

## Captains Report 2009

It has been a busy year for the club with quite a few changes, both in The Committee and on and around the course. For me the year has absolutely flown by and I can only say that it has been both an honour and a privilege to have served as your Club Captain.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all The Committee Members, Staff and Members who have helped and supported me throughout this year. Many of you do not realise quite how much time and effort goes into running The Club and please remember Committee Members give their time freely.

A special thank you goes to Stan Lewis who has done an amazing job yet again this year and I cannot emphasise enough the amount of time and effort that he has put into the events this year to ensure that everything runs smoothly and successfully. Assisted by his Golf and Handicap Committee, we see week in and out events being run smoothly and efficiently. My Captains Day and Charity Day all ran smoothly thanks to Stan and his wife Annie who was a stalwart in the caravan and helped all year with the raffles (the sausage rolls were fantastic).

The Ladies Section led initially by Captain Rose Jones and then by Captain Marie Slim have again had a successful year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank both of them for the help that they have given me during my year of office. Although I have enjoyed working with both ladies I feel that this may be too much for lesser men and that the time has now come for the various sections of the club to align their terms of office. The Committee therefore is considering the possibility of enacting this and we have started to discuss the arrangements.

One of the major changes in the structure of The Club has been the introduction of a new Chairman of the Greens Committee and I think that Leigh Topping has done a fantastic job this year in running that committee assisted by his team and the green staff led by Howard, together they have maintained the course in tiptop condition. Virtually every visiting Captain has remarked on how good the course has been, WELL DONE!

Also we have introduced a Marketing Committee led by last years Captain Bri Moulder, Brian has been responsible for the refurbishment and restocking of the shop. This is a major step forward for the club and should be of great benefit to the Members, PLEASE try and use it because it is there primarily for the Members benefit.

On a sad note we lost one of the stalwarts of the club last year in Don Harmer. Don had run the Junior Section for many years and was a Past Captain and former Chairman, he will be sadly missed. This left us with nobody to run the Junior Section, however Graham Terry who is also our County Rep stepped in and has taken over the role of Junior Organiser. He has helped introduce quite a few changes in the way the Junior Section has been run in an attempt to increase junior membership, introducing a Cubs Section and achieving Golf Mark status Thank you Graham.

Again the 'A' Team has been successful in finishing mid table in Division 1 of the NGFL and I would like to congratulate Richard Lamper and his squad for achieving this. Two of the 'A' Team have also gone on to play at county level and my congratulations go to Tom Workman and Mark Pitcher. I would also like to congratulate Tom for winning the Club Championship and also well done to all the other members who have managed to win events this year.

My thanks go to all of the members of my Social Committee who have helped me organise events this year, hopefully we can carry on and improve on the social calendar next year.

Without the help of the staff the club just could not function and I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank Ian and Sue in the Office, Pete and Judith and all their staff in the bar and kitchen and Howard and his staff on the course. They have all helped me a great deal this year and my thanks go to all of them, especially our Professional Paul Bushell who has gone out of his way in helping me this year.

During my year I have raised well over £2000 for my Charity fund thanks mainly to your efforts Members and of course your inaccurate approach shots to the EIGHTEENTH! This as I have stated before will be split between my charity the Childrens Burns unit at Frenchay Hospital and a project within the Club. I therefore propose to contribute approximately £1000 toward the Honours Board project.

I would like to thank my Vice-Captain Steve Thorne who has been my right hand man all season and has kept me on the straight and narrow all year, well almost, but it was a very difficult task! I would normally at this point wish him every success in his year of Captaincy but unfortunately Steve has had to resign because of personal circumstances, I sincerely hope that at some point in the future Steve will be able to rejoin us, thank you Steve once again for all your help. We all know that as one door closes another opens. Fortunately we have an extremely able replacement in the person of Mr Geoff Simms who at very short notice has agreed to step forward one year (a BIG STEP) and take over the 2010 Captaincy, forgoing the customary apprenticeship. I would like to wish Geoff good luck in his year and I'm sure that every one will assist him in his new position.

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Club Captain 2009