

Elsham Golf Club Seniors Section

2020/21 Season

Secretarys Report

Membership in the 2020/21 season stands at a very healthy 103, well up from the 98 of the 2019/20 season.

The Covid19 pandemic played havoc with all our lives this year, not least our golf.

The golf club was closed for the best part of 5 months and many competitions and events had to be cancelled.

The Seniors managed to play three matches, two against the Ladies in March and September and we were kindly invited to play against Hessele at Hessele in September.

29 members played in at least one match

The Seniors won all three matches, giving Captain Russell Orr an unprecedented 100% record, a feat that is unlikely to be equalled ever. Russell proved to be a very able Captain, ably assisted by Vice Captain Chris Chapleo in those three matches and during a very trying year.

The away win against Hessele was particularly satisfying.

The Seniors hold the Brian Parker Trophy.

We must give thanks to new Chairman Martin Boyers, Club Men's Captain Bob Adcock, Manager John Waudby, the Chefs, catering staff, bar staff, very often the same people, office staff, greenkeeping staff and the professionals for the unwavering help and support and doing their best during which has been very trying times.

Before and in between lockdowns the Seniors ran a very full programme of events. Most Mondays we had virtual roll ups, run from the web site by Robin Peak and Ian Carr. Wednesdays were something special, with different formats being tried out. We had Multipliers, Team Waltz competitions, Limited Club competitions, Yellow Ball competitions, an Away Day at Elsham, using another courses card, Pairs Bogie matches, 2 Ball Texas Scrambles, Cha Cha competitions and even an AM AM. Most of these Wednesday competitions were Charity events, adding a considerable sum to the Captains Charity.

In March we held a Texas Scramble at Elsham. Phil Holman led the winning team of Tony Digby, David Bacon and Peter Ingham. Mick Hempstock's team of Terry Sayer, Bob Ridgeway and Peter Beel came second.

In July we held the Presidents Senior Charity competition. 49 players took part and winner of the Presidents Trophy was Richard Murgatroyd. £165 was donated to the President Charity, The Lincs. and Notts. Air Ambulance.

August saw the Veterans Trophy being held; winner was Ken Hopkins.

Also in August, winner of the Seniors Stableford was Richard Murgatroyd.

In September the Seniors visited Cottingham Golf Club and held a Texas Scramble. Winning team was Gareth Rowlands, Mike Gibson, Barry Baker and Bryan Mace.

Also, in September, the Seniors Championship was held. Winner of the Bray Trophy and Seniors Champion for the year is John Frost.

In October the Seniors visited Skidby Golf Club and held a Texas Scramble. Winning team was David Morton, Robin Peak, Barry Baker and Terry Sayer.

In September, the club held the Seniors Open Championship. Jim Kirman and Brian Simpson of Elsham seniors came a very creditable second against a strong field from lots of clubs from around the area and further afield.

Unfortunately, due to the Covid19 situation and subsequent lock downs, the R.A.J. Shield Pairs Knock Out competition had to be cancelled before a ball was struck.

We managed to complete the Jim Sparkes Trophy Singles Knock Out competition when 32 players played in the first round. Tony Digby beat Kevin Kennedy in the Final.

The winner of the Bob Chapman Trophy for the best three scores out of the series five 2019/20 winter Stablefords was Phil Holman with an aggregate of 116, second place went to Mick Hempstock with an aggregate of 115. The sixth stableford had to be cancelled due to a waterlogged course.

Unfortunately, the 2020/21 series of winter Stablefords had to be curtailed after three competitions. The Covid19 situation allowing no time in the calendar to complete the series. 73 players played in at least one competition; 47 players played in all three. The Committee decided to award the Bob Chapman Trophy to Eugene Ryan who was in the lead after three competitions with an aggregate score of 102.

On 24th August, the Seniors had an away day to The Nottinghamshire Golf and Country Club. In the Stableford competition, winner of the John Margrave Cup was Mick Hempstock.

The Seniors Christmas Lunch had to be cancelled due to the second lockdown. The raffle, run by Vice Captain Chris Chapleo raised a record sum of £1165,

The Seniors donated a total of £1775 to Captain Russell Orr's Charity, which is the Lindsey Lodge Hospice in Scunthorpe.

Full details are on Robin Peaks Annual Account Sheet.

Very sadly the Seniors lost past Captain and all-round gentleman Gordon Greenbury, who died on 2nd April 2020. Gordon was a very popular member of the Senior Group and is sadly missed. Condolences were sent to Gordons wife and family.

Considering the circumstances, the Seniors have had a pretty full schedule of golf, despite, lock downs, course closures, cancelled matches and other restrictions in the 2020/21 season. A full schedule of competitions and inter club matches are already booked for the 2021/22 season, lets all hope we can play some of them.

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