



Suffolk Seniors Pre-Season Report - 15th March 2018

Can I start off by saying it is a privilege to have been invited by the SGU to carry on in my role as Suffolk Seniors Captain for another year and a pleasure to lead the team given the wonderful support I have received from both the committee and the players throughout the time I have held the position.

Preparation for the 2018 season started on a fine sunny February day at Rushmere with the first of our winter get-togethers, however the good weather did not last long with the second of our three get-togethers due to take place earlier this month at Halesesworth scuppered by the very wintry conditions!!

Hopefully, the weather will be a lot kinder to us when we visit Woodbridge at the end of the month for our third and final get-together before the season kicks off in April with our annual pre season friendly matches against Kent and Essex along with an inaugural friendly match with Hertfordshire.

We are of course indebted to the clubs throughout the county for allowing us the use of their facilities for our get-togethers and for hosting matches and therefore I would just like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Seniors group to offer our thanks to all the clubs for the hospitality extended to us.

In addition to the winter meetings and due to the success of “The Captains Challenge” matches I set up last year, I have once again set-a-side some dates for members of the Seniors group to pair up and challenge myself and a mystery partner to a 4BBB match at a venue of their choice. It has been well received within the group again but hampered somewhat by the recent weather.

Whilst we have had the success we enjoyed in winning the East Anglian Seniors League to look back on during the winter months we have much to look forward to in 2018, including new team clothing to wear thanks to the sponsorship agreement the SGU have agreed with Woodward Markwell. I am sure I can speak for all players in saying how grateful we are for their very generous support.

The initial signs are looking good in terms of player availability, which is crucial if we are to enjoy more success this season. It is also encouraging to see one or two former county players expressing an interest in getting involved in the county seniors set up now they have come of age so to speak, which will undoubtedly add to the competitive edge we have developed in the team.

However, this year we will be without the services of Chris Ginn (Woodbridge), who has decided to retire from Seniors County golf. Chris has been an integral part of the team for some time now and his contribution both on and off the course will be greatly missed.

As I have already mentioned our season gets underway in April with the series of friendly matches against strong opposition - ideal preparation for the start of our EASL title defence against Northamptonshire at Stowmarket in early May and the season ahead.

Kevin Brooks - Suffolk Seniors Captain