

THE OXFORDSHIRE GOLF CAPTAINS



MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR COMMITTEE MEETING AT TADMARTON HEATH GOLF CLUB ON 21ST JUNE, 2017

(1) 2017 CLUB CAPTAINS

We've managed to press-gang some more of our 2017 golf club Captains and now have 10 on board. We still have 2017 Captains at Bicester, Drayton Park, Carswell and Witney Lakes, Studley Wood (?) and the Springs in our compass, but those at Burford, the Cotswold Club and North Oxford are, for varying reasons, looking like men overboard.

(2) 2017 FIXTURES

Thus far, the summary of matches played is;

PLAYED 9, WON 5, LOST 5. INDIVIDUAL GAMES WON 40, GAMES HALVED 7, GAMES LOST 41.

A most pleasant mini-tour of Dorset and Devon was undertaken on the 7th and 8th of this month by 16 Captains, who visited two superb courses and managed to win both our matches in weather, unlike the company, that could have been better.

(3) 2018 CALENDAR

The 2018 calendar is complete as far as home matches and events are concerned, and I am now just waiting to hear from Gloucestershire and Warwickshire about their home matches and the Cornish venues. The current state of play is shown on the form attached with this note.

(4) THE 2017 AND 2018 CORNISH TOURS

Last month 33 Captains travelled to Cornwall and completed three disastrous, although hugely enjoyable matches at Truro, Launceston and Carlyon Bay, and at least the trophies are not cluttering up my study for the summer!

For the first time we stayed at the Carlyon Bay hotel and the only adverse comments I heard were that the costs were a bit steep. Whilst generally agreeing with that, it is also true to say that it was very good value for money. However, as a result of that, I conducted a survey of all 46 Captains who have toured Cornwall over the past 7 years, intent on establishing whether they would prefer Carlyon Bay or the rather more cheaply quoted Bowood.

I concluded that 17 weren't concerned as they didn't even bother to respond, but those who did replied as follows:-

Not bothered, will go with majority = 5

Prefer Carlyon Bay = 15 (Of whom 8 said they would go with majority)

Prefer Bowood = 9

On this basis, I have reserved similar accommodation at Carlyon Bay for the 2018 tour.

I understand from Mr Honey that Bowood has been tried by the OGC on this trip before and was a bit of a disaster!

(5) THE CAPTAIN'S 2017 AUTUMN TOUR

We have suffered another withdrawal since our last meeting and the number now attending has fallen to 19. I have achieved no success in attempting to recruit more volunteers, and again the question of cost seems to be the main stumbling block for everyone who might otherwise have been interested.

(6) SUMMER OR AUTUMN NEWSLETTER?

I had intended to write another Newsletter around this time but as there seemed to be little enthusiasm in Committee at our last meeting for the Spring Newsletter, at present I have done nothing in preparation for any more.

Should you wish to reverse that thought in my mind, please let me know after the meeting.

Roger

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15th June 2017