

Ladies' Golf Captain's Blog

Thank you to everyone who came to the Captains' Drive in on Saturday to support Simon Butler, our new Men's Captain, and myself. It was a great day. I feel very honoured to assume the role of your Lady Captain for the coming year at our wonderful Club. I will endeavour to do as good a job as I possibly can.

I cannot thank Tricia enough for a being such a great Captain and entrusting me to follow in her footsteps.

The Captains' Drive In fourball better ball competition was won by George Palmer and Jon McLoughlin. Congratulations!



During the main AGM there was prize giving for mixed competitions, and I must congratulate Astrid Drayson for winning three trophies with her husband Tim and also Suzanne Collins for winning one with her son Jack. Yours truly also picked up a prize in the mixed after having had the pleasure of partnering Simon.

I am looking forward to working with Simon (and not only because of his great golf!) and wish him the very best for his year.

A lot has happened since Tricia's last *Recorder* piece.



Competitions

I am pleased to announce that we had one of our ladies, Nicola Pearson, winning the Club Stableford on Saturday 1st October with an impressive 41 points.

Please do continue to support the mixed events that we have in the calendar.

The Weekend Ladies Fourball Stableford on Sunday 9th October was won by Shirley Keane, Jane Peel, Cathy Staveley and Margaret Swain with 81 points.

On Monday 10th October we had our annual Fox Trophy with golf and a lunch held in honour of our Past Captains. My heart fell when I woke up to heavy rain in the morning but luckily it later turned out to be a nice day. 14 ladies went out and played 18 holes and Angela Atkins came out on top with 33 points with Vivien Harris as runner up. The lunch was well supported with 25 participants. We were very fortunate to have Pat Fox attend who was Captain in 1966 and who helped with the prize giving.

The Waltz which was played on Tuesday 18th October was won by:

1. Jane Peel, Jo Thesiger and Cathy Staveley on 68 pts
2. Kate Blake, Jenny Carter and Caroline Stokes 67 pts
3. Lindy Evans, Anna Rowland-Clarke and Caroline Williams 66 pts



AGM

Last Tuesday we had the Ladies AGM with a shotgun start of St Andrews Foursomes golf in the morning. The prize winners were:

1. Kathleen Bacon and Astrid Woloszczuk
2. Debs Good and Vivien Harris
3. Angela Atkins and Helen Maguire

The golf was followed by sandwiches and scones before prize giving and the formal business of the AGM where Patricia gave her Captain's report and thanked everyone.

Melanie Schreyer had prepared a lovely tribute to Tricia as a thank you on behalf of us all that she sadly could not give in person due to illness in family, so I read it on her part. The section then gave Tricia flowers and a pitcher from Georg Jensen that we hope she will enjoy and remind her of the ladies' section.

I then introduced the 2023 Committee and welcomed our new Members of the Committee. Please see the Committee poster in Reception.

The Lady Captain's Charity for the year, Age UK Wandsworth <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/wandsworth/> was also introduced. This is a charity close to my heart. I became a volunteer for them four years ago. It is a small, local, independent charity that has been working with vulnerable, older people since 1963. Their aim is to enable everyone to age well in Wandsworth. They are offering a range of services like computer support, befriending for isolated and or housebound older people, online food shopping, handy persons and lots more. I hope we together can unite and support this great charity with our various charity events throughout the year.

Interclub Golf

Well done to the Hicks team, who progressed to the final of the plate competition where they faced a team from Sunningdale Golf Club. The matches were very closely contested, with many going to the 18th or 19th hole. Unfortunately, Roehampton Club were beaten 3 games to 2. It is still an impressive season for the small but strong group of single figure handicappers.

On Saturday Angela Atkins and Lorna Robey played in the finals of the Interclub Handicap Foursomes at Cranleigh Golf Club against a pair from Dulwich and Sydenham and had a very convincing 5/4 win, congratulations!



The Pearson team is starting their campaign with an away match against the RAC on Friday 28th October and another away match against Effingham on Monday 31st October. We wish Captain Liz Collins and the team the best of luck.

Golf Committee

I attended my first Golf Committee meeting last week and it did not disappoint, lots of interesting topics were discussed. If you have something you would like to raise for the next Golf Committee meeting please let me know.

The Golf Committee and the Golf Practice Group met to discuss the proposed plans for the Indoor Golf Centre. We were informed that the Board is committed to the IGC being the next major club investment. We now need to finalise plans and go to the council to seek planning permission.

Among other things discussed during the meeting was the occurrence of damage to the course done by members. For example, there had been divots taken out of the ninth green. This is of course totally unacceptable behaviour and something the Club is very keen to put a stop to. If you see anyone abusing the course please take pictures and report it.

Winter Knockouts

Remember to sign up for the Winter Knockouts before the closing deadline of 23 October via IntelligentGolf. The links can be found in the 'Upcoming Competitions' section. Please note the following restrictions, as several people have entered knockouts for which they are not eligible:



- Menzies Bowl: handicaps 18.7 and above
- Sutcliffe Salver: handicaps 18.6 and below
- Danziger Salver: opening round must be played on 8 November
- Weekend Fourball Knockout: 7 Day members
- Mid-Week Knockout: mixed competition, open to all members, but matches must be played Monday-Friday

Please note that the Menzies Bowl, Sutcliffe Salver, and Danziger Salver are open to all Members, but matches must be played Monday to Friday, unless all players in a given match are 7-day Members and agree amongst themselves to play on the weekend. In addition, the maximum playing handicap allowed across all competitions is 36.

Next Tuesday we have a Stableford competition. If you have seen the start list you can see that we have introduced an hour of 2ball slots in the morning for those of you needing to play a bit faster or simply prefer a 2ball. We are hoping to be able to do this for Tuesday Stablefords and Medals this year. There are still spaces if you want to take part.

Phew, I have almost finished my first Recorder piece. Writing is not my forte so I hope you will bear with me.

Again, I am very much looking forward to being your Lady Captain and I hope with the help of Louis and Simon in the office, the events team, catering, Ricky and his team and not to mention our Ladies' Committee and all of you, that we can together help make this another successful year for our ladies' section.

Charlotta Lyckéus, Ladies' Golf Captain