



Captains Report 2020

Ladies and Gentlemen welcome to the AGM of the EPIC Golfing Society

I'd love to open with the usual line and say it's been a great year but I think it's fair to say that could not be further from the truth. It's been a horrible year and we can only pray that this year, with the vaccine programme under way, allows us to get back to some form of normality both on and off the course.

Having said that, it's a credit to the work of your Committee and in particular Neil Meixner, our secretary and Nick Archer, as treasurer that we got any golf at all. And despite the lack of events Ken Adams, as our President has done a fine job in leading our fundraising efforts. A little over £900 raised when we only had two completed events is a testament to his efforts. Thank you all for your contributions to our charity effort.

I'd like to thank Jason Wood for his support in the role as my Vice Captain and thank everyone else on the committee for their continued support and agreeing to stay on for another year.

We did have a great programme of events planned for the year but sadly only three events took place and, just to rub salt into the wound one of them had to be abandoned due to the worst rain storms I believe in EPIC Golfing history. Well, I say it was abandoned but a few hardy souls decided they were getting their monies worth and ploughed on regardless to complete the course.

That was Addington in August 2020. Least said the better. I am pleased to say that we have been offered a discounted rate to return to play this excellent course in 2021 when I hope that we get to see the course at it's best. It truly is a memorable golfing challenge when played in good conditions.

Captains Day at Burhill September 2020

We couldn't have had a better day in September when we played The Old Course at Burhill. This is my local course and I hope that the members felt that the long trip to Surrey for some proved to be worthwhile. It certainly was for Stewart Kirkwood who was the lucky winner of a new driver donated kindly by the Tour Group. Congratulations to Gavin Tuck who picked up the Captains Cup and Suzanne and John Biscoe who took the team prize.

Feedback on this new venue was excellent and so we will be returning again this year, helping me keep my carbon footprint down.

Abridge October 2020

It was an altogether damper affair when we turned out at Abridge in October for the Presidents Cup. Nonetheless a great day was had by all and Matthew Jones was a deserved winner having just pipped yours truly to the trophy. Well done Matthew. The 'Dream Team' of Luke Croll and Jamie Dredge narrowly edged the team event.

Unfortunately, another casualty of the pandemic was the annual BAGS v EPIC match which we look forward to now hosting in 2021

Yet another casualty in 2020 was our planned Tour to La Baule on the Atlantic Coast of France. It is a wonderful location, and we were to be staying in undoubtedly the best hotel in the area and playing some great courses. For 2021 we felt a break from international travel would be appropriate and we look forward to a great trip to Royal Birkdale and surrounding courses in the Southport area in September. There is one final place available so please let Neil know if you would like to join us on Tour for what should be a fantastic trip.

Finally, thanks to all of you, members old and new, for your support of EPIC Golf Society. We have a great year to look forward to. I hope you all enjoy your golf in the year ahead.

At this point it would be normal to introduce your new captain but as I've proven to be such a lucky mascot this year your committee has kindly asked me to have another year in term and to try and do a bit better next year. Here's hoping!!!