

The Association of Buckinghamshire Golf Captains



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Bromborough

Caldy

Wallasey

Delamere Forest

CAPTAIN'S TOUR 2012 The Wirral

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Captain's Corner

Let me say first that I am very pleased to have been chosen to represent our Association in 2012. My appointment as Captain is a great honour and I will do my very best to live up to the high standards set by my predecessors.

2012 tees off with the **Men's Annual Dinner** which will be held at Flackwell Heath Golf Club on Friday 24 February. I hope that as many of you as possible will support this event which has attracted good attendances in recent years. I am sure we can look forward to an entertaining evening.

This year's tour is to the **Wirral, Cheshire** from Sunday 24 to Wednesday 27 June 2012, and I hope this will be new ground for those of you who sign up. The courses all look interesting and each offers something different, starting with Bromborough on the Sunday afternoon and over the following three days visiting Caldy, Wallasey and Delamere Forest. My **Captain's Day** will be at Flackwell Heath on Wednesday 25 July. Don't be put off by scurrilous rumours that this is a hilly course; it's a pleasure to play. Flackwell has been in great condition through 2011 and I am sure that the highest standards will be maintained in 2012.



Captain's Day 2012 will be held at Flackwell Heath Golf Club

Once again we have excellent fixtures arranged for 2012 starting at Redbourne in Hertfordshire for the Spring Meeting. Please select as many as possible of the fixtures for which you are available on the list accompanying this newsletter and that way my team selections will give everyone a fair share of games in the season. Would you also indicate if you are available at short notice as this can help tremendously when filling for cancellations? All this makes your Committee's work so much easier.

Last year I enjoyed supporting Peter Hill who did a first class job as Captain and who remains on the Committee for another year to give us the benefit of his experiences. Ian Smithie steps down this year so thanks to him for his significant contribution to the Committee's work over the past five years. I welcome Doug Ebdon onto the Committee and look forward to working with Ken Heaver who becomes my vice captain. Thanks also to Derek Hill as Hon. Secretary, Derek Williams as Hon. Treasurer and to Peter Short as Hon Match Secretary who all continue in their key roles through 2012. They are ably assisted on the Committee by John Pettitt and Ed Fraser. I look forward to their continuing support and encouragement during my year as Captain.

Significant strides have been made in development of our website and in the use of e-mail to smooth communications with members, especially for notification of match selection. If you have an e-mail address and have not yet made it known to the Association but would be happy to receive newsletters and team selections electronically, please give your e-mail address to Peter Short. This helps to keep postage costs at a low a level as possible and with careful control of other costs our subscriptions and match fees can remain at last year's level.

We enter 2012 with a sense of anticipation even though our first outing isn't until April. I hope to meet as many of you as possible in the coming year and I wish you all a good golfing year.

Roger Warren – 2012 Captain

Match results 2011

AGAINST	AT	RESULT
Bedfordshire	Hazelmere	Won 15/6
Hampshire	Harleyford	Won 6.5/3.5
Northamptonshire	Burnham Beeches	Won 5.5/2.5
South Wales Coast	Southerndown	Lost 5.5/2.5
London	Flackwell Heath	Lost 5.5/4.5
Surrey	Buckingham	Lost 8/2
Warwickshire	Harbourne	Drew 4/4
Oxfordshire	Kirtlington	Lost 7/1
Cambridgeshire	Three Locks	Won 5/3
Kent	Royal Blackheath	Won 5.5/4.5
Hertfordshire	Aldwickbury	Lost 8 holes down
Sussex	The Dyke	Lost 5/3

Men's Dinner

Friday 24 February 2012

7pm for 7.30pm – Dinner Jackets

Tickets are priced £30 and are available from any Committee Member or direct from the **Derek Hill**, Secretary

This event has proved most popular in the last few years and is open to members and club guests plus the guests we entertain from the Counties on our fixture list.

Results of meetings 2011

Spring Meeting at Royal Ascot

Winner – **Jerry Taylor** 39pts

*Second – **Quentin Easton** 38pts*

Captains and Ladies at Whiteleaf

Winners – **Richard Ford** and **Jane Owen** 45pts

*Second – **Nick Rathbone** and **Margaret Anderton** 44pts*

*Third – **Tony Jefferies** and **Pat Elwell** 44pts*

Four Counties South at Burford

Bucks Captains came fourth with 201pts

Captain's Day at Chiltern Forest

Winner – **Cliff Darlington** with 38pts

*Second – **Rob Milliner** with 36pts*

*Third – **John Mannering** with 35pts*

Four Counties North at Gay Hill

Bucks Captains Came First with 185pts

Autumn Meeting at Harewood Downs

Winner – **Derrick Clarke** with 39pts

*Second – **Geoff Blofield** with 36pts*



Administration

Secretary's notes

Christmas is over and we now look forward to 2012 and the hope of better times ahead. Best Wishes to all for the New Year and a successful golfing year under the leadership of our new Captain Roger Warren from Flackwell Heath. I am sure the year will be as enjoyable as 2011 and Roger has worked quietly behind the scenes as Vice-Captain to make sure his year will be a positive one.

Congratulations to him and best wishes for a successful season. Wish also to send best wishes to our new Vice-Captain Ken Heaver from Mentmore and a welcome to the committee to Doug Ebdon of Gerrards Cross. A farewell with thanks to Ian Smithie who leaves the committee without whose help the great days out at Woburn would not have been possible.

