

Welcome from the Captains

Following the Annual General Meeting of South Staffordshire Golf Club we would like to thank all members for electing us as your respective Captains for the forthcoming year.

Whilst not all of you were able to attend our Cocktail party on 7th April, the following provides a little bit of background on us.

Kevin

My first sport was hockey. I joined Cannock Hockey Club, rising to the 1st team where I played for about 4 years. Due to a couple of injuries I decided to take up golf and joined South Staffs Golf Club in May 2005.

My wife Marie and I have two children and 1 grandson. Marie is a retired schoolteacher having spent all of her working life at St. Peter's Collegiate School. My own working life was with Lloyds Banking Group, having joined straight from school, until I retired in 2019. On joining the Bank I worked in their International Operations Centre in Birmingham until a change of direction saw me move into Software Testing with responsibility and accountability for several programmes within Commercial Banking and Wealth Management.

In addition to my sporting background my other hobbies include photography, keeping tropical fish and hiking. My other main activity which keeps me incredibly busy is Freemasonry having joined the organisation in 1987. I'm currently the Provincial Grand Master (Head of the Order) for the Province of Staffordshire & Shropshire Mark Master Masons.

Rachel

Prior to taking up golf I played tennis, County schools athletics and hockey for Staffordshire, and I played football. I played for a few high-level clubs before having trials for both England and Germany U18's (yes, I'm part German with family in Lütjenburg). I elected to play for England, and I went to the US and got scouted for a scholarship with Louisiana State University. Whilst there I was presented with Honorary Mayor-President status of the city of Baton Rouge, Louisiana and received a lifetime key to the city. Unfortunately, my football journey was ended due to injury and so I turned to golf once fit.

Since taking up golf I've had the honour of being Lady Captain of my previous club in 2016 and had the privilege of being Staffordshire Ladies County 1st Team Captain 2021-2023. I have worked in the golf industry for many years and previously managed the operations of a golf club for 13 years. I now work for Titleist as the club fitting specialist for the Midlands. I joined South Staffs GC in March 2019 and I'm delighted to become Lady Captain for the club.

Other things you may or may not know about me...

I always wanted to be in the RAF but failed the medicals so instead I completed all the tests and was accepted by National Air Traffic Services to be an Air Traffic Controller in 2014 but had a severe illness and lost my placement.

I name all my pets after food brands and currently live with two cats called Bisto and Paxo.

Plans for the Year

As Captains we have decided that many national and local charities receive donations from many sources and we are sure that they will continue to attract donations from members of South Staffs Golf Club. Consequently, we have decided that charity should start at home and we are hoping for your support in raising funds for the Golf Club where all proceeds will be either for course irrigation or bunker replacement / refurbishment.

On the subject of charity the Captain's wife Marie knits dolls and has prepared one specifically as a golfer. This will be raffled to raise funds and it will be on display behind the bar in the Club house with tickets available to purchase from the bar staff. It is anticipated that tickets will be available for a couple of months before being raffled. Marie is also prepared to knit any dolls that members may want for children , grandchildren etc. again with proceeds going to our Charity. Photos attached for information.

From a golfing perspective the Captain's Day event is on Saturday 15th June which will be followed by a dinner dance in the evening. The Captain's Away day which incorporates the Carver Cup will be on Monday 15th July and will be held at St. Anne's Old Links Course, Lytham St. Annes, Lancashire. If you would like to attend, please let Ian Guest know. Full details of this event will be circulated in due course.

In addition there will of course be a Summer Ball, the Christmas Party and New Year's Eve party. As Captains, we would urge you all to support the Club as much as you are able to by taking advantage of the Clubhouse facilities, whether that is a drink, a bite to eat after a round of golf, by attending the above functions, a Sunday lunch or any other function.

We look forward to meeting as many of the members as possible over the forthcoming 12 months, playing golf and enjoying ourselves.

Kevin and Rachel





Other designs available.