

New Captains Address to Members – AGM December 2020

Hi everyone

I consider it a great privilege and honour to take on the Captains Role at Halesworth Golf for the next year 2021. I joined this club in 1990 and apart from a few years when my daughters were growing up I have been a member ever since.

I think it is a great club to be a member of and we have been extremely fortunate to have had owners who have put so much into the club over recent years. The improvement in both the course and clubhouse facilities has been great to see and on behalf of all members would like to thank Mrs Hunt for the investment made to enable this to take place.

2020 has been a difficult year in so many aspects. I am hopeful as I am sure we all are that 2021 will bring an end to the awful pandemic that has so tragically affected so many and golf can return in a way in which we can all get the enjoyment we strive for.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the captains from this year and will be presenting John Clatworthy with his Past Captains tie in due course. John has been totally committed in his role as doing the best for the club and it has been so difficult to be seen to do this with all that has taken place outside of our control.

I see my role as captain as having 2 major strands. First being able to represent all members of the club regarding issues that arise and or individuals would like to raise. Second to promote the club to the wider community in the most positive way.

Regarding the first strand as many of you are aware, I play regularly both through the week and at weekends in competitions and informally with others. I will continue to do this and will take opportunities to ensure that I play with as many different members as I can when the opportunities arise. To this end I will make myself available as a point of contact at the club and accessible via messaging via email or the IG app.

With regard to the second strand I aim to ensure that I am high profile at public events such as Open Competition days, inter club matches (both friendly and in county competitions), charity events as well as the regular internal competitions and club championships.

A captain's role is not possible without support from others. I would like to take this opportunity at the beginning of may year to recognise the outstanding work of our Green Team staff headed by Mark Coby, it makes the job of promoting our course so easy when you see the condition it is always kept in. Alongside this team is an equally outstanding clubhouse team headed by Richard Davies and Ellie Andrews, service with a smile always.

I look forward to working with the new committee, so much work and time is committed by the few members of this committee to ensure there is a genuine interface between the members and the management of the club. I would like to thank them all in anticipation of another hard year's work on behalf of you the members of the club.

Finally, as you can see, we have no nominations for the crucial role of Vice-Captain. Wouldn't it be great if someone put themselves forward like I did to John last year? I wanted to give something back to the club I have been a member of for so long. It is so easy to sit back and let others get on with it and take every opportunity to criticize. I can and will ask people if they would be willing to do the role, but the response always seems to be a polite 'No' not this year.

Come on somebody who genuinely cares about our club send me a message via IG or email, tap me on the shoulder and say that you will put yourself forward. You will be greeted with great enthusiasm I can assure you.

I look forward to working with the other sections captains this year and all the 500 members of our club. Please remember try not to take cheap swipes behind peoples backs we are all genuinely trying to do our best for the club. If you have an issue positive (yes praise is always welcome) or negative come and speak I promise I will always at least listen.

Enjoy your golf throughout the year – I look forward to getting to know all members a little better.

Rob Sherington
Captain Elect 2021