

THE OXFORDSHIRE GOLF CAPTAINS



MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR COMMITTEE MEETING AT BURFORD GOLF CLUB ON 27th APRIL, 2017

(1) 2017 CLUB CAPTAINS

Nine of our 2017 golf club Captains have now enlisted in the OGC but one has sadly declined. We are still looking for five of the home Captains, whose clubs have 2017 OGC events to join, although three of these have received and apparently accepted our invitations to play with us in their home events.

Those yet to join are 2017 Captains of:

Bicester, Cotswolds, Carswell, Drayton Park, Henley, North Oxford, The Springs, Studley Wood and Witney Lakes golf clubs.

(2) 2017 FIXTURES

As I mentioned at our last meeting, the initial response to our "availability" circulation was once again very slow but it has picked up since then and I now have received a total of 120 replies, which compares well with the same point last year.

Also since our last meeting, I have circulated the teams for 17 of our 20 matches, the remaining three being those to be played in Cornwall next month. The available match places were vastly over-subscribed, so in the event you should receive complaints from members about being allocated fewer matches than they imagined they should, this is the reason you can provide please.

There were six responses received after the team selections were circulated but I will endeavour to find matches for these Captains as and when selected members fall by the wayside.

The first of our team letters was circulated last week and, as usual, there are still 11 of the 17 Captains named yet to respond.

Although they don't always do what they say, our members have indicated that the following numbers will be attending our internal events - last year's numbers at this time are shown in brackets;

Spring 71 (62) - President's Day 71 (62) - Mixed 29 (22) - Captain's Day 79 (72) - Autumn 61 (55) - Founders 20 (21)

(3) 2018 CALENDAR

The 2018 calendar, at least as far as home matches and events are concerned, is now complete; the calendar, as it currently stands, will be circulated with this note.

(4) THE 2017 CORNWALL TOUR

All is now in readiness for our departure next month and, should I receive the one final outstanding payment today, everything will have been gathered in to enable me to settle the hotel balance next week.

The total entourage will hopefully be 34 strong, of whom one is a lady; we have no non-golfers this year, because sadly Gordy is not well enough to feel confident about travelling with us.

I'm hoping for a separate dining room on an upper floor for the dinner on the first three evenings and, of course, we will be dining in the golf club, rather than the hotel, after the final match.

As usual, a full itinerary, with all the satnav references etc., will be prepared and circulated in plenty of time before our departure date.

(5) THE CAPTAIN'S 2017 AUTUMN TOUR

Nothing much has changed since our last meeting with the numbers remaining static at 20 Captains who will be travelling with us. I have been seeking anecdotal evidence to explain the unexpected shortfall in participating numbers and it would seem to be purely a question of finance, inasmuch that so many thought it was rather too expensive; I understand this and it is something we will have to take into account, both with this trip and Cornwall in the future.

The deposits have been paid and we can still add extra numbers whilst rooms are available, so should you know of anyone who might be interested, please put them in touch with me as soon as possible.

(6) SPRING NEWSLETTER

As promised at the last meeting, the spring newsletter was prepared and circulated on the 12th March, 2017. I received a number of pleasant responses, at least sufficient to make me think that it may be a worthwhile exercise, both for now and in the future.

Would Committee please consider if and when the next newsletter should be prepared? Clearly, there is no point attempting it again until there is something worthwhile to report to the general membership, and I was thinking maybe after Cornwall and, say, five or six matches have been played?

Roger

Roger Sillence
Match Secretary