

Captain's newsletter – March 2017

A belated Happy New Year to you all.

Well after one of the mildest winter's on record, the golfing year just gets longer and longer, so just like many of the Premiership football teams, I hope your form doesn't falter early on in our 'society season' because you didn't get that 'winter break' you craved for?

I'm sure many of you will have 'bitten the bullet' after reading a recent golf magazine ad, or an advert on Sky and purchased new golf equipment for the season, so if you are one of these, I hope the early signs are positive.

I played with Tim Thacker the other day, who has done just that & purchased the new M1 Taylor Made driver. I have to say it's a fancy piece of kit, that he was hitting really well, but for anyone looking for a second hand M1 driver, if you give it about a month I'm sure there will be a 2nd hand one (just like Tim's) back in the Whittington Pro shop at a really good price!!!

Wychwood Park - Ballesteros Bowl (Friday 24th March)

For our first event of 2017, we visit Wychwood Park in Cheshire, to compete for the Ballesteros Bowl. Being the first event of the year, it doesn't take long to become fully subscribed, so get your monies in fast if you want to be there. Please remember to wear a navy blue jumper or shirt, in memory of Sevvv.

Captains Drive

My first charitable event of the year will include the captain's drive, which will take place on the first hole at Wychwood Park. The long par 5 opener at 524 yards will have been witness to many long drives over the years, that have flown straight down the middle of the fairway, so hopefully I can follow suit, whilst you are all looking on intently hoping that I knob it..!!

All you have to do is have a guess (or two) as to how far my ball will go and the closest wins the money.....and as its for charity, it also a good way of starting off this year's charity fund, which I'm raising on behalf of the MS society



Par 3 Challenge

This year, I will continue with the Captain's Challenge on our golf days.

The challenge is that all three players in a group should hit their tee shots onto a par 3 of my choosing.

A £1 entry fee is charged with the winning group taking half the pot created and the other half going to our charity.

If more than one group succeeds, they share the pot. If no group is successful, the pot rolls over to the next golf day.

Golf majors competition

Along with Marcho my 'Vice Captain', we are just putting the finishing touches to our golf 'majors' competition, which we will be running through the year. Entries will be accepted at the first event, only this time there is no luck of the draw, as you get pick who you want, so here are the rules:

HOW TO PLAY:

- Pick 10 participating players from any country you like (you could pick the top 10 in the world..it's up to you)
- Predict the winning score of the actual tournament to be used in the case of a tiebreaker

RULES:

- Scoring is simply that players score relative to par e.g. -5, +2 etc
- If a player misses the cut then his score after 2 rounds is doubled e.g. +3 becomes +6
- If the winning player's score is under par then his score is doubled (e.g. -10 becomes -20), if the winning player's score is over par then his score is halved (e.g. +4 becomes +2).
- If a player is disqualified or retires then he will incur a 10 shot penalty.
- Lowest combined score wins.

We will log the scoring on to a spreadsheet, and the winner will be the one with the best overall score for the 4 majors, with a cash prizes for the top 3, so start thinking who your team of 10 will be an be prepared to enter at Wychwood

That's all for now so I hope to see you all at Wychwood Park.

Kevin