of away matches has made a bit of a dent into our good match results for this year; nevertheless, a good 5-1 away win at Wyboston Lakes, followed by a 5-1 home win against The Bedford in the last SMS club fixture for the season restored our record somewhat. Thank you all for your participation throughout the year and well done to match winners and losers alike.

Away Day at Market Harborough Golf Club. Clive Sheffield arranged a fun day at Market Harborough for 11 Oct and all 11 players were impressed by the course, a well contoured layout, very different to what we are used to here at Brampton Park. We will certainly put this venue on the schedule of away days for next year.

Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2018. The SMS AGM will be held on Friday 16 Nov 18 in the Conference Room upstairs in the clubhouse, after the morning roll-up. Please make an effort to attend. The list for potential committee members is posted on the SMS noticeboard. Proposals should be submitted in writing as soon as possible and given to the SMS secretary, Mike King, or any other committee member.

Signing Off. As I start the preparations to handover to the incoming captain, this will be the last newsletter written by yours truly. I have enjoyed having the responsibility as your captain for this golfing year. Thank you all for your support and words of encouragement - and occasional challenges.

Ron's Rules. Q. A player strikes his drive down the 2nd fairway but unfortunately the ball hits a green keeper's tractor. What would the ruling be for the following scenarios? (a) the ball deflects left into the red hazard area; (b) the ball deflects right out of bounds into the driving range.

A. In all cases it is the "rub of the green". There is no penalty for striking the tractor, but the ball must be played as it lies. Scenario (a) the ball is in the hazard and the player proceeds under a one-stroke penalty. Scenario (b) the ball is out of bounds and must be replayed under penalty of stroke and distance.

Happy Golfing
Mike Murray-Smith
SMS Captain 2018