

## Captain's Blog

Hello fellow members,

I hope you're all well and getting used to the dark nights. Winter came in with storm Arwen and did a lot of damage to the course by felling a few well-established trees. Thankfully, the ground staff team have managed to clear the course and made it playable again. This was aided by volunteers helping to gather the brush, so it made it easier for the ground staff to clear it off the course.

I had my first duties as Captain when I presented the trophies for this year, assisted by my wife Christine, who was a little apprehensive when I asked her, but she did enjoy the evening as it wasn't as daunting as she had first thought. Thanks must go to Joanne our club manager, who when I came off the golf course the day before, was up to her elbows in silver polish with all the trophies in front of her. Please everyone who received trophies this year could you make sure they come back cleaned next year. Thanks also go to Dave Parrott, who works behind the scenes to make sure all the competitions run smoothly and that all your handicaps are up to date, I must be still in the buffer zone, and that the trophies go to the right people.

One thing that became apparent was that we have a lot of young talent in the club and this was supported with the number of trophies they took home.

The president made a Life tribute to Phil Woodcock who has retired from being our juniors organiser this year as he is involved with the Yorkshire Juniors. The credits he has gained and the young people he has coached, and their achievements are such that North Cliff Golf club should be proud.

We had a very enjoyable and successful cabaret night, and I am sure that everyone who was there would agree with me that the entertainment was fantastic. Thanks go to Dave Ellard for arranging the booking and it great to see a full clubhouse again. I would also like to give praise to the bar staff and waiters and waitresses who worked very hard to make sure that our glasses were full.

Well, we are back on the course again although it's a little chilly and this last weekend there was a shotgun competition which unfortunately, I couldn't play, and my substitute was Tom Owenson. The team came second so I'm not sure if I'll be dropped for the next one.

That's all for now everyone and just leaves me to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Howard Pomfret Captain