

SENIORS SECTION AGM REPORT 2020

As everyone knows due to Covid19 the past year has been an exceptional year for members of the section, and all members of the senior committee who have tried their best to put on as many golfing events as possible. With determination and a lot of excellent co-operation between the club main committee, ground staff, club professional and senior section members we managed to put together a packed programme of domestic competitions, plus two open competitions in August. The safety of members had to be our main priority with strict precautions put in place, as evidenced by the use of Howdidido for registration and scoring and the non-use of starters for competitions. I am pleased to report that in general the number of players playing in these competitions was higher this year than for normal years. A big thank you to senior section members from the committee for your support and co-operation with all safety issues. Plus, well done to all competition winners.

The golfing events which we could NOT run this year were our exchange away days at Darlington and Bishop Auckland GCs, two of our four open competitions (4 man-team and pairs competition) the Withinsaw Cup, the Calcutta Cup and our 18 friendly team matches. Fingers crossed we will be back to normal next year.

Due to Covid restrictions our very popular Christmas Lunch could not go ahead in December, but the senior section committee are adamant that we will hold some sort of 'social get together' with a meal in the clubhouse as early as possible in 2021 when it is safe to do so.

The senior section would like to thank our professional Tom Cranfield for his continued support and help to the section, and to Head greenkeeper Adam Lund and all his hard-working staff for ensuring the course has been exceptionally good this year for competitions and social golf. A further thank you goes to Brian, Tony, and all clubhouse staff for working selflessly during these very trying times and catering for our needs.

Behind the scene Bob Ord has been a superb and supportive Captain throughout 2020 taking the lead in all our committee meetings, helping with open competitions, and helping our competition secretary to run our program of domestic competitions. Well done and thank you Bob for an excellent year.

Finally, I'm sure Ed Holmes will continue to uphold our excellent traditions in 2021 and make an exceptional Captain.

Thank you David Stainsby. Senior Section Secretary.