

Sturminster Marshall Golf Club

Seniors Captain 's Report to AGM 7th October 2020

I found it pleasing that Seniors emerged from their lockdown in good numbers and appear to have accepted and complied with the introduction of pre-booked tee-times.

We also have a number of new players, always good to see.

One unfortunate side effect of the pre-booking is that there is virtually no mixing of playing groups, we are becoming a fractured set of groups.

I cannot see a way out of this without introducing even more work for organisers of the tee times.

We have played only one inter-club match this year, and although others clubs and leagues have played more matches, I believe we have done what we have done correctly to keep ourselves safe and comply with the law as it has been applied from time to time.

The normal group interaction between us all is lost, something I'm sure everyone regrets.

Hopefully in 2021 something closer to our normal way of life will be possible.

With the advent of winter, and the possibility of frost, flooding or fog etc, I do wonder how pre-booked tee-times will be affected on Seniors' day - Tuesdays. Normally, if the course is closed early in the morning, we can wait around and start playing later.

How will this work this coming winter?

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