

## **AGM Golf Report 2020 Matt Bradley**

This year has been a very difficult year for all. Since Lockdown, a lot of work has happened behind the scenes by Belton Woods and the committee to bring members competitions, social golf and a fantastic course to play on. I think you would all agree back in March/April we could not see this happening.

The golf team has changed a great deal since the 2019 AGM, Alex our previous DOG moved onto pastures new, becoming the General Manager at Deanwood Golf Club in Wigan. The manager's role has not been filled, but I have taken on extra responsibility and covered the position. Tom has been continually working very hard being the membership advisor, but in fact acting as my number 2, I would like to thank him for the continued hard work and support he has given me. Rachel came back for a few months even being heavily pregnant and worked very hard within our small team. She gave birth to a healthy boy called Harvey in early October, and hopefully will be returning in June/July 2021. Final mentions go to Jordan for helping at such short notice and he is now a very valuable part of our team. As well to Chris, Roger, Graham, Will and Tristan for their help on the course, starters hut and on the range.

Andy and his Green staff have worked tirelessly before, during and after lockdown to present the course in the best condition possible.

Membership is very strong with 654 members, we have seen a big increase in members since coming back in May, the exact number is unknown due to the previous system being very wrong, and the offerings, which were previously on offer. Tom has worked tirelessly to get the membership system back on track with membership rates and membership details. We do intend to be much more proactive with communication to the membership, with weekly newsletters, member's only events and social events (where possible).

The golf shop has had their brands signed off for 2021, with new brands being introduced including Lyle and Scott, Bushnell and Taylormade being among them. However, continuing to work with Under Armour, Footjoy, Titleist, Motocaddy, Callaway and Rohnisch. The members' only 20% discount for December worked a great deal and will be looked at doing again.

I would like to thank Graham (men's captain), Kim (lady captain), John (senior captain) and Rob (secretary) and the committee for all their continued support and hard work. I think we have a very good working relationship, as we look to further improve this fantastic club.

Finally good luck to incoming captains David, Sue, Colin and Andrew, as we look forward to 2021!

### **2019 AGM Questions**

- Pin positions sheet are available at request in the golf shop. These were taken off the cards as many members and guests used to discard this section of the scorecard. Unfortunately due to the staffing levels, there was no real system on the pin positions this year but this will be brought back at the start of the 2021 season.
  - o As we don't have Front, middle and back positions we have now decided to stock Bushnell GPS's and lasers, which we feel best suits Belton Woods.