



BRAMPTON PARK GOLF CLUB

SENIOR CAPTAIN'S NEWSLETTER December 2019

Your 2020 Captain (does not refer to eyesight!)

Senior Men's Section Captains come and go. Twelve months and they're done for, or at least that's usually the case. Like a bad penny however, I'm back, having had the honour to be elected SMS Captain 2020. Those of you who recall my 2013 stint in this role, may wish to reconsider their membership!

At the AGM, your new committee (the 'Dream team') was elected as follows:

Captain - Phil Rogers **Vice Captain** - Jim Heeley
Immediate Past Captain - Dave Kelsey
Social & Admin Secretary - Russel Marsh
Comps & Fixtures Secretary - Derek Sincock
Treasurer - Mike Brown
General Committee members - Clive Sheffield, Peter Meeds

Our thanks are extended to Mike Murray-Smith, Dave Lindley and Mike King as they step down, for their outstanding service to the Senior Men's Section over the past few years. Also to Dave Kelsey following his successful Captain's year.

ORDER OF MERIT The end of November saw the completion of the 2019 Order of Merit with the second and third places hard fought right to the end:

1st - Martin Shirley 160pts, 2nd - Derek Sincock 134pts, 3rd - Simon Bottomley 131pts

Congratulations to them all, for their consistent performance over the year. The challenge is now on for 2020 !

2020 MATCH ARRANGEMENTS The club is preparing ambitious match menus for 2020 aimed at achieving an enhanced standard, but this will come at a slightly higher cost. Although there will still be a nearest the pin competition, in an attempt to keep the home match fees at an acceptable level, we will not be collecting the usual (optional) £1 charity donation.

The interclub match programme begins in March and I would urge everyone to consider putting their names down on the bid sheets when Derek Sincock posts them on the noticeboard. All members with a handicap of 28 or less are eligible. There is no selection process - all are welcome, with names being drawn from a hat. These are friendly matches and always good fun.

SMS CAPTAIN Over recent years there has been a great deal of discussion regarding the reticence of members to take on the position of Captain. There may be misconceptions about the degree of commitment involved in terms of time and energy. Past Captains will attest to the great support they receive from the committee, but during the year I will be looking at further

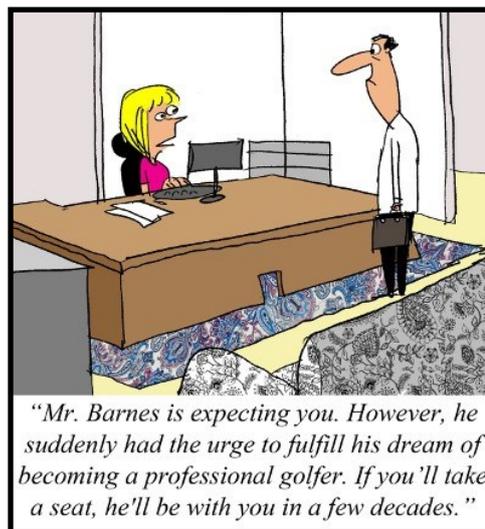
areas where we can perhaps alleviate some of the burden. Anyone who might be interested in joining the committee at any point in the future, please come and have an informal, no obligation, chat at any time.

SENIORS' SECTION CHARITY In a break with tradition, I have decided this year to collect for the Men's and Lady Captain's 2020 charity which they will be announcing this week. This will be a separate effort by the Seniors as usual, but the sum raised will be paid over to the club captains at the end of the year to help swell their final fund.

CAPTAIN'S PROJECT The surplus from last year's project fund together with the additional funds approved at the AGM, will remain on the balance sheet while the various club improvements under way progress. Your committee will then review the options.

FINALLY I wish all of you a happy and successful golfing year. Play in the right spirit, respect the need to avoid slow play, enjoy your golf, aim to get to know as many of your fellow seniors by varying your roll-up playing partners and be fastidious in applying the rules to yourself and others. Competing for prizes gives an edge to our golf, but the sharing of many hours of camaraderie with your fellow golfers is a prize in itself.

Phil Rogers - Senior Men's Captain 2020



"Mr. Barnes is expecting you. However, he suddenly had the urge to fulfill his dream of becoming a professional golfer. If you'll take a seat, he'll be with you in a few decades."

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: **PLAYERS FAILING TO ENFORCE THE RULES DURING A ROUND**

Q. A player strikes a ball into a penalty area. The player doesn't bother to determine the correct relief area and throws a ball down onto the ground. Other players in the group witness the action but decide to say nothing. Who should be penalised?

A. As the witnessing players deliberately ignored a breach of the rules or penalty they know applies, all the players are disqualified under Rule 1.3b. Players are expected to apply the rules to themselves and be honest when they have breached a rule, or witnessed such a breach.