

Warkworth Golf Club

Captains Report 2021

I came into office on a cold December night in the car park with a barbecue and an 18 pack of Carling as the club house was closed and we were heading back into a national lockdown. Captain, Ken Bailey did a small presentation, shook my hand and wished me well for 2021. I'd like to thank Ken for allowing me the honour of being his Vice Captain.

After being postponed due to fog, I eventually drove into office on the 12th of June with the Warkworth House Trophy up for grabs. Driver in hand and the ceremonial orange golf ball, I managed to put the ball a yard away from the front of the green. Wish I had done that in the competition proper as I ended up with a nine down the first. Cameron Twynholm took the trophy that day with a net 67.

Turning 55 on the 19th July and becoming a senior, I found out the senior's section were going Goswick on their club outing. Thank you to Tim Capron for allowing me to start my birthday celebrations by playing a fantastic course with great company.

Captain's Day. I'm humbled that 81 players took the time to turn out for my day. Many thanks go to Gary Knox, Paul Jackson and Gillian for all their help sorting cards, taking in money and selling raffle tickets, also to all the people who kindly donated raffle prizes. I'd like to thank Steve and his team for setting up the course and the dodgy pin positions, just the way I wanted them. Sammy Watson took the trophy with a respectable 43 points and Paul Douglass won the past Captain's Trophy.

Warkworths finest turned out to compete for the Club Championship with Robert Balmbra taking the title and Gary Henderson winning the net salver, worthy winners indeed. Also, congratulations to all the members who made the honours boards this year, look forward to seeing you all on presentation night.

I'd like thank Paul Jackson for organising the men's match play team and to the players who take time out of their personal lives to represent the club.

When it comes to the Chairperson v Captain, the least said the better. Congratulations to Michael on his first win and thank you to all the members who participated. I'm sure Gary will win it back next year.

As my captaincy comes to an end, I leave with the club on a sound financial footing, membership rising in all categories and the course getting better and better by the season. This is down to the people behind the scenes, the committee members and green staff. I didn't realise just how much work goes into the day to day running of a golf course which is all done by volunteers and the amount of work the green staff have to do to keep the course in pristine condition. Huge respect to all of them.

The new in-house catering arrangements run by James and his team are still at an early stage and it is too early to evaluate their success or otherwise. I'm sure the committee will monitor the members satisfaction levels as we go into next year and beyond.

Huge thanks to Roy Wilson for organising the junior events throughout the year and it's great to see junior membership going up. Thank you to Dave, Paul and Ian Gray for running and coming up with a system where we could still play the sweeps while the covid restrictions were in place.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Gary Knox and his Vice Captain all the very best for 2022. I've no doubt about his enthusiasm for next year, so please give him your full support. It's been an honour and a privilege to have been your Club Captain, for that I thank you.

Kind Regards

Mick Moyle

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