

Fellow Devon Past Captains

In conjunction with the DGC Website Moderator Brian Mushens I had a busy off season. Firstly we introduced a new compliant email system MailChimp to members which enables us to quickly correspond with members and provides links to the website which contains all information. We currently have 305 members signed up to the MailChimp system. As part of this exercise and with the help of a local firm of lawyers we have put in place a Privacy policy the link for which is on the website. My sincere thanks to Brian who puts in an enormous amount of work behind the scenes – and still finds time to administer and play regularly at Dartmouth GC!

Secondly I negotiated and placed a Management Liability insurance policy for the protection of Officers & Members in the litigious age in which we live.

The current on-course leadership team of Captain Bob Beeson and Vice-Captain Dave Smith have been very pro-active on behalf of members. They have organised and/or hosted some 16 matches including Tours to Sussex & Hampshire, Shropshire & Herefordshire and Worcestershire & Gloucestershire. In addition they facilitated the 6 Counties event at Dorset GCC which was an excellent couple of days... although Dorset retained the trophy. Next year we travel to Launceston in Cornwall whose turn it is to host this annual prestigious event.

Best wishes to 2026 Captain Dave Smith (Yelverton 2013) & Vice-Captain Neil Hayman (Stover 2010). May I also express thanks to Malcolm Jordain for his work over many years for DGC as he steps down as Fixtures Secretary. I am pleased that Jeff Laing (Libbaton) has agreed to take on this important role for the 2027 fixtures onward.

I have really enjoyed the matches (and a Tour) that I have been able to support this year – I only wish that more members would broaden their horizons and represent DGC at some great venues. Next year we will have a similar number of matches including Tours to Oxford and Shropshire/Herefordshire (to balance the number of annual Tours). Can I encourage fellow members to check the match dates when they are published early next year and sign up for a few matches and perhaps a Tour.

Before then and to round off our season we have Bob's Captain's Day on Thursday 18th September when we are expecting over 100 members to enjoy a great day at Stover Golf Club. I know that Bob and others have put in enormous work to ensure that the day is a success on the new course.

Once the playing season has finished and under the stewardship of Brian Mushens we will continue to modernise the website to ensure it is user-friendly for members. In addition a small committee under incoming Captain Dave Smith will be organising and looking forward to the popular Annual Dinner at Sandy Park – date to be confirmed shortly. We will also be encouraging many new Captains around Devon Clubs to join and experience the fun of representing DGC both home and away.

In conclusion it has been a busy year stewarding Devon Golf Captains whilst at the same time enjoying playing at many different venues with old and new friends.

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Hon Secretary & Treasurer

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