

SECRETARYS REPORT

The good work by the greenkeepers has continued and the course is as good as anywhere, especially in the summer months, although, as I write this, it seems that we have endured rain forever.

Sefton Council are still holding their cards close to their chest, and are giving no indication at all concerning the future of the course. On this point, rumours were circulated in the year of houses being built on part of the course and the course being reduced to a 9 hole. On making enquiries about this, I was informed by Councillor, Ian Muncur, that there was no substance to these rumours, and he being a Councillor for Leisure, would have been informed of such plans.

Sefton are not coming forward with plans to update facilities for players in general, but with the Municipals coming in June 2016, they have agreed to redecorate the changing room. They have agreed to remove the two shower areas in the mens WC, and will fit in two more sinks in their place. The room will also be redecorated.

The club have the marquee in hand, along with a beer wagon and catering facilities, and it is hoped that we at Bootle can host this event with no problems considering the lack of amenities that we have.

During the year a member came to Council with a proposal for refurbishing the changing room and alterations to the locker room, and also alterations to the mens WC, thus turning the changing room into a club room. Proposals of this nature look good on paper, but when you look at the full picture, schemes don't always work out in the long run.

One particular point is that the changing room is for all golfers who play at Bootle, not just for club members.

Whilst the Committee fully understand the frustration of the membership of having no clubroom, and, indeed, the Committee are also frustrated, they cannot sanction spending that doesn't have a solid foundation and future.

The Committee thanked the member involved for his contribution, and also told him that a further look into facilities would take place after the Municipal Championships were over.

Jim Corrigan also brought up the same issue of lack of facilities. Again, the Committee reiterate what was said previously.

This year we held our Dinner Presentation here at St Robert Bellarmine's, and what a great night it was. Beverley decorated the tables and chairs, and the food was served very efficiently.

The invited visiting Captains all commented on the evening.

A big thanks to Beverley and her staff for a great years support to the club.

My good friend, George Holliday, has once again done a great job as Competition Secretary, and I thank him for his loyal and hard work he has done for the membership of the club.