

2021 has been a very challenging year for me as Club Captain. With the return to full golf after Covid we were able to run most of the competitions both at club and county level.

I was hoping to convince the management to make reparations to the fourth green and to improve the Communication between all of the different sections in the golf club, with the aim of improving tee-time bookings and competition entries. Regrettably no progress was made in these areas despite many discussions.

As you all know the owner decided to present a building plan for more lodges and caravans which will encroach on the golf course and reduce parking availability.

The club teams all did very well which I think is a testament to both Brian Mudge our resident Pro, and all of the captains and organisers of the various teams. In particular the juniors had a stellar year, with two teams from our own squad fighting out the final of the county championship. The scratch team under the management of Ryan Genner managed to win the scratch league, and the intermediate team under Ryan MacAlister just fell short at the last hurdle.

Special thanks goes to John Bryant for running the social team and his extraordinary efforts to help raise money for the Captain's Charity.

As a result of the efforts of these people, and those who freely gave up their time to manage competitions, the golf club is in a very healthy state. In general the course is in very good condition and hopefully that will continue under Craig's new management, and the future looks very rosy indeed when we look at the skills and progress being made by our juniors. Also the club continues to attract some very good elite players and these strengthen both intermediate and scratch teams.

In ending I would like to thank all of those who have volunteered their time and skills to the various committees, and wish them every success for the coming year. In addition I'd like to wish incoming captains all the very best, and thank all members for their unstinting support.

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