

# Epic Golf Society

Captains Report 2019

Ladies and Gentlemen welcome to the AGM of the Epic golf society

It's been a great year and I have thoroughly enjoyed being your captain for 2019. We have had great attendances up on 2018 with new member joining and being actively involved playing golf and bringing along guests. The society is in a healthy position however we are always looking for new members especially lady and younger professionals

The society however only runs smoothly due to the work put in by the committee.

I would especially like to thank Nick Archer for his role as treasurer, Ken Adams for being our illustrious President and all the works he is doing for his chosen charity and last but not least to Neil "Monty" Meixner our famed secretary.

I'm sure all of you know who are responsible for organizing events in your personal or professional life how much effort and organization needs to go into arranging and holding numerous golf days. Neil our great thanks.

Neil and I (I believe) bonded fantastically this year with many great golf day, a battle with the BAGS golf society and I highly successful tour to La Cala, Spain

It was especially refreshing to see so many new face's on tour as well as the usual reprobates.

Reflecting on this year's events.....

Firstly this year was always going to be difficult taking over from Phil Collins. I was not fortunate enough to have been sponsored by Austin Allegro and found it difficult not to drop in my sponsors names in every sentence. Seriously though Darrell Lewis did a great job as your Captain in 2018 and I had big shoes to fill this year.

## 1) Moore Park 1<sup>st</sup> May.

Our normal customary visit to Moore Park for our season opener saw, our vice Captain for 2020 Jason Wood basically ruined every ones day by bagging the spring cup with 36 points and getting a hole in one on the long very difficult 12<sup>th</sup> hole - 200 yards up hill! As they say miracles do happen (don't mention the tour hammering suffered by Jason) Numbers for the day were up on previous years for the opening fixture, which sadly was not carried on as Jason had ruined everyones day and most though it was pointless turning up in the future.

Jason is also under investigation for checking out the cars in the car park, realizing 95% of the people attending were driving and offering them to buy a round of soft drinks for all.

Thanks for that Jason.

- 2) The Buckinghamshire 23<sup>rd</sup> May  
Talking of Bandits,- Jason , the captains cup was played for by 16 members and your friend / Gringo and mine, John Biscoe made a one off appearance shot 33 points and won the day. John in his speech, thanked all the mugs he plays golf with and said see you next year when I get my 2 shots back. Charming
- 3) Ashridge 26<sup>th</sup> June  
23 members played this fantastic course where we played for the coveted Finlinson cup. This time always the brides made never the bride, Chris Anderson finally caught the bouquet and pocketed the cup. Well done MR Anderson, Nemo would be proud.
- 4) The Buckinghamshire - revisited 25<sup>th</sup> July  
After being let down at the last minute by Sandy Lodge we all "trotted" off to the Bucks again, to see Michael Trott win in his first outing. Being a true professional as John Biscoe, Michael thanked everyone for having him and said adios till next year when he would get his two shots back.
- 5) The tour La Cala Malaga Spain  
We had 4 fantastic four days on tour at the Cala golf resort in Spain playing 3 of the toughest courses and truly finding the men from boys.  
Our vice captain Mr Stevenson couldn't make it as he had a diary clash and remarked 15 month's notice was not long enough. Vice - Vice captain Jason Woods stood up to the task and agreed to the split of handicaps I had proposed. Great start.

Day one.

As captain I had choice of my team members and one of the Captains picks was Darrell Lewis. Darrell had been telling me he was a worker at the Allegro factory and was a Golf grinder!!! and I thought a perfect playing partner for day one.

What I thought I had heard, must have been incorrect, as later when questioned on his abysmal golf, Darrell said he subscribed to grinder. Not quite the same thing.

Anyhow Darrell and I were playing against the gritty Steve Davies and the frankly useless Jason Woof- f\*\*k knows how Moor Park happened.

Thanks to Steve Davies, the Vice Captain side led by Jason Woods just about edging it. Steve and I still reminisce about what a great singles match we had.

Jason went tree hugging whilst Darrell was in Disney land talking to Mick Mouse (as he called the course)

After 4 matches the captains side led 3-1 well done the captain's team

To celebrate the early lead, day one evening was even funnier. A great meal in Mias, organized by Monty, followed by the old codgers going beddy byes and the young...ish ones going out - out.

Darrell went to bed to recharge his batteries and prepare to surge through the field on day two.

