

EAGC Golf Report
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Captain 2021 & 2022

The last year has certainly seen a change in fortune with golf returning to the fore, post-COVID-19 and lockdown. People are back out on courses more regularly, matches against other schools are being played again and competitive juices are returning!

We have seen some fantastic performances, across all of our EAGC teams, reaching the 2nd round in September 2021 and 3rd round in April 2022 at the Halford Hewitt. The Cyril Gray team won at Worplesdon in 2021 and nearly defended in 2022, losing narrowly in the final. On the social front, we've played many matches with regular wins, including against Merchiston and Loretto.



April 2022: Johnny with Ken Hannah and Colin McClung watching the Halford Hewitt team in first round action at Royal St Georges.

Attracting new, young players

There is a desire to improve how the Club runs and, importantly, how we communicate with our membership as we look to embrace technology and build a diverse and inclusive playing membership base. While our membership is strong with those aged over 45, we lack numbers at the younger end and, over the coming year, will be looking to establish EA Golf Ambassadors to represent each EA school-leaving year and help to attract former pupils to the fold.

At a school level, thinking of future stars and success, we have seen the opening of the virtual Henry Marsh Golf Centre at Arboretum and the recruitment of school golf coach, Ricky Valentine, from the successful Loretto Golf Academy to develop our talent. Both these measures are positive steps forward which, in time, will yield further EA success. Golf is a game for all ages, so let's embrace participation, camaraderie and the future, as we look to grow our playing base and active members.

Raising a toast!

The Club continues to flourish on the social front with the Annual Dinner at Bruntsfield always our flagship gathering, and our 2021 event saw Ken Hannah (EAGC) propose a 'Toast to Golf' with Colin Dempster (George Heriot's GC and Muirfield Recorder) propose a 'Toast to the Club'. Unfortunately, I was laid low with COVID-19 so missed out but, as I write, I'm looking forward to our 2022 Annual Dinner on 25 November 2022.

As I approach the last few months of my captaincy, I'd like to wish my successor, Colin McClung (EA 1970-83), all the best and thank those who served on our committee.

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