

SENIOR CAPTAIN'S NEWSLETTER



BRAMPTON PARK
GOLF CLUB

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Savage weather rips through Turkey Trot Golfing event!

To avoid the risk of SMS members deleting my newsletter as soon as it comes up on their email, I have decided to take a leaf out of the Tabloid Newspaper book and adopt a compelling headline to capture the reader's attention. Actually, the weather on the day of the Turkey Trot was not too bad, but why spoil a good headline with facts.

Mike Barker's excellent 46 Stableford points on the day enabled him to take first place by a large margin. A further nine players were awarded the traditional meat vouchers.

It was particularly pleasing that Nick Mehan and his team managed to provide a full 18 hole course for the event, despite the ongoing work around the 16th green and elsewhere.



MATCH COLOURS

The issue of a new club logo has given us a one off opportunity, to review our Match strip. The traditional green sweater has some drawbacks. Firstly, the shade of green used in the new logo is not compatible with the sweater shade. Secondly, green is a common choice amongst many of our opponents. Finally, it is an uncommon colour in most player's wardrobes and therefore anyone called upon at short notice to play in a match, is unlikely to be able to rustle up an acceptable alternative. We

have decided to bite the bullet therefore and opt for a black sweater whilst retaining the white tee shirt.

What does this mean? Well we realise that most Seniors are not going to rush out and purchase a new match sweater, but when they do, we ask that it should be a black one.



We also realise that past Captains will be keen to continue using their complimentary one.

It is inevitable therefore, that for some time there will be a mix; not ideal, but that cannot be avoided. A commercial black sweater and white tee shirt will also be an acceptable compromise during the changeover. Adam Pike in the Pro shop has suggested that members get their names down for a bulk order. I suppose this will spike the guns of those cheapskates looking to benefit from the Pro shop old logo sell off!

2020 CHARITY

I advised you in December that I would be supporting the Ladies' and Men's Captain's charity but did not name it in order to avoid stealing their thunder. You will now be aware that it is BLUE SMILE, a charity that provides mental health support to vulnerable children. For more information view their website at www.bluesmile.org.uk. Ideas have been put forward for a possible mini charity "beat the Seniors' Captain" roll-up competition in the summer. More info in due course.

BEEN AWAY—SOMEWHERE!

Due to my five week absence at a destination which I will avoid mentioning here, because it does upset Clive Sheffield a lot, (get over it Sheffield and stop blubbing), our January committee meeting has been delayed until next week. So watch out for a bumper, riveting read next month, (or not)

Phil Rogers - Seniors' 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: **BALL EMBEDDED IN ITS OWN PITCH MARK**

Q. A player's ball is embedded in its own pitch mark in the soft ground on the 12th hole. Is the player permitted to lift and clean the ball, and if so, where must it be dropped?

A. The ball may be lifted and cleaned. The reference point is the spot right behind where the ball is embedded. The relief area is one club length from this point, no nearer the hole and within the general area.