

## CAPTAIN'S REPORT.....November 2024.

First of all, a mention for those members of our section who for various medical reasons can't be with us today. Let's hope we see them back on the 1<sup>st</sup> tee very soon.

So, how did the year pan out.....well, after taking over from Bob 12 months ago, the rains came and the course was closed on and off, mostly off, until the 1<sup>st</sup> week in March. So, instead of building an ARK during that period, a gang of silly sods decided to try and master the Par 3. If you weren't part of that gang, you missed out on some great fun!! I even played in my wellies on one occasion.

We're all aware of the fall-out which happened during the year regarding how the course was presented by the green staff. It certainly was punishing for us handicap golfers. Some members voted with their feet, voluntarily or otherwise, but I think I speak for the majority, that the course is now looking pretty good,

MATCHES.....We won 8, Drew 3, Lost 5. Slightly worse than Bob's record last year, although we remained undefeated at home.....it's amazing what sausage rolls can do. (that's if the sausage rolls actually turn up!!!)

Well done to all who took part in the matches, whether regulars, or last minute replacements. Don't forget, higher handicaps are always welcome to play in the matches.....everyone in the section is good enough to play in matches, that's why you have a handicap! So, I hope you'll give Andy the same level of support next year. He may be planning to bribe you, as he's been making sausage rolls recently. I have tried them.....nearly as good as Grace's!!!

OM COMPS.....All these comps took place more or less as planned, with the winners' podium being shared quite widely across the section (Presentation will take place after the meeting closes).

AWAYDAY.....A return visit this year to Melton Mowbray proved successful, especially for Diane Willis, Jonathan Harper, and Ray Plater, who shared the spoils.

OPEN CHARITY DAY.....Sincere thanks to everyone who donated raffle prizes, brought goodies for the Halfway House, or sponsored a hole, which all helped to ensure the day ran smoothly.

I'd like to conclude by thanking some more people.....

- To Officers and members of the committee for helping to make my job so much easier, especially Andy, for agreeing to be my Vice-captain
- To Gerry for his work as Comp Sec., at times, a thankless task. (As I discovered recently, when he snuk off to Mauritius get married!!)
- To our secretary Bob Ford, for all his time and effort keeping the website up-to-date. Bob has even put a video of me, trying to play out of the ditch on the 5<sup>th</sup>.
- To Nick & Alison and the staff for looking after us all year, especially on match days.
- To David & the green-staff for keeping the course in good order, despite the bump in the road during the year.
- And finally, to you, the senior section, for putting up with me for another year.....Thank You.

Roger Kennedy.

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