

## **Lady Captains Report – 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

Before we start the year I must first thank Karen Lesley and Sonia for all their hard work during the last few years being on our committee and welcome Mandy Susanne and Julie to the committee. I am looking forward to working with you all as well as continuing to work with Sara Viv and Cathy. I am also looking forward to getting to know more ladies within our section and playing with as many as is possible.

Well, it's only been a few days since I was voted in as Captain for the year 2025 but since then I have attended another two AGM's. The Seniors AGM on Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> November at lunchtime and then the Gents AGM in the evening with the Presentation of Prizes and Buffet after. Rob Sherrington did as usual a great "show" in his own unique way announcing all the prize winners with Paul and myself trying to locate all the trophies spread out on the tables in order for Paul to present them.

Dave Tower is now the Seniors Captain and Paul Kent is continuing as the Gents Captain. I think we have a good team and looking forward to working with them both during our year as Captains.

During these AGM's Ben Townsend announced to each of these the work proposed to be done at the Club during the next year. The main thing which created a cheer (from the ladies) was the announcement of finally having a purpose built Halfway house – this will house two toilets plus a couple of vending machines for hot food, sandwiches, chocolate bars, drinks etc. The site of this halfway house will be by the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> Green and near the 8<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Tee boxes. Work on this should start in the late spring. We were also informed of work being carried out along the path to the 1<sup>st</sup> Blythe to make it a better approach with trees being planted on the left hand side. The 1<sup>st</sup> on the Valley is now a par 3 and to make this a more interesting hole the little ditch come pond on the right will become a much bigger feature towards the green and also across to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tee. Whilst mentioning all this I must also thank all the greenkeepers for all their hard work during the year to make our course such a great one envious of other clubs.

On Sunday we had our Turkey Trot Shotgun Competition with 84 members playing in teams of 3. Thankfully the weather wasn't too bad – just a few drops of rain here and there and the day flowed very well. We all came in for Turkey/egg rolls after. The clubhouse was a buzz. Sadly not many ladies played but I am pleased to say that at least one lady came in the prizes coming 3<sup>rd</sup> – well done Sally Catt – defo not easy when playing against so many men.

The next mixed competition is the "Sherrington" Front of House Shield on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December where we raise monies for all the front of house staff who have served us so well during the year. So if you have not yet entered then please do so.... If you can.

Not long now until our Christmas party on the 12<sup>th</sup> December and as we have raised monies through a competition and raffle we were able to offset the price of the meal by £10.50. We will do something similar for next year.

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Lady Captain