

ON SUNDAY 30TH JANUARY the new Club Captain, Guy Rayson and Lady Captain, Avis Webb drove from the first tee to commence their Captain's year . Introduced onto the tee by Club President Ray Smith, Guy and Avis were supported and watched by approximately 90 members as they teed off, both hoping for a reasonable drive under nerve racking circumstances. Both drives were successful with Avis having the honour on the tee sending her ball 94 yards and Guy driving a respectable 183 yards. The morning started with members being welcomed by the new Captains with a glass of wine or fruit juice. The Captain's bell was rung just before noon for members to make their way to the first tee for the Drive In.

This was followed by the exchange of photographs in the Clubhouse with the outgoing Captain, Terry Brown and Lady Captain, Julia Brown, making a short speech about their year and how much they had enjoyed 2010. Terry announced that they had raised in excess of £7,000 during the year which had totally funded the development of the new pond on the 18th hole and also donated £1,300 to the Air Ambulance. They both wished Guy and Avis every success for the forthcoming year. Both Avis and Guy expressed how proud they were to be Lady and Club Captain and that they had a hard act to follow in Terry and Julia.

Guy has been a member of the club for forty years and is a former Club Champion and runner up. He has represented the Club many times in County and national competitions. He is very competitive and said that he would be supporting and encouraging all the teams throughout the year. He was looking forward to working with his Vice Captain, John Rawlings, and the Committee, and would work hard for the Club. Guy confirmed he would be working to raise money towards course improvements and his charity of the year would be Help For Heroes. Avis's charity donations will be for Cancer Research UK and along with the Lady Vice Captain, Yvette Joyce, and the ladies committee, she promised to support the Club and Guy throughout their year to make it as successful as possible for all members. They both wished everyone a successful golfing 2011.

Club Competitions Report to January 17th 2011

The **gents** played a **better ball stableford** on the 8th January. Winners were Mark Thomson and Gavin Sanger with 41 points on count back from father and son team of Chris and Dean Carmichael also with 41 points. Phil Hewes and Graham Aldridge took third place 2 points adrift with a score of 39 points. The twos sweep was shared between 6 players, Chris Carmichael, Dave Harris, Mezz Watchorn, Roy Aldred, David Stroud and Mark Muggleton

Sunday 16th January saw the gents finally play the third round of the **Autumn Trophy** originally scheduled for the 28th November. In very windy conditions 47 players took part playing a progressive Am-Am stableford with 2 to count on holes 1 to 6, 3 on hole 7 to 12 and 4 to count on holes 13 to 18. This made for an interesting result with only 3 points between the top three teams and count back deciding first and second place. The winners were: Tom Eadon, Ray Catton, Daryl Clater and Dean Carmichael with 99 points on count back from a three man team of Chris Radford, Dave Guntrip and Darren Pick with Dave Timbrell as a ghost player form a four man team. In third place were John Rawlings, Andy Westwood, Phil Hewes and Denis Dayman with 94 points.

The **seniors** have also been playing catch up playing the fourth round of their Winter Putter competition. The winner was Tom Bates with 35 points on count back from runner up Ken Dimaline also 35. Tom Eadon was third on count back from fourth placed Richard Grieve both with 33 points. In first place in the over 70's nine hole competition was Vic Newham with 20 points closely followed by runner up Ken Dimaline with 19 and Cis Robinson in third place with 17 points.

The Monday Morning mingles pos Christmas season commenced on 10th January with a small field of 28 players. First were Tony and Beryl Houghton nett 34.0, second David and Janet Bentley nett 34.2 and third Vic and Mavis Newham nett 36.0. The best four ball was Vic and Mavis Newham with Ray Foster and Grace Helstrip nett 37.2