



West Hove Golf Club

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WELL DONE WEST HOVE!

It was very heartening to read the email (below, with my reply) from Martyn Gibson of Waterhall GC following the 12-0 defeat they suffered at the hands of our Pav IT team. As he says, it would be very easy to be dismissive or arrogant in such circumstances and all concerned are to be congratulated for their sporting behaviour and also for enhancing our reputation as a friendly club with a convivial atmosphere. Not sure if we should be giving free golf lessons though! Well done to ALL club members and staff concerned.

Gordon

Hi

I just had to write a couple of lines to thank your club for your wonderful hospitality during your match against Waterhall on Saturday. The welcome we received was second to none, and I know every member of our team had a great day.

Personally, I found myself drawn against Dan and Lewis in the morning foursomes, and Mark in the afternoon; Dan and Lewis were both outstanding golfers who gave my partner and I a lesson and a half! Mark also was fantastic- a great golfer and great company. However, I have to say that golf is only a small part of the experience (VERY small in my case, having finished my matches almost before the last groups had teed off!!!!) and what was more impressive was the attitude of your team. It is fair to say that we got a drubbing- expected, but still a drubbing- and it is very easy to dismiss the lesser team and be arrogant; we see it quite often at Waterhall. Not so at West Hove! The respect shown is really what made it such a wonderful experience- well, that and the lessons we got for free!! The way we were treated in the bar afterwards was fantastic also. To be able to chat with your accomplished players, and to laugh, joke with everybody made for a great day. It was also great to see the friendship of your guys and the gentle ribbing- the mickey taking of Damo in particular stands out.

I have mentioned the attitude of the team, but I must also mention other club members- Steve Nielson and Tim Ingram particularly were lovely company.... And Tim, I have to say, your son is a real credit to you, West Hove and Sussex.

I could go on- there are so many compliments I could pay to everyone- from Graham to the bar and catering staff...all are to be congratulated and thanked.

It is awful to take the 2 beatings I took, but they were thoroughly deserved and it was a pleasure to be out with such great company, albeit only for a very very short period of time!!!!

Thank you for a wonderful day, and best wishes for your next round match- I am certain you will be successful in this competition. And, if it were for true gentlemen as well as golf competition, your name would already be on the trophy.

Thank you once again

Kindest regards

Martyn Gibson

Waterhall GC Captain

Dear Martyn

Just a brief note to thank you for your email.

It is always nice to hear when people have had an enjoyable experience at our golf club, especially when someone takes the trouble to actually write and tell us!

Whilst the result on the day may well have been somewhat one-sided, it was heartening to note that the match was conducted with such sportsmanship and good humour on both sides.

Thanks once again and please accept my best wishes to you for a happy and successful captaincy year.

Kind regards

Gordon Eaton

Club Captain

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