

Meet the Captain

John Franks

I was born and bred in Exmouth, Devon; the youngest of 5 children. I spent the vast majority of my childhood watching and playing until at the age of 18 realising I was nowhere near good enough to earn any money playing sport I trained to become a P.E teacher. Then followed 40 very rewarding years spent encouraging young people of Mid Sussex mostly at Oakmeeds Community College, Burgess Hill to lead an active lifestyle. I also played at a variety of sports clubs in the local area

On reaching 50 years of age and finding playing active sport more challenging I was given a membership at Hassocks Golf Club. Having played occasionally previously I took to golf with great enthusiasm and was disappointed when the course closed however that led to joining Lindfield Golf club and playing with a much similar crowd as at Hassocks. Although I am a competitive person playing sport is about enjoying yourself. "Sport for All" and "Equal Opportunity" are very important to me. The quality of the company you are with is more important to me than the status of the course or player

Any spare time away from the golf club I spend watching my 3 kids play sport. I usually find I am the only parent watching their 27, 31 and 34 year olds play sport but I love it. I also often go walking with my wife Nick and any spare family dog that needs exercising and perform the occasional task (often badly) to help out both at home and in the community.

I intend to enjoy my time as captain and very much hope to be a positive influence on Lindfield Golf Club. I would like to see more Vets out playing more often and I hope we can raise some funds for local charities

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