

Captains January 2024 Message

I would like to take this first opportunity to reach out to those who don't know me as the Men's Captain for 2024.

I am very honoured to take on this position and very thankful to our outgoing Captain, Mark Fieldston for first of all asking me to be his Vice Captain last year.

My name is Graham Ayers and I have lived in Bingham for over 40 years and married to Jilly. We have two sons, two grandsons and a granddaughter.

Last year was very much a steep learning curve for the new 'Men's Section' even though we have the biggest number of members but are the new section on the block in comparison to the more established Ladies / Seniors and Mixed Sections. So, we had to learn from scratch as there were nothing handed down to us.

Have mistakes been made -of course there has.

Have we learnt from the mistakes – of course we have.

As a section we did suffer a couple of setbacks, but as in all organisations, that is common. It is how you overcome these setbacks and move forward.

It was indeed my pleasure to be Mark's Vice Captain at the start of a roller coaster of a journey, and now begins the next step as we constantly have to look forward in ensuring that the courses, facilities and the golf experience continues to improve.

I am looking forward to working alongside Alan Hardy and the Management team / Hilary Smalley - President / James Thompson D.O.G / Paul Yeomans (Yogi)-Men's Vice Captain / Cindy Allcoat - Ladies Captain/ Pete Clarke- Seniors and Sharron Riddell- Mixed Captain.

With regards to the Men's Section, you should have already received the first and second Newsletter which were sent out recently, this is going to be a monthly communication from Garry Corpe our secretary which we hope will benefit everyone and to make all aware of what is going on within the Men's Section.

I do have one big favour to ask everyone. PLEASE take some time to repair divots and pitch marks, it is the very least we can all do to assist Pete Billings and his staff in giving us great courses and more so during this long period of bad weather where the greenkeeping staff have been working wonders to give us some golf.

It does not take long to replace a divot or repair a pitch mark, so please bear this in mind the next time you play golf. We have two great courses and we should be proud of them, so let's play our part in keeping them in great condition.

PLEASE RESPECT OUR COURSES.

I look forward to meeting those members I don't know, but for now I hope you can play and enjoy your golf during these difficult winter conditions.

Graham Ayers – Men's Captain