

# CELEBRATE BEING A SENIOR



A 2021 welcome for existing and new Senior members from

## Seniors Captain Tim Beard

**F**inally, after 2020 was a complete washout due to the Covid-19 outbreak, we can celebrate getting back out on the golf course. I believe, for we Seniors, 2021 could be a great golfing year – starting right now.

The Seniors' section is specifically for members who are over the age of 55 years so we're fortunate all of us will have had the opportunity of at least one if not both Covid jabs. Now the new season is kicking off and there is no time to lose.

Whether you're a Senior of some years' standing or have just arrived in the ranks, it's time to get involved straight away. Entries are about to open for the two-round stroke play Seniors' Championship on May 10<sup>th</sup> and May 17<sup>th</sup>, which this year has divisions based on age not handicap - 55-61, 62-69 and 70-plus. Entries via the Pro Shop close on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Plus there's the Chairman's Bowl 18-hole singles knockout – entries close on April 30<sup>th</sup> – First round draw in early May.

*And there's even a golf ball draw where 66 of my fellow Senior members will get a free golf ball to celebrate my 66<sup>th</sup> birthday! Look out for the email.*

You should already have received emails from Bev Carey, our competitions secretary, telling you how to enter both the Seniors' Championship and The Chairman's Bowl so get your entries in straight away. Any questions? Contact me, Bev or any of the Seniors committee and we'll try to help – contact details are below.

Plus, there are Seniors' competitions throughout the year, Seniors' team matches are resuming against other clubs as well as the opportunity to put your name forward for other inter-club county team events such as the Parks and Beaumont Trophies. Oh, and you can simply have a social game with old friends or make new ones. The choice is yours.

**For information on more Seniors' competitions and matches, see below...**



## **OTHER SENIORS CLUB COMPETITIONS 2021**

**Arnold Plate** - 18 Hole Singles Matchplay for 1st round losers in Chairman's Bowl runs from May to October

**Glasswell Cup** - Singles Stableford Round 1, November 1<sup>st</sup>; Round 2, December 13<sup>th</sup>; Round 3, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Round 4 March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**Seniors Rosebowl** - 18 Hole Stableford 2 divisions Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Millennium Shield** - 18 Hole Medal, September 20<sup>th</sup>

**Autumn Cup** - 4BBB Matchplay knockout. Teams drawn in pairs, October to March.

**Tim Brinton Trophy** - To be arranged.

**Winter Eclectic** - You can also enter the annual Eclectic which runs from October to March. It is played over the first 10 holes on the main course, you are given six cards to use between October and the end of December, with the remainder being given to you in January. The objective is to try and improve on your stroke-play score for each of the 10 holes. It's as simple as that.

## **PARKS & BEAUMONT TROPHIES**

There is also the opportunity each year to put your name forward to try out for the club's teams in the Parks and Beaumont Trophies, two competitions for Seniors run by the Suffolk Golf Union.

The Parks Trophy is competed for by clubs affiliated to the Suffolk Golf Union. It is for golfers age 55 and over with a Handicap Index no higher than 12.4. The Beaumont Trophy is for golfers age 55 and over with a Handicap Index between 12.5 and 20.4.

Each team requires a minimum of two players over the age of 65 on the day of the match. It is competed for on handicap with teams of eight playing four ball betterball games against each other on a matchplay knock-out basis over 18 holes.

Scoring is on a cumulative holes basis (rather than matches) meaning every hole counts and all 18 holes must be completed in each individual match. The team winning the most holes will progress to the next round. The initial rounds are either home or away and the semi-final and final are played at a neutral venue.

The club has its own team organisers for each of these events – contact Graham Smith for the Parks [gsmith987@gmail.com](mailto:gsmith987@gmail.com) and Garry Clark for the Beaumont [garry@bibpub.com](mailto:garry@bibpub.com) for the latest information.

**For details of Seniors' Friendly matches, see below.**

## SENIORS FRIENDLY FIXTURES 2021

These have obviously been affected by the Covid-19 restrictions this year but efforts are under way to try to rearrange some local matches which have been lost.

Invitations to take part are currently sent out by email to all Seniors. If you are fortunate enough to be selected to play an away match then you will normally be expected to make yourself available to play host in the corresponding home match. The only cost for these matches is for meals, which usually come in well under £20 depending on venue, and drinks.

We aim to give as many people as possible a chance to play in team matches. We would normally wear the blue Bury Seniors shirts, so if you don't have one please wear some form of mid-blue shirt. In 2019, more than 50 different Senior members took part in matches.

At the present time, these are the remaining scheduled matches for this year.

### Home:

Monday	June 21 <sup>st</sup>	Woodbridge
Monday	August 9th	Newmarket
Monday	August 16th	Haverhill
Monday	September 13th	Rookery Park
Monday	September 27th	Bishop Stortford
Monday	October 4th	Ely
Monday	October 18th	Kings Lynn

### Away:

Friday	May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Thetford
Tuesday	June 29th	Woodbridge
Wednesday	July 7th	Rookery Park
Monday	July 19th	Kings Lynn
Monday	July 26th	Felixstowe Ferry
Wednesday	August 18th	Newmarket
Monday	August 23rd	Eaton
Tuesday	August 24th	Stowmarket
Tuesday	September 7th	Swaffham
Wednesday	September 15th	Bishop Stortford
Tuesday	September 21st	Gog Magog
Thursday	September 23rd	Diss

**For details of Seniors' Committee members and email addresses, see below.**

## YOUR SENIORS COMMITTEE

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I hope that this proves to be helpful and gives you a flying start into the resumption of Seniors golf here at Bury St Edmunds Golf Club.

Please remember to continue to follow the Covid rules on the course, practice safe distancing and, above all, enjoy yourselves.

**TIM BEARD, Seniors Captain**

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