



## **33<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY 2026**

### **LADIES' CAPTAIN'S REPORT**

Mr President, Vice Presidents, Captains, Chairman, fellow golfers.

My Captaincy year began with a Meet the New Captain get together last January. Over 40 lady golfers attended, and it gave me the opportunity to highlight my aims for the coming year. Looking back now a year later, it gives me chance to see how those aims have panned out!

#### **A welcoming and inclusive environment**

Following in the footsteps of previous captains and working closely with the men's captain, Lee, it was important to maintain a welcoming and inclusive environment. New members evenings focused on the encouragement of new and sometimes nervous players to venture out on the course with more experienced players, and to take part in the Ladies Thursday morning golf, then eventually moving on to competition entry and become part of the Ladies section.

#### **Supporting members on their golfing journey**

It is so crucial to support those golfers at the start of their golfing journey and help and develop an understanding of some of the complexities of golf. It was with this in mind that a collaboration with Rob Laing, created the Women's Social Community. The aim was to bridge the gap between the academy and the Ladies section. It has proved a great success with much credit to Rob's work organising Range nights with as many as 60 attendees, Nine and Dine evenings and finally a Christmas fun evening. Several academy ladies have now moved successfully into the main body of the club, obtaining their handicaps, playing on Thursday mornings and entering both club and trophy competitions as well as joining us for our two successful Away days.

#### **Fun days**

- Groovy Greensomes
- Noah's Ark
- Texas Scramble - Texas Style

All of which, proved successful and gave an excuse for many lady golfers to push the boundaries of the dress code for our prestigious golf club! The Pat Brothwood trophy with Easter Bonnets, Macmillan coffee morning golf and Christmas stocking golf all added to the variety.

The Eclectic competition ran again this year and there was a pleasing number of ladies entered into the various knock-out competitions and the 9-hole winter league. Thanks to those members who ran these for the section.

A wide range and increasing number of players also entered weekly Stablefords and Medal competitions with many different players winning at various times. Many have also joined our various teams, some for the first time.

I thank the team captains for their work in running three successful teams this year. The Scratch Team, the Droitwich Interclub League and the Mid-week friendlies.

### **An active social programme**

- Ascot Ladies Day on a glorious summer day
- Lady captain's away weekend at Tewkesbury Park in a monsoon and a hurricane (all credit to the fortitude of those who attended and braved the conditions without a complaint ...mostly).
- Race Night
- Wine Tasting evening
- Quiz Nights with plasticine modelling on a golfing theme
- A Pantomime at the Ladies Christmas lunch brought considerable jollity to the final social event of 2025.

Thanks to all those who supported and helped to organise these events. Such activities add to the feeling of belonging and camaraderie which is such an integral part of a successful club.

### **Captains' Charities**

Throughout the year Lee and I have been grateful for the opportunity to raise money for our chosen charities. Bowel Research UK and Prostate Cancer UK: our thanks for the generosity and support of all those who have attended and help run events, bought tickets, donated prizes and landed their golf balls in the captains' bunkers! Thanks also to the fund-raising duo Jude McManus and Anne Wakelam who helped plan and organise our Captains' Day and the Five Rivers week. The amount raised is just over £8000 and that will be divided equally between the two charities. We are delighted that this contribution will go towards important research in both these areas.

### **Thanks**

A captain relies on the support of many people at the club. The management team and all those who have served on the various committees this year; The front of house staff on reception and in the restaurant and those behind the scenes; Midland Golf staff; and the golf professionals. We must also never forget the work of our ground staff who keep our beautiful course in such good condition in all seasons. I am grateful to all for their help over the year; it has meant a lot.

Most of all I have thoroughly enjoyed working in partnership with Lee, working together to create, we hope, a truly inclusive and forward-looking club. He has been incredibly supportive, well organised and great fun, and I thank him sincerely. The year has flown by, filled with momentous occasions from 150 club draws to away days in searing temperatures, to mad wine tasting evenings and golf in the dark!

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to have been Lady Captain in 2025, I am grateful for the support I have received from Stephanie Baines as my Vice-Captain. She has been full of enthusiasm and great ideas. I wish her well for the coming season. I am confident that the Ladies section will continue to prosper, going forward.

Thank You.

**Carolyn Fox**  
**Lady Captain 2025**  
**January 2026**