



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

The Season Begins. Underway at last! Our first match at Gog Magog was close fought but unfortunately, we lost 6-2. Most matches were very close and, given that this was the first time many of our team had played the Gog Magog Old Course, it was a respectable effort. Our Away Match at Oundle Golf Club on 18 April was so nearly a win, with our first 4 pairs all winning, however, we ended with a creditable 4-4 draw. As to the remainder of the season, Dave Lindley, our competitions and fixtures secretary, is working hard to rearrange the cancelled home matches, so please look out for new dates.

Subscriptions. Last call for SMS subscriptions! 27th April is the remit date.

Ladies' Section Open. Brampton Park Ladies' Section is looking for volunteers to help with the Ladies' Open to be held on 24th May. I will place a sign-up sheet for the various duties on the seniors' noticeboard. Please append your name accordingly.

Handicap Review. Many of you may be aware that the club has undertaken a handicap review and that, under the new handicap rules, some of our SMS players will subsequently have handicaps higher than the old 28 maxima. There are also those who may have had their respective handicaps reduced. Handicap reviews will take place throughout the year, it is therefore imperative that you check your handicap before playing in any SMS event. Please also be aware that you can submit supplementary score cards at any time, but you must inform the pro-shop staff before playing.

Eclectic and Order of Merit. For those concerned with this year's eclectic competition, please see Simon Bottomley's email clarifying the dates of the competition. There will be a change to the scoring system for the Order of Merit this year. There will be 17 points for first place, 14 for second and so on down to 1 for 15th place. If you have any questions, please see Dave Kelsey (OOM organiser).

Captain's Project(s). As most of you are aware Clive Sheffield and his helpers, Derek Sincock, Stan Sales and Dave Rennie, have undertaken a lot of on-course work; the next phase is the construction and installation of planters. At the price of £46 per planter, we are looking for sponsors and, if you failed to get your name on the tee marker stones, here is your opportunity to be recognised in making yet another improvement to our course. Please see Clive Sheffield for details.

Ron's Rules.

Q. Player A accidentally played the wrong ball in a Stableford competition. It was not immediately noticed until Player B addressed his ball; ie the other wrong ball. How are the players affected?

A. Player A is penalised 2 strokes and must correct the mistake by playing the correct ball or by proceeding under the Rules. Player B incurs no penalty provided he did not make a stroke at the ball. The owner of the wrong ball, Player B, must place a ball on the spot from which the wrong ball was first played.

Happy Golfing

Mike Murray-Smith
SMS Captain 2018