



Captain's Christmas Message – 2018

Dear Members and Friends

After the hectic first couple of weeks including the Drive-In (stressful, but the tee shot was a pleasant surprise), International and Annual Dinner and Dance there was a slight lull and then came December!!

It's been very gratifying to be invited to so many Christmas Lunches by the Ladies' Captain and various swindles and I'm doing my best to attend them all. As is obvious I don't believe in diets, but I may have to make an exception and make a New Year's Resolution for the first time.

Unfortunately I was unable to attend one of the highlights of the year, the Children's Christmas Party and a BIG thank you is due to Terry Burtenshaw for being Santa and to his not so little helper our Vice Captain Paul Byfield.

Their willingness to pitch in to help the Club has already been shown by the members who gave their time, effort and expertise to install the nets which saved the Club a significant sum which can be spent elsewhere. The goodwill towards the Club and the camaraderie created can only be a good thing going forward. Plans are afoot for other projects (some on a much smaller scale) which members have expressed a willingness to help with. Anyone who has some spare time and would like to join in would be more than welcome. Just let me know.

My relatively sudden elevation to Captain without being Vice Captain has meant that I have had to lean very heavily on support from our marvellous staff in all departments. This has been willingly given which is no surprise, but is hugely appreciated. On behalf of all us I would like to express our gratitude to you all – upstairs, downstairs and out on the course.

In closing I would like to thank you all for the goodwill, kindness and support you have given me so far. I will do my very best to prove worthy of it.

It only remains for me to wish all our members, staff and your families a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year.

Barry

Captain