

## Seniors Report.

June the 1st saw the latest phase of return to golf. It was also a significant date for golf within the Seniors Section as it heralded the first day of the Seniors Furlough 4 Score Series (SF4SS). This series was the brainchild of John May, who had witnessed it being played in one of his friend's Golf Club. SF4SS is a series of games where entrants can play one pre nominated round per week with a Seniors Section partner, returning a stableford score by email to John who records it on the Seniors Website, with the best 4 scores over the series (start of June to end of August) determining the winner. All this, while respecting the rules associated with return to golf and social distancing. While there is a small prize for the first and second best scores, this is secondary to the 75% of the entrance fee which is being donated to the Club's front of house furlough Staff. We have 32 members of the Seniors Section who have signed up to the series, and we also have a few members who have donated an entrance fee but have elected not to play, Our thanks go to all these members and it is hoped to make the presentation to the nominated Staff by the end of the second week of June, and trust that in some small way it will help them at what must be a trying time.



To mark the start of the SFSS on 1st June, Seniors Section Captain Derek Yelland and his Vice Captain Paul Stafford took to the fairways to open the scoreboard. The golf course was again very well presented and the greens were exceptionally fast, a testament to the Greenstaff who have kept the Course for all of us during shut down. There is little doubt that given the prolonged period of dry and hot weather over recent weeks, that the money spent on Course irrigation has been well justified. The unwatered areas of rough are testament to how dry it is, and there is little doubt that we could easily have seen the Course return to its previous dry condition.

If this phase is as successful as the last, Club golf will definitely be the winner, as we have all got used to booking tees on line, playing at 10 minute intervals, and playing almost millionaires golf on a well kept and full course with around 3 hour rounds. Our thanks to the Club Management team and volunteers who have made this possible in a safe way. The Seniors Section have, under the extant rules and social distancing, resumed play for the Savill Rosebowl (singles knockout) and will next week resume play for the Pickering Cup (pairs knockout). Let's hope that discipline and common sense will prevail and that the continued phased return to golf will see some semblance of normality return, albeit that we should not forget that we are all capable of playing a round of golf in just over 3 hours.

Stay Safe

Derek Yelland  
Seniors Section Captan/Secretary 2020