

SbN October Captains' Newsletter

Each month, our three Captains – Matt Tunstall, Jill Pottle and Kevin Price - share with us their news from the previous few weeks and take a quick look ahead to the upcoming month.

But, remember, general news, competitions and team updates will appear as they happen on the members website at www.sbnngolfmembers.co.uk so bookmark the page and visit regularly – you can also book tee times from there and check your members card.

Men's Captain, Matt Tunstall

I trust you've all had a great month and not taken too much emotional damage after Sunday's Ryder Cup excitement. Europe certainly made us suffer, but it was all great watching in the end.

My tenancy as Men's Captain is nearly at a close and I'd just like to say a massive thank you to everyone for your support over the year. It's been a genuine pleasure and an experience I'll remember forever.

I hope you'll all join me in wishing the incoming captains, Sam Volk, Bev Ellender and Graham Cork the very best of luck and success.

As some of you may have seen on the notice boards, the annual Captains' Dinner is coming up on October 25. If you haven't already, could you please let Harry Hibbert know if you can attend. It would be great to see as many of you there as possible.

Once again thank you for putting up with me over the past year, I look forward to seeing you all around the club.

Have a great Month.

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Ladies Captain, Jill Pottle

Hi Everyone,

I hope you are all getting out on the course and taking the chance to enjoy the balmy late autumn days we are currently experiencing. I'm sure it won't be long until we are all moaning about the wet weather!

A big shout out must go again to Sarah Viner who, following her success at the British Transplant Games, recently travelled to Dresden in Germany to compete in the World Transplant Games. Sarah competed in numerous events and came home with a further two Silver medals (earned in both the singles and team golf competitions) to add to her collection. Seems there's no stopping her!!

The Ladies Section recently held the last of our major trophy competitions where we competed for the Specialist Shield at our Autumn Meeting. Congratulations to our winner, Mandy Byham, who scored a fabulous 40 points.

Coming up in October we have the last of our Mixed competitions, the Hunter Guide Dog Trophy, the format for which is mixed Greensomes. There are still a couple of tee slots available if anyone would like to sign up. This is traditionally a fundraiser for the Guide Dog Association and was set

up by one of our long-standing members, David Hunter. Any contributions towards this worthy charity would be appreciated, especially by those competing in the Competition.

Also during this month the Ladies will compete for the Medal Winners and Stableford Winners Trophies. These are open to any lady that has won a qualifying competition in either category during the 2025 playing season. I'm sure they will be hotly contested this year as quite a few of our ladies are currently showing excellent form.

If anyone would like to attend the Captain's Dinner on Saturday October 25, but has not yet ordered their tickets, please contact Harry Hibbert as soon as possible to secure your place. This is always a great night, and the three current Captains would love to show their appreciation for your support throughout the year.

See you all soon

Seniors Captain, Kevin Price

The Seniors were very sad to learn of the recent passing of Allen Smith, who fought a long and courageous battle against cancer. Allen was an invaluable member of the section who was very helpful, knowledgeable, kind and generous. He was also great company on the golf course. Our thoughts are with his wife Rona and family.

2025 has been an enjoyable year to be Seniors Captain. It has been challenging at times, however, I'm pleased to have played my part, both for the Seniors section and for the Club. During the year, we have welcomed a number of new members to the Seniors and I'm sure some of them will go on to become integral members of the section.

One of the rewards of being a 'Past Captain' is to enjoy the future benefits this may bring. None more so than taking part in the Past Captain's Cup. This event is organised by one of the past captains and involves a home and away match, with the winner decided by the outcome of these two events. In 2025 it was not only organised by Ian Bickers but subsequently won by him too.

We still have a couple of major competitions to be decided in October. These are the Millennium Trophy and the Roy Tricker trophy. The outcome of these will depend on the results of our October Stableford competition.

I wish my successor, Graham Cork, an enjoyable year in 2026.