

Chairman Letter

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BPGCC members who participate in club competitions

As a result of the recent AGM that took place, I have been appointed chairman of the members committee.

I am stepping into the role that Mickey Batten held for 6 years, I'm sure you will join me in thanking him for all the work he has put in and ensuring the club runs smoothly.

With the appointment comes responsibility and for those who have been here for more than a few years, you will know that I take responsibilities seriously as I did as club secretary for 4 years and club captain in 2016.

My number one goal as chairman is to ensure every single member is treated equally, fairly and with respect.

With this in mind, there were issues raised at the AGM (for which was very poorly attended I would like to add) and some of these items I would like to bring to your attention.

Slow Play

An item that has been spoken about to its death but still not resolved.

Each member who enters club competitions have responsibilities within the competition itself.

You have a duty to ensure that you keep up with pace of play. The norm is to keep up with the group in front of you. At times you will fall behind for one reason or another, but individually and collectively as a group you have a responsibility to either get back into the correct position or let others behind you through.

Please remember that if you hold up play, you are affecting fellow members behind you, and also you are affecting the handicap committee who are always at the tail end of the day entering our scores for competition results. I stress that this is done free of charge and time taken out of peoples weekends.

We need to respect everyone so I urge you to please do everything in your ability to keep up, this will be monitored by the committee and will be dealt with should repetitiveness occur.

Respect for fellow members

I would like to make it categorically clear that under no circumstances will any form of verbal abuse to any fellow member be tolerated.

I have been made aware that a member was confronted and verbally attacked some weeks ago by a fellow member. I can assure you from now on, if this gets brought to the attention of myself or other committee members and found out to be true, competition suspensions will be brought into play, it simply will not be accepted.

It should not need to be reiterated, but should any member have an issue with fellow members or decisions made by committee then it should be brought up civilly and sought a resolution. If you do not have the ability to discuss and deliberate without aggressive insulting behaviour I suggest you keep it to yourself if you wish to keep playing in the weekend competitions.

We all pay a lot of money to play here at the club, we all come together once a week and attempt knock a ball into 18 holes and enjoy ourselves. If we respect the game and the people that play alongside us then we will do just that.

I would hope that for 2019 that I hear very little from you all in regards my position as chairman, and hope as a fellow player we can have a few laughs and drinks along the way.

Mike Walsh

Chairman