

Seniors Newsletter November 2022

Welcome to the first newsletter of my year as captain.

Following some of the comments made in the recent questionnaire, so that you know who is on the committee I would like to introduce the new committee to you all. My vice captain is Peter Battley. Brian Saunders is the secretary and Jeff Gee is the treasurer. The other committee members are Graham Paine, Dave Warburton, John Regler, Steve Grundy, Andy Curtis and Richard Pearce is a co-opted member.

I would like to thank the retiring members from the committee for their work over the years. They are Richard Pearce and Mike Wakeham.

I have attached a summary of responses to the questionnaire we recently sent out. Thank you to those of you who replied and also to those who showed interest in joining the committee.

The majority of our competitions allow you to choose your time and playing partners. Last year's committee decided to make the Board competitions more special. Members had the choice of entering within one hour slots to give members a chance of playing with different players.

We also decided to play the Seniors championship in handicap order to fit in with what happens in the Club Championship.

The first Winter League match is scheduled for 28 November at home against Weymouth at 10.30am. A sign up sheet is on the Seniors noticeboard. For these matches, there will be tea or coffee on arrival and a rolling single course meal afterwards. The other Winter League home match is set up for 16 January against Canford School. You will be able to sign up online. Details will follow to give instructions for signing up.

The divisions that we use for our individual competitions are 0-15, 16-20 and 21 plus. This will be revised if needed.

The Bottles Competition to be held on 21 November will have bottles of wine as prizes for the first 5 in each division. Winners will be able to collect their bottles from the office during office hours. Please collect them by the end of November.

Following the cancellation of the Doug Procter Trophy this year, we have arranged it for 16 July so that there are no clashes of competitions.

My charity for the year is the Willow Foundation. It was set up by Bob and Megs Wilson as a lasting memorial to their daughter Anna who died of cancer aged 31. Bob is the former Arsenal goalkeeper and TV presenter. The charity works with seriously ill 16-40 year olds to provide uplifting and unforgettable Special Days.

We are proposing to hold the Seniors Dinner Dance on 4 March 2023. Please let me or any of the committee know of your interest by the end of November to help us plan for this event.

Derek Haines

Seniors Captain