

Lady Golf Captain's Blog – 6 April

Hooray, I am writing this after having played the Annual Stableford in glorious weather. Long may it last! Aren't I becoming very British, talking a lot about the weather?!

Competitions

Last week we had our Club Day which is supposed to be the beginning of spring but my run of bad luck with the weather continued, and we had a wash out of a day. But 68 brave ladies went out and played. Luckily, we were welcomed back to a very nice buffet lunch. Then we had prize giving for the winter knock outs and the Club Day competition.



Club Day results

1st Sarah Dring and Claire Martin	35 points
2nd Caroline Leslie and Valerie Patten	35 points
3rd Sandra Drum and Clodagh Taylor	33 points
4th Sheila Finegan and Joanna Thesiger	33 points

A special mention to Clodagh who played in her first ever competition and got a third prize. Well done to all and thank you all for playing.

This week the Annual Stableford was played with an impressive winning score. Congratulations to Harriet Prince, winning the Stableford and the Ladies Annual Stableford Salver with 39 Points! Only ladies having won a Stableford competition in the last twelve months were eligible for the Salver. I had the pleasure of playing with Harriet and I am sure we will hear her name again!

Silver Division

1st Claire Martin	33 points
2nd Annette Timms	31 points countback
3rd Liz Dodds	31 points

Bronze Division

1st Harriet Prince	39 points
2nd Susan Major	35 points countback
3rd Louise Tierney	35 points

Well done to all the winners.

Next week the Coronation Foursomes are taking place. We still have openings so please sign up. Week after is maintenance week with only 9 holes open Monday to Thursday so no competition on Tuesday 18th April.

Weekend Spring Meeting

We are introducing a Weekend Spring Meeting on Saturday 22nd April with a new Trophy. We are hoping that we can get a good field playing. Please can every seven-day, Full Playing Member have a look in their diary to see if they can join the competition. Sign up is Saturday 8th April.

Competition tee times

Just to make you aware that we are still holding two ball slots for the first hour for the medals and Stablefords but since the tee sheet starts half an hour earlier now the two ball slots stop half an hour earlier.

Gold Cup

On Saturday 1st April the Ladies' Gold Challenge Cup was played and we had a lovely dry day. The course maintenance team had done an amazing job in making the course playable after all the rain. We had 45 women playing, roughly half amateurs and half pros. The winner was Ana Dawson who had just turned pro. She shot two consecutive 67s, a total of 10 under and that was a tournament record. It was amazing to see. What was also nice was that she seemed to be a very mature and lovely 22-year-old. Her thank you speech included thanking everyone including our long-standing sponsors, Russell Cooke Solicitors. Well done, Ana. Lauren Horsford came second on countback to Annabel Dimmock on 1 under. A very nice day and if you did not have a chance to come and watch do try to come along next year. It is so much fun to see these women play some fabulous golf on our home course.



Interclub Golf

The Derry team has played the away match at West Hill for the Helme Shield, but the opposition was too strong this time and the team is out for this year.

Centenary Bowl finally played their home match against Hindhead but again opposition was too strong. The team will go into the Plate competition and is drawn to play Cranleigh in the first round.

The Hicks team is playing Woodcote Park next.

The Wallis is playing Reigate Heath next after a very convincing 5-0 home win against Wimbledon Common. They will play Reigate Heath at home on 16th April and away on 29th April.

The Pearson team played their home match against Surbiton and managed three good wins and that was all that was needed after their 5-2 win away. They are now back in the quarter finals for a second year running and will play Woking.

Well done to all teams and best of luck for the next matches!

Daily Mail Foursomes

Good luck to Caroline Dewar and Tessa Ringrose who are playing their second match at Royal Mid Surrey on 30th April.

London Foursomes

I am sad to report that this competition got cancelled due to weather conditions and it does not look like it will be rescheduled.

Captain and Pro match

Last week I had the pleasure of partnering up with Will Hancock in the Captain and Pro. We were challenged by Pippa Walker and Barbara O'Boyle but thanks to Will's excellent play we managed to keep my winning streak alive. Thank you so much Will, Barbara and Pippa for playing and supporting Age UK Wandsworth.



SLCGA Finals Day

I was very flattered to be asked to caddie for Claire Martin who got to the final of the Surrey Autumn Match Play. Her final was played at Croham Hurst alongside finals of the Derry Cup, the Helme Shield and several other individual knock outs. The Surrey Committee do a fantastic job of organising these events and it was a great day. Unfortