

## Lady Golf Captain's Blog

I hope everyone has had lovely restful time over the Christmas period and a good New Year! However, I must say that the start of 2023 could have been better. I have lost track of how many temporary greens we have and the number of days with carry only due to the course being too wet under foot.

On a personal front I am having my first encounter with Covid which has knocked me out and made me miss some nice golf! But just like starting with a double on the first, it can hopefully only get better from here onwards!

### Competitions

Last week we had our first competition of the year, a Scramble, and due to the wet conditions, we decided to play it over 15 holes.

1st Caroline Pack, Anna Rowland-Clark and Sandy MacCaw 38 Points

2nd Lorna Robey, Joanna Thesiger and Cathy Staveley 37 Points

3rd Mary Barlow, Gunilla Huldts and Jane Peel 36 Points

Well done to the winners and well done for everyone who went out and fought in the rain!

Next week on 17<sup>th</sup> January we have a Playing Card Fun Competition and there are still a couple of spaces left if you would like to take part. For those who are not familiar with the format you will find a playing card (jumbo size) once you get to the green and depending on which card is there, different number of scores from your team will need to count.

Jack – Best 1, Queen – Best 2, King – Best 3, Ace – Double Best 2, Joker – Double Best 3 scores

This week we had our annual New Year's coffee with pastries which was supposed to be followed by a shotgun competition but sadly the weather gods were against us again and the competition was cancelled. But I hear the coffee and pastries went down a treat and I hope some nice golf was planned over coffee!

### Interclub Golf

The Derry Team has had yet more bad luck with their matches. On Sunday their match against Woking got cancelled due to the terrible weather, one more journey in vain! Let us all keep our fingers crossed that their last two matches will get played and with good results. This Friday they are playing Woking away and on Sunday they have the last match of the round robin and that is away against Croham Hurst.

Best of luck to Jo Thesiger, Lorna Robey, Ali Jacobs, Hannah Li and Captain Jane Peel!

### Friendly Matches

Upcoming friendly matches against other clubs are now on the website. Please do sign up and show your availability. If you are interested and have not played before and are unsure of how to sign up, please contact our Friendly Match coordinator Claire Martin, Louis and Matt in the office or myself and we will help. All you need is a handicap. We will make sure you get paired with a friendly more experienced player. This is a great way to play with other people in a relaxed atmosphere and gain match experience.

### New Lady Golfers

Therese Swanson and Kathleen Bacon are continuing to do a great job as New Lady Golfer coordinators. They have some events for non-handicap ladies coming up.



30 January – 9-hole roll up at 12:00. Please RSVP back to Therese by 23<sup>rd</sup> January.  
6<sup>th</sup> February – Rules and Etiquette class – timing to be announced shortly.  
27<sup>th</sup> February – 14:00  
27 March – 14:00

They are going to try to keep the 9-hole roll ups on the last Monday of the month, subject to popularity. If you are interested, please send an email to: [therese.swanson36@gmail.com](mailto:therese.swanson36@gmail.com)

### **Charity Golf and Bridge Day**

Please mark your diaries for the Annual Charity Bridge afternoon, which will take place on Tuesday 14th February, at 14:00 in the Bridge Room. The format is Chicago, so players will stay at their own table throughout. There will be afternoon tea, as well as prizes and a raffle. All proceeds to benefit Age UK Wandsworth. [www.ageuk.org.uk/wandsworth/](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/wandsworth/)

The event is open to all Members and guests, male and female, so please encourage your friends to come along. All levels of experience are welcome, as each table can play to their own standard, so I hope beginners through to our more advanced ladies will join in the fun, as well as support the charity.



The cost for the bridge is £80 per table. Raffle tickets will be on sale both on the day and via a link beforehand. We have some very nice prizes for both golfers and non-golfers.

Sign up for bridge will be possible at Reception and through the Members' website.

The Charity Bridge will be preceded by an 18-hole foursomes golf competition (Lady Members only). There will be a shotgun start at 09:00 which shall give any bridge players plenty of time to get back in time. Sign up for golf will be through Intelligent Golf as per normal.

### **Golf Psychology Talk and Fun Golf Quiz**

The Club is organising an evening with a talk by leading golf performance coach Karl Morris followed by a curry and a quiz on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. I have signed up and I am sure I will learn a lot. Sign up at Reception, give the team a call on 020 8480 4200 or log in and book via the Members' website at [www.roehamptonclub.co.uk](http://www.roehamptonclub.co.uk). Cost is £30 including curry and a drink.



### **Etiquette**

The Club has had an unusual amount of no shows for tee times lately and I would like to remind everyone to take their name off as early as possible if you no longer plan to play.

Please also be careful when you book your tee time that you choose the correct number of players in your group. If you are less than four, you should not block off the empty spot with anonymous. We are a busy club, and there are often friendly singles or pairs who would like to sign into the empty slots. It's not only fair, but you often get to meet a Member who you might not have known or played with before.

With very best wishes for a successful golfing year ahead for our wonderful ladies' section. I hope to see as many of you as possible at various upcoming events.

**Charlotta Lyckéus, Ladies' Golf Captain**