



FRESHWATER BAY GOLF CLUB

Captains Newsletter – February 2021

Hello, welcome and happy new year to you all.

Following on from Richard Frost's theme, I am hoping that the pantomime season will soon be over, I can discard my slippers, and we can look forward to golf once more at FBGC; now that is something to look forward to!

Planning anything is difficult at the moment, and with our club diary we have made some practical date changes to allow us, hopefully, to hold some of our key events. Please do reserve in your diaries the following:

- Thursday 15th April – Club AGM
- Sunday 18th April – Captains Drive-In
- Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th June – Club Championship
- Saturday 10th July – Captains Day
- Sunday 8th August – Charity Challenge
- Saturday 16th October – Annual Dinner & Dance

Competitive golf

There are plans for a full return to inter-island league competitions this year (subject to any Covid restrictions). At Freshwater, qualifying competitions will be re-instated as soon as we are allowed to play golf again. Members will be encouraged to use the available on-line systems to register and record scores, but there will be a manual system for those that can't, with entry fees being taken from club cards unless you decide to opt out. More detail will be provided when we are allowed to resume.

Practice facilities

The directors are aware that our facilities need improving and a plan will be produced for presentation to the members. The practice nets will be refurbished and be operational to coincide with our return to golf.

Member tee times and green fees

There are plans to extend the time when tees are reserved for members and these will be fully detailed in the new diary. The club recognises that at busy times last year some problems were encountered with a few green fee guests. New procedures will be put in place this year to improve everyone's experience, this will be monitored during the year.

Captain's Charity

I am delighted to confirm that the Captain's charity this year will again be the IW branch of the Special Olympics. It is a small island charity that brings sporting pleasure to island youngsters and adults with learning difficulties.



It is an amazing charity which deserves as much help from us as possible, so this year I've decided to have 2 separate fines:

- £1 for every lost ball
- £1 for any ball hit into the pit (whether from the 1st or 18th)

Please do play well but also give generously!

Vice-Captain

I do need a vice-captain but one has yet to be found for 2021. If you feel that this is something you might consider, do please feel free to contact me in confidence for an informal chat about what is involved.

There would be considerable support from the directors and other committee members to assist anyone who is keen and able.

I very much hope that 2021 will be a year to remember for both golf and social reasons.

I would like to thank Richard Frost for his excellent leadership and camaraderie throughout 2020 and wish my fellow Captains – Ros Pinnell and Geoff Ruck – a successful and rewarding year. I look forward to working closely with both of you and our dedicated Captains committee to make golf enjoyable at FBGC

I also look forward to your support and, hopefully, my inauguration at the AGM in April and the opportunity to serve our wonderful club this year. I welcome any feedback or offers of help from you the members, best wishes to you all.

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