

# SENIOR CAPTAIN'S NEWSLETTER



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## MYSTIC DEK

I know that some of you are unclear as to the process by which Derek Sincock arrives at the team list for our interclub matches. I myself was under the impression that he isolated himself in a darkened room and called upon the spirits of his ancestors through the medium of ritual dance. Then, with glazed eyes, moving his hands over the bid sheet, he began eliminating those who radiated a hostile aura. Apparently not!!

He has decided to come clean with respect to his process, and advises that having selected the Captain (fair enough) and himself (because he can) he then invokes a randomiser but with a bias to those who failed selection on the last bid sheet (if they have put their name down again). Mind you, that RANDOMISER sounds like a fiendish device.

## NOTICEBOARD SPRUCE-UP

I am sure you will have spotted that the noticeboards and the trophy cabinets have been undergoing a spruce up. Committee member Clive Sheffield has been applying his not inconsiderable talents to these efforts much to the appreciation of us all. Soon we will be welcoming visiting players for our 2020 interclub match programme and it will be a source of great pride to be able to host them at such improved facilities. Let's hope everyone makes a special effort to respect the new décor in the changing rooms, showers, toilets and the bar.

## SHEFFIELD SHIELD FOURSOMES

Whilst on the subject of Clive Sheffield, many of you will be aware of his contribution to the club over the past years, fabricating the course litter and soil bins and decorative plant tubs, finding sponsors and updating the tee markers and much more. This in addition to his efforts on the Seniors' Committee. In view of this, the SMS committee have acceded to his request to put his name to a foursomes competition. The Sheffield Shield Foursomes will be played as one of our regular Monday Team roll-ups during the year; names appended to the sign up sheet as always and £1 in the box. The winning pair on the day will receive their usual gold card payout but in addition, will be presented with the shield at the Captain's Day dinner.

## HANDICAP ENTRY

Once a qualifying competition has ended, the final action once all the results have been entered onto the computer, is to close it down. This allows the result to be published and handicaps to be updated. While it is rare, there have been occasions when the closure has been delayed, meaning that handicaps were not updated prior to the next qualifier. It is however the responsibility of all players, to ensure that the handicap they enter on their card is correct, particularly if they believe that it has reduced and not just rely on the computer.

## MATCH ARRANGEMENTS

Russell Marsh has busied himself getting the meal arrangements organised so I can now confirm pricing for the two home match formats.

- Informal light lunch (No need to change) £11
- Two course lunch (Smart casual) £15

As advised in my first newsletter, the NTP will be free with a sleeve of balls for the winner.

To try and get some control of time, the tee schedule will be set as follows for all home matches:

- Match groups 1 to 4 First tee
- Match groups 5 & 6 18th tee
- Match groups 7 & 8 17th tee (16 man teams)

The office have therefore been advised that we will aim to get seated for 2:15 to 2:30pm (where first tee-off is 08:30am.)



## ANNUAL SUBS

Once again I remind you that Annual Subs are due. I have been informed that there are possibly some players taking part in roll-ups who have not renewed. Please check with Treasurer Mike Brown if you are unsure. It will be a shame to disqualify a winner or exclude someone from the Rosebowl.

Phil Rogers - Senior Men's Captain 2020

## Ron's Remarkable Rule Revelation of the month

Each month, Ron Cowper a qualified EGU club rules official, offers a clarification or explanation of a particular rule of golf.

This month: **CORRECTLY MARKING THE BALL ON A PUTTING GREEN**

Q. A player rotates his or her ball on the putting green after marking the position of the ball with his or her finger. Is this permitted?

A. No. The player is penalised one stroke under Rule 9.4b for not first marking the ball's spot with an artificial object, such as a tee, a coin, an object made to be a ball-marker or another small piece of equipment.