



SENIORS CAPTAIN'S REPORT – JANUARY 2019

Who would have thought when I returned to England and joined Rowlands Castle Golf Club, that I would find myself in the post of 2019 Seniors Captain. I deem it a great honour and trust that I can drive the Seniors fraternity forward ensuring that, with the unstinting support of the Seniors Committee, we can continue to provide as many opportunities as possible for everyone to play in qualifier competitions, knock out events and inter club matches during the coming year.

Who is Alan Jones ?

Born and bred in Bournemouth, Hampshire I went to bed on Sunday 31 March 1974 and awoke the following morning Monday 1 April to find myself in Dorset. I didn't feel a thing and thought April Fool ?

On the career front I started off as a Research Scientist with ambitions to be a Marine Biologist but soon became disillusioned by poor salary and the fact that Jacques Cousteau already had a full crew on the Calypso.

I moved on to Sales and Marketing in the food, drink and security industries and ultimately to International Project Management, based in Switzerland, overseeing the manufacture, delivery, installation and commissioning of sophisticated production plants to a total value in excess of £120 million for pharmaceutical companies like Glaxo Smith Kline, Astra Zeneca, Sanofi and Pfizer as well as a myriad of generic companies in many different countries including Algeria, U.S.A., Brazil, Chile, Mexico, Italy, Turkey, Greece, Egypt, China, Iran, Slovenia, Croatia, Macedonia, South Africa, Spain, France and Portugal.



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I have always loved all forms of sports and actively played Rugby, Cricket and Snooker for many years until advancing age, creaking knees and failing eyesight took their toll.

Participation in golf, however, has been somewhat sporadic beginning in my late teens when I played municipal courses like Meyrick Park and Queen's Park in Bournemouth with a few friends for 2-3 years before employers wanted me on the career path rather than the golf course.

Luckily, despite that, I was able to get back into regular golf for a period of nearly 7 years in my late 20's and early 30's when I became a Member of Stover Golf Club, Newton Abbot in Devon.

During these halcyon days, filled with cricket and golf, I got married ! Once again sport had to take a back seat for 30+ years with only a few games of golf in each year whilst my wife, Dot, and I raised our daughter Hannah and son Jamie and I spent my time travelling all over the globe.

Retirement in 2013 re-opened the doors to the world of golf and, since then, I have strived to play as much as possible. I was invited and have joined the Seniors Committee and now, the absolute pinnacle, RCGC Seniors Captain at a time when the section is strong and vibrant.

My chosen charity for the year is Alzheimer's Research UK so please look out for the orange collecting boxes which are ideal storage places for your loose change to help overcome this harrowing condition.



So what do we have in store for the coming year :-

- Inter Club Matches (42)
- 9 Hole Qualifiers (11)
- 18 Hole Qualifiers (19)
- Gough Cup, Harry Hawkes Trophy, Bowers Cup, Championship Cup, Centenary Cup, Challenge Trophy, 50th Anniversary Trophy, Trevor Moore Plate, Roy Summers Memorial Vase, Seniors Cup, Match Cup, Silver Jubilee Cup, Davis Cup, Eclectic, Marshall Cup, Order of Merit, Spencer Shield, Walker Trophy,
- Senior Captain's Day – Florida Scramble
- Greensomes (3 incl. Jubilee Salver L/S)
- Team Split Sixes
- Foley Cup (L/S)
- Triangular Match (L/J/S)
- Seniors Invitation
- Greenkeepers Revenge Texas Scramble
- Ladies Dinner Evening (April)
- Black Tie Dinner Dance with Steve Kingsley (July)
- AGM Dinner Evening (Dec)

Inter Club Matches – Website Developments

I am very pleased to report that we are gradually closing in on an electronic system for the management of Inter Club Matches which will avoid the need to visit the Seniors Noticeboard at the Club, search for a pen/pencil, and sign up for a match or confirm your availability after being selected to play.

Current progress can be viewed on the Club V1 Hub so you can have a sneak preview of the layout using some test fixtures but you will not yet be able to sign up for a match. I will keep you updated.

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Course Status

OPEN Course fully open Updated: 4 hours ago

Latest News Latest Competition

Seniors Raise £1500 For Charity

Stableford

Qualifying Mens Stableford

12 Nov 2018

Div 1

1	Luca Alonso	26.0	39
2	Max Edwards	22.0	38
3	Henry Harvey	22.0	34

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Club Teams

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67 Members

Available Teams

Ladies Team Sign up for a Ladies Match here 7 Members

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Club Teams



Seniors Players
67 Members
✓ You are a member of this team.

About this team
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Upcoming Fixtures

- WED 05 Dec** Match vs. Stonepark Golf Club
Venue: Rowlands Castle Golf Club
- MON 10 Dec** Match vs. Downfern Golf Club
Venue: Rowlands Castle Golf Club
- FRI 14 Dec** Match vs. Hornbrook Golf Club
Venue: Rowlands Castle Golf Club

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Fixture Details

Match vs. Stonepark Golf Club

Venue
Rowlands Castle Golf Club, meet at Rowlands Castle for Coffee/tea, 05 Dec 2018 08:15

Start - End
05 Dec 2018 09:00 - 05 Dec 2018 15:00

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Availability

Name	05 December 2018 Match vs. Stonepark Golf Club	10 Match vs
Adams, Garry	Available	
Allan, Graham	Available	
Andrews, Bob	Available	
Barnett, Terence	Not Set	
Barrowcliffe, Ian	Available	

The Seniors Committee



Tom Goodale (Vice Captain), Ian Barrowcliffe (Secretary), Steve Lapage (Immediate Past Captain), David Lewis (Treasurer), Brian French (Events Coordinator), Phil Sparshatt (Fixture Secretary), Chris Jenkins (Competitions Secretary), Mark McGinn (Fundraising) and yours truly.

Ken Watherston has now completed his term on the Committee and is replaced by John Pamment.
We would like to extend our thanks to Ken for his contribution to the Seniors Section and we welcome John into the fold and wish him an enjoyable tenure.

Here's to a happy and healthy year with plenty of good weather and golf.

Alan Jones
Seniors Captain