Sadley -or not, it wasn't meant to be and another truly rubbish round of golf had my old mate contemplating giving up and going back to the Car assembly floor.

Being a great mate of his, I showed him how to use e-bay so he could sell his £1000's of golf clubs and his Allegro golf bag. It's a great invitation only golf society you know, where you can play most of the top courses in the world for free. Only way Darrells playing them at the moment!

Funniest moment was Malcom our tour token Great Grandad, getting soaked when the retractable roof at the cocktail bar was .....retracted. I have never seen anyone so wet, still makes me chuckle now

Day two.

Movers day, or in Darrell's case, stay where you are day, in the bottom three with Illustrious company.

Many looked well at breakfast. A few of us didn't, but we all rolled our sleeves up and got on with it. The captain's team extended their lead, and in the individual contest, Rob Seeley led from Steve Haley. The young-ens went back to the same wine bar now out, out out, where our president was caught dancing or rather cowing from a very aggressive Russian. Ive never seen Ken go so white and be well behaved

Day Three

Men from the boy's day

Going into the last day, 4 people had a chance of the green Jacket. Sealey, Haley, Monty Meixner and yours truly

We all battled hard but Mr Seeley was just too good for all of us

In the Captains v Vice battle, loads of mouth watering tussles.

I was drawn against Wannerton who frankly is now known as Mr Byright, as his folding under the Blundy pressure is now legendary.

The captain's team inflicted the heaviest of defeats on the Vice- vice Captain's squad 12-3

This all with Darrell on the captains side

As David Coleman would have said "Quite remarkable"

Our overall Green jacket winner was Rob Seeley closely followed by Steve Haley and Myself

A great tour and thanks all for attending and I hope our virgin tourists also enjoyed themselves.

Aybridge. 26<sup>th</sup> September.

We played at this wonderful challenging golf course in Aybridge, Essex. Chosen by your captain as it was previously a open qualifying course and nothing to do with being 3 miles from my house.

We played for the Presidents cup. Dodging the appalling weather the days before 20 Members played for the Presidents cup.

The cup was won by Joel Evans. Well done Joel a great improvement from picking up the wooden spoon earlier in the year

EPIC Versus BAGS Thorndon Park 15<sup>th</sup> October

We struggled this year to get a side out to play the BAGS at their home patch Thorndon Park in Essex. We could only get 9 out for the day which was disappointing, but the 9, well 8 of us battled valiantly.

Normally being an odd number, one of the matches would normally be contested by a player and a blind player. However Mr Seeley put his hand up and said "Captain, being the tour Green Jacket holder and easily being the best played on show, I will take on both of my BAGS partners individually"

Inspiring I thought and it sent out a great into battle cry. Unfortunately, Rob was carved down on the 17<sup>th</sup> and we were 2 points down in the first match.

Rob was not due off first, but due to Monty having a melt down and an elderly diary moment turning up late, Monty and I went out last bringing up the rear the final four ball.

The plan for the matches was as Captain and the massive pressure I was under all year from the responsibility of it all, I paired myself with Monty Meixner the steadiest player in the society.

Well what a mistake that was. Now I carry enough weight of own around with myself let alone having the Meixner on my shoulders. We.. I battled bravely against two fine BAGS players. We were 3 down with 3 to play and all looked lost. A bit of banter was what was needed and the BAGS folded to some fine golf, Monty did the scoring and held the flag and we got a half out of the match.

Whilst the rest of the team battled and we got close, unfortunately not close enough and we circumed 3 to 2. Well battled though the EPICs a fine effort

Letchworth 29<sup>th</sup> December

In our last outing to finish of the year we played for the Recessionary Bowl at Letchworth. Unfortunately i couldn't attend this year and funny enough Monty Meixner won the day. 28 players was a fine turn out given the time of year but only 7 members fought for the trophy. Well Done Neil Meixner for your win, cut .

And so here we are as I come to the end of my duties being your Captain for 2019. I have to say it's been an honor and a pleasure to lead you lot. We have had a few laughs some great golfing moments that will make us all chuckle for years to come

EPIC is a great golf society, the membership continues to increase and we are all fine likeminded people and it has, as I say, been a pleasure to Captain you.

2020, a new beginning.... It's now time to handover to your new Captain Iain Stevenson. Good luck Iain

To sum up, I have thoroughly enjoyed being your captain for 2019. It has been an honour holding this post, and I wish every success to our new captain for 2020, Iain Stevenson. So without further ado, over to you Iain.