



Chairman's Blog

August 2018

It's been a while since my last blog and most of it will be covered in my report that goes out with the AGM summons, but here are a few points I wish to clarify that isn't covered in my report.

Health and Safety

A letter was received from one of the residents in Oaks Road, re an incident on Saturday 25th August. A golf ball was hit into the back garden of their house from 6th tee, and narrowly missed striking one of their guests who was in the lower part of their garden. A shout of 'fore' was called by three young men playing at the time.

This is the first time for a long time that we have had a near miss on the 6th and Nick Phipps will look into it to see if anything can be improved to prevent a recurrence of this but this is a timely reminder to report any such incident to the office.

15th Path

We are delighted to report that the long drawn out process of getting the path fixed has been finally closed out and as many of you have now seen the new more robust path has been completed.

Nick, Richard and Steve Murphy have been very persistent in getting the contractor back to put this right and of course with no cost to Shirley Park.

Gents visitor's toilets

Following a spillage of 'One Shot' the flooring in the visitors' toilets has been badly stained and combined with the issues of blocked pipe work, it is time to refurbish this room and possibly the ladies' visitors' toilets upstairs too. So we will obtain 3 quotes to carry out the works and also look at a baby changing station possibly in the disabled toilet but we must ensure that fitting it doesn't encroach the current spacial allowance for a disabled toilet for such amenities.

New Year's Eve

Discussion re possible change to party format for NY's Eve, but there was some concern for losing existing members who attend the current successful format. It was pointed out that the survey monkey results would only be from one member whereas members who often brings alone a large guest some of whom could be up to two tables, if we lost the support of members like this, it could have a more dramatic impact than first envisaged. And as such there would be little point changing the current format if it didn't increase the amount of attendees we get already. A decision doesn't have to be made straight away and as I said previously the NY's Eve ball will be as the normal format, as the act had already been booked which favours the black tie sit down format.

Members and Guests

For those of you who attended you would have no doubt been aware there was a mix up with the dinner which should have been 3 courses.

Our General Manager Steve Murphy did have words with the caterer on the day who quickly provide cheese and biscuits and a cheesecake as a desert.

There were also a few at the end whose meals were cold so our GM Steve and Director Barry Pearce met with him and expressed our dissatisfaction to which he did apologise for the mix up and assured them it would not happen again.

It is worth noting however that the current cost for this event hasn't changed for 5 years and when you consider when you break it down to £30.00 per head you get Coffee and bacon roll for breakfast, sandwiches and chips for lunch, then a 3 course meal and of course our guests get 28 holes of golf it really is a loss leader for the day and maybe we should be looking at the overall cost of the event moving forward.

That said it shouldn't have happened and it will not happen again we can assure you.

Pretty much everything else will be covered in my report so hopefully I will see many of you at the AGM,

Steve

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