



Club Captain

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I am delighted and honoured to be your club Captain, especially as we celebrate its 125th year during my tenure. I welcome all new members and encourage you to promote Shortlands Golf Club for its fine challenging course and facilities which we have to offer.

2019 is a significant year in our proud history, and we will be celebrating this milestone throughout the year. During the summer months the Club will be marking our 125th Anniversary with a Summer Ball and other events being held during my Festival week. All sections of the Club have specific events planned and I am sure that these will be enjoyed by the membership. In the latter part of the year we will also be holding a 125 Celebration Dinner Dance, and also participating in a national competition for Clubs reaching this milestone in 2019.

To our visitors; Shortlands Golf Club is open to golfers of all abilities and we dedicate ourselves to an atmosphere of friendship, competitive and friendly golf. We assure you of an enjoyable round of golf on our well-maintained course with the opportunity to reflect on your game over a few drinks / light bite in the comfort of our clubhouse. Whether you visit to play a round of golf, experience the camaraderie in the club house or choose us to host your special occasion, we very much look forward to welcoming you to Shortlands Golf Club.

*A summary of the major diary events will shortly be published on the notice board. Initially I would like to confirm some basic details concerning our **Summer Ball to celebrate our 125th year.***

- *125 Summer Ball – 6th July 2019.*
- *Venue - Shortlands Golf Club.*
- *Restricted to – 84 attendees due to insurance limitation.*
- *Black tie.*
- *Food – 3 Course with Canapés / Glass of Prosecco on arrival and a bottle of Red and White on each table.*
- *Cost £47.50 per person.*
- *An evening with – Sarah Barker / Miss Vintage (returns).*

My First Few Months

What a start with my Drive-in, a great day had by all, with the celebrations going on well into the late evening. My chosen charity is Hope House and I must thank everyone who contributed most generously on the day, and continue to do so via all of the monthly activities.

My thanks must go to Kevin Rolfe for all his sterling work.



The following week I found myself officiating at the inaugural Shortlands Tennis Open! Our Lady Captains Drive-in: Christine Bryan. Did the drive carry the net, not sure from what I can remember!!!!!!



Socials

Both our New Year's Eve celebrations and Valentines social with Miss Vintage who we were lucky to secure were very successful. Comments back from those that attended our Valentines: -

- *What a voice - stunning.*
- *Phil you have just seen the act we would like for the Summer Ball.*
- *Please book her now.*



Our resident Comedian Peter Perke hosted a fabulous evening in late November which was enjoyed by a full house. Following on from this success another comedy night has been arranged for the end of March 2019.



The quiz night held on the 8th March was a fantastic evening, being well supported by both members and guests. A big thank you to Denis for organising this event. A very generous donation of £110.00 was made by the winning team to be divided between Christine's and Phil's charities. Our annual Night Golf evening is due to take place on Friday 22nd March (5 holes followed by fish and chips). For those who have never taken part in this it's a great fun evening.

Our immediate past Captain Mark Spencer's prize giving took place in January 2019. It was well attended by prize winners and club members, Mark proudly presented Colm, representing his charity Stamp out Suicide, with a cheque for £4,000.00, which was gratefully received.



Management and Running the Club.

I am now finding out how much work goes on behind the scenes, and how much time and effort is put in. On behalf of the membership Thank You.

In conjunction with our new Greens Director, our three green staff have been hard at work on the course, with many members positively commenting upon the work that has been undertaken. Membership continues to grow following on from last year's initiatives. The club needs to make sure that all sections flourish. Many other Golf Clubs membership is currently reducing, and over the last few months we have seen a number of club's fold. Therefore, lets continue to build upon what has been started. I would like to thank both the Bar Director and Sue for negotiating with the brewery to allow me to have a Captain's Wine for the year with labels.

Unfortunately, the Club has lost a number of prominent and long-standing members since starting my tenure. A void in the knowledge, experience and expertise within the club exists and will be hard to replace. With the roles undertaken being both recent, varied and long standing. We all have fond memories of these past members, and all will surely be missed by the whole membership.

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