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This will be the start of my twelfth season as your Admin. Secretary and it doesn't seem possible that it was so long ago that we took a party to the Atlanta, Georgia, under the leadership of the late Derek Howlett. I was then about to take over from Len Clarke and what an enjoyable time those golfing years have been, working with some lovely guys who have been Captains' of our great Association and others that have worked in support of the Committee. The camaraderie, friendship and their lively spirit has been a joy and we have shared some wonderful days out both golfing and as social

gatherings. This will be my last year and I wish to thank all those gentlemen for their support and good company. What fun we have had and I would recommend to you all that should you get the chance to take part in an official role, do say yes and share the warmth and friendship that exudes from like minded golfers within the Counties that we play.

Looking at the season ahead, you will see with this newsletter the usual fixture details and the request that you indicate your interest in the respective fixtures by marking the adjacent boxes and also, where able, give some indication that you might be available at short notice, as this is so important to Peter Short when he has to deal with late withdrawals as is so often the case. Peter works tirelessly to ensure we have a full representation at matches and it is right that we should all try and help to make things run as smoothly as possible.

You are asked to pay your renewal fee for the season and there is a standing order form that was enclosed with the email in September that is available for your use and makes collection of the subscriptions that little bit easier for the Treasurer. The returns will be used as the basis of team selection early in February and if you wish Roger to consider you please ensure you respond by the end of January. It is suggested that you enter your requests in your personal diary to avoid the chance of double bookings and the need to consider cancelling if selected later in the year.

Please also take note of the tour this year that is in a new area for us, Roger taking a party to the Wirral. If interested you need to give an early indication so please mark your returns accordingly and send your deposit of £100 with your return. Details of the tour are to be found elsewhere within the body of the newsletter and as places are limited an early indication and payment of the deposit is necessary.

For the county fixtures we have a good range of venues, with Bedfordshire taking us to Leighton Buzzard, Hampshire to Cams Hall, and Northants to Wellingborough, then London to Strawberry Hill, Cambridgeshire to Ramsey and Surrey to Banstead. We continue to use a number of our local courses but start with our usual away day Spring Meeting, this time at Redborne. With the help of members we have been able to get fixtures at a working price again at

Lamborne and pleased to say also Gerrards Cross where we host the Four Counties South and have our Autumn Meeting back at Beaconsfield in October.

As usual our first event of the year will be the Association Dinner which will be held at Flackwell Heath Golf Club on Friday 24 February 2012 and it is to be hoped that as many members as possible will try to attend. You are of course welcome to invite your Club Captain, President, Vice Captain or other officers of your club to join you. Ideally a club table of 8 or 10 people would be most welcome, further details of the evening are to be found elsewhere within this newsletter. Payment can be made with your annual return or via any member of the committee who will be holding a supply of tickets.

Once again look forward to meeting you all for some fun days out in 2012.

Derek Hill – Secretary

Summer Tour 2012

The Wirral, Cheshire

Sunday 24 June to
Wednesday 27 June

www.bromboroughgolfclub.org.uk
www.caldygolfclub.co.uk
www.wallaseygolfclub.com
www.delameregolf.co.uk

[www.brook-hotels.co.uk/hotels/
mollington-banastre-hotel-chester](http://www.brook-hotels.co.uk/hotels/mollington-banastre-hotel-chester)

Four rounds of golf Sunday
afternoon to Wednesday
morning Bromborough, Caldý,
Wallasey and Delamere Forest.

Three nights bed, breakfast and
evening meal at the Mollington
Banastre Hotel, Chester.

Cost £376 per person based on two
people sharing a twin bedded room

Single supplement + £60

£100 deposit required by the end of
February 2012 to ensure your place.
Please send payment to **Derek Hill**,
Secretary

Fixtures and functions 2012

Please make a special note of our **internal meetings*** and enjoy the opportunity to meet many other Captains and Past captains of Buckinghamshire golf clubs.

DATE 2012	FIXTURE	AT
Friday 24 February	Men's Dinner	Flackwell Heath
Thursday 26 April *	Spring Meeting	Redbourne
Wednesday 2 May	Bedfordshire	Leighton Buzzard
Wednesday 9 May	Northamptonshire	Wellingborough
Tuesday 15 May	Hampshire	Cams Hall
Thursday 31 May	Ladies Match	Whiteleaf
Tuesday 12 June	South Wales Coast	Lambourne
Sun 24 – Wed 27 June	Summer Tour	
Tuesday 3 July	London	Strawberry Hill
Thursday 5 July	4 Counties South	Gerrards Cross
Thursday 19 July	Surrey	Banstead
Wednesday 25 July *	Captain's Day	Flackwell Heath
Come and support your Captain Roger on his home course		
Friday 17 August	Warwickshire	Mentmore
Tuesday 21 August	Oxfordshire	Buckingham
Thursday 23 August	4 Counties North	Thetford
Thursday 6 September	Cambridgeshire	Ramsey
Monday 10 September	Kent	Burnham Beeches
Wednesday 19 September	Hertfordshire	Three Locks
Monday 24 September	Sussex	Ellesborough
Wednesday 24 October *	Autumn Meeting & AGM	Beaconsfield
Your opportunity to hear of the Association's year and put forward your views		

Also available on www.abgc.org.uk

Web site

I hope you are all now using our web site www.abgc.org.uk

I have gradually been extending its use and you can now see: all the matches for this year, 2011 and 2010. When the teams for 2012 are chosen from your returns all invitees and reserves will also be shown. Additionally you can also browse the official club clothing, view a list of past ABGC captains, and download a Standing Order form for your subscription. Further developments will be made in 2012.

Peter Short – Match Secretary

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New Members

We are pleased to welcome the following members into the Association and we hope they will enjoy their golf and social occasions with us.

MEMBER	CLUB	YEAR OF CAPTAINCY
Stan Chandler	Flackwell Heath	Renewing member
Brian W Lowe	Beaconsfield	2008
Derek Messenger	Gerrards Cross	2011/12
Ian Risk	Ellesborough	2011
Dick Van Wely	Beaconsfield	2011

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