

Captain's Report 2024/2025

It's been a genuine privilege to represent the club, working alongside so many dedicated members, and we hope we have contributed to its continued success.

One of the proudest achievements of the year must be the incredible £4,687 raised, so far, for our chosen charity, The Basement Door. As it's a small local charity it has made a great deal of difference to them, and we have received several emails from their trustees thanking us for your generosity. Whether you donated, took part in events, or simply cheered us on — thank you. Your support has made a meaningful difference – even each £1 penalty for landing in the captain's bunker.

As always, the majority of that money was raised on our successful charity day. The turnout, enthusiasm, and most importantly, generosity in the auctions was nothing short of inspiring. We couldn't have asked for more, and we're truly grateful to everyone who played a part and, particularly, Mark, Trevor and David Lloyd for finding and offering so many auction items.

Last year's appointment of a voluntary treasurer, in Ash, has proven to be very successful and his promptness at paying out competition winnings has been greatly received. Thank you for your hard work, Ash.

On the competitive front, we played four matches against Perivale, Richmond Park, and Strawberry Hill. While the results may have been mixed, the dedication and teamwork on display was impressive — so thank you to everyone who represented the club and supported us. Other clubs always comment on the warm welcome they receive here at David Lloyd from the golf members.

We would also like to thank Mark for arranging catering for after our home matches, a special mention needs to be added for Nigel, the new catering Manager, for doing such a great job at providing a wonderful selection of food for all the matches we hosted at David Lloyd. He also went over and beyond by keeping a constant flow of hot food as players came off the course. Visiting clubs have commented on how good the food and service has been.

Of course, as always, none of this would have been possible without the invaluable support of Mark, Trevor, and our fantastic vice-captains, Lynne and Ash. Ian would also like to thank Gemma for the hundreds of scorecards she has written on Sunday mornings over the last year. We're incredibly grateful for all their support and input. As we hand over the reins, we wish the incoming captains every success — we know they'll do a brilliant job.

In addition, we've hosted several well attended social evenings during our captaincy year and we found them a great way of spending time together off the course, with the final of these being our Captains Farewell at Old Thorns at the end of April. We look forward to seeing you there.

Thank all of you for your continued support, friendship, and enthusiasm.

Zoe Turner & Ian Davies