

THE OXFORDSHIRE GOLF CAPTAINS



MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR COMMITTEE MEETING AT BADGEMORE PARK GOLF CLUB ON 6th SEPTEMBER, 2017

(1) 2017 CLUB CAPTAINS

This year we have so far missed enrolling the current captains of Bicester, Burford, Cotswolds, Carswell, Drayton Park, Witney Lakes and Studley Wood golf clubs.

I will try and resolve Studley Wood during the Cornwall match there but, unfortunately, I think we can forget Burford, and the rest will presumably now need to be kept in mind for next year?

(2) 2017 FIXTURES

With just the three Cornwall matches now remaining, the summary of matches played is:-

PLAYED 17, WON 12, HALVED 1 and LOST 4.

THE OVERALL GAMES TALLY IS $86\frac{1}{2}$ IN OUR FAVOUR WITH $72\frac{1}{2}$ AGAINST.

On the 14th August, the Queen's Silver Jubilee tournament was played on the John O'Gaunt golf course in Bedfordshire. The course conditions were obviously difficult because the scoring was low all round and we finished 5 of the 7 competing teams.

(3) 2018 CALENDAR

I'm still waiting for Gloucestershire and Warwickshire's invitation to play our match on their patches and once I have them, and the confirmation of the Cornish venues, the 2018 calendar will be almost complete.

(4) THE 2017 AND 2018 CORNISH TOURS

All is pretty well set for the visit of the Cornwall Captains later in September and they currently have 30 who have intimated their intention to travel. I am still planning for three x 24 a-side matches.

I have liaised with the The Oxfordshire, Studley Wood and Burford golf clubs, who are all anticipating our visit; catering, buggy hire etc., has all been organised.

As far as our 2018 tour to Cornwall is concerned, my Cornish counterpart informs me that they hope to play our matches next year from Monday to Wednesday, respectively, at the Points of Polzeath (England Golf's Golfmark Club of the Year 2017), St Enodoc and Carlyon Bay.

In the coming weeks I will circulate members to establish the numbers who might be interested. You are already aware, from my previous report, that I have booked the same number of rooms at Carlyon Bay for 2018 that we had this year; 35 is the maximum number we will entertain.

(5) THE CAPTAIN'S 2017 AUTUMN TOUR

The entire outstanding balance was paid earlier in the month and then, within hours of circulating the itinerary, with all the golf pairing etc., yet another Captain thought he might have to withdraw, because of work commitments. The whole thing is still in a slight state of flux but is now partly resolved.

However, 17/18 is still a pleasant number to conjure with, and I am anticipating playing in 6 x 3 balls, maybe as teams, in a rather more relaxing atmosphere than an individual event.

(6) AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

Should you feel that there is any appetite for it, I will write an autumn newsletter once the playing calendar has been completed. Should you have any items for inclusion, perhaps you'll let me have your thoughts in good time please?

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Thursday, 31st August, 2017