

Captains Report 2020

December 2020, where do I begin!

I would like to thank everyone who has supported me through this first year as Captain. It is very humbling to be shown this support and hopefully I fulfil your expectations. It also shows me how passionate our membership is and that they have the club at heart.

I would also like to thank the Board Members, who have supported me in my transition to Captain and have also helped guide the club through the difficult times of 2020 and everything that came with it. Our Board continues to work for this club and its succession plan and it's quite simple that we would not function without these volunteers who give their time and effort. Each Board member has stepped up and taken on their roles exemplary and are a credit to this club.

Thanks also to the past Captains who used their underpinning knowledge of the club to assist the board and myself when advice was requested.

In March of this year, this golf club and the rest of the UK were hit with events, which no one was ready for and definitely didn't expect to continue through the year and onwards.

For 2020 and the start that we have had, I have got to say that the membership, volunteers, staff and everyone who has been involved with this club this year have shone through and proves we have a Proper Club with Proper members and people involved. The UK's Lockdown and closure of golf had major implications for every one and thankfully the sanctuary of the golf course reopened on the 29th of May to everyone's delight. After opening members have utilised the golf and its facilities and we have been registering up to 95% tee time uptake.

On the golfing front: our Champion Golfers, congratulations to Richard Beaumont, John Mclean & Correna Altoft on winning our respective club championships and to all the other winners of our competitions. Congratulations to them all.

Our club is very fortunate to have a team that works hard to maintain a high standard and present the "Balbirnie Experience" to members and guests alike.

My thanks to Diane McColm in Admin; Director of Golf Scott Gillespie, Greens staff led by Craig Stafford; Clubhouse team led by Heather Gough; Pro shop led by Emma & Scott Gillespie; Match team led by Roger Falconer; Greens team led by Ian Stevenson. Our Ladies and Seniors section whose Committees provide support for their respective members. These teams have given continued hard work and endeavours throughout this year, which has helped us get to where we are and in a positive position going forward

The club is indebted to all the volunteers who took the time and effort to decorate the Gents & Ladies locker rooms; the toilets and areas down stairs in the Clubhouse. Assistance to the Greens staff doing divot repairing; area clean ups and course marshalling; also all the Volunteers who worked at our Opens and Club Championships doing starter; marshalling; refereeing; registration and ball spotting duties.

My thanks to the following people:

E.W. EDWARDSON LTD Electrical Contractors for their donation of the new Air Compressor unit, this is a significant gesture and greatly appreciated.

J S Bricklayer, donation of building the compressor unit and smoking area.

Seniors Section for donating the hedgehog shoe cleaners; competition logo pin flags.

Member's donation of two flagpole flags; ceremonial table cover; winter pin flags; 18 tee rubbish bins.

Thank you to all the Sponsors and Corporate partners for the support they have given the club in this difficult year and we hope to continue this relationship.

In the New Year when we are allowed we will host a belated AGM gathering to formalise and ratify our reports.

As we get closer to the festive period I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Stay Safe

George Allan