

## **2021 Senior Captain's Report**

2021 began exactly where 2020 finished – under yet another Lock-down! I did wonder at first if I was doomed to be the first Seniors captain to go through two terms with a match result of played 1, won 0, lost 1 (Brampton Heath – October 2020)

This was not to be, however, as by the end of March, things were looking much brighter and by the end of April, we were able to visit Oundle for our first match of the season – a narrow defeat but a match at last.

The early May matches were lost to Social distancing issues here at Overstone but on day one of the new “relaxed” rules, we hosted Market Harborough and had our first win – great times ahead! The rest of the season could not have been better scripted and the final results table reads, played 20, won 14, halved 2 lost 4! A fantastic season of inter-club matches and my thanks go to Organisers and Players for this great season.

Then there was the NGL Seniors Knock-Out competition, which we have contested before but with mixed results. We reached the final with wins away to Wellingborough, and home wins to Rushden and Staverton and on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October we played Peterborough Milton in the final at Delapre and Overstone achieved their best result of the season with a 3 to 2 win, and lifted the (somewhat underwhelming!) trophy, which will be represented at the Club Presentation evening now rescheduled for January.

Sadly, this year, we lost another very dear senior – Andy Fairweather passed earlier in the year and will be sadly missed by many seniors and club members alike.

We also had a second Captains Away-break at Hawkstone Park and I think we chose the hottest three days of the year to hold it. I think I can say that it was enjoyed by us all. Well done to Roy who won the overall competition but to everyone, for making it such an enjoyable three days.

Thank you to all my **management team and event organisers** for their unstinting support over the past two years. The seniors' success this year is a testament to your efforts.

Thank you all - stay safe and well, and enjoy your seniors golf under new management in 2021 – 2022 and my best wishes to Alastair and Steve hoping next season will be even more successful than this!