



Senior Men's Section - Captain's Newsletter January 2019

Welcome To 2019. Happy New Year to you all. Our thoughts now turn to losing those extra pounds gained over Christmas by getting out on the golf course in 2019. The seniors have a full and ambitious programme of competitions and fixtures to look forward to. In my last newsletter I said that our first match against Gog Magog was at home - it is, in fact, away.

SMS Subscriptions. It is that time of year to pay your subs. Through careful management we have managed to keep it to £5 this year – it hasn't changed in 20+ years, but this does depend on everyone's support. **Please pay your subscriptions ASAP.**

Message from Mike Brown, SMS Treasurer. Please remember to put your name on the envelope when putting your £5 subscription into the box.

Support our Juniors. I have agreed with Dave Rennie (Juniors' Organiser) to have a match with the juniors at some point in the summer: I hope you'll be able to support this match as it gives the juniors more competitive golf, something which they are all keen to play. Full details will follow in a later newsletter.

Roll-Ups. Over the last few months the money collected in the box has been found to have old pound coins and Euros and is also constantly being short. Please check when putting your pound in that it is, in fact, a new pound coin and when paying with a £5 or £10 note and taking change remember to put a pound back in. Just because we are seniors is no excuse for not being able to count ...

On-course Work. The work on the 18th is coming along and looks to become a more challenging hole when finished.

New Rules of Golf. Rule changes came in to effect on 1st January. I hope you are all up to speed with them. Each month Ron's Rules will help and here is this month's;

Ron's Rules

Q. Before playing a ball in the bunker, is a player permitted to remove loose impediments such as leaves, branches and sticks?

A. Yes. Under the new rules a player is allowed to remove loose impediments which includes any reasonable touching or movement of sand in doing so. However, if the ball moves a one stroke penalty is applied and the ball must be replaced.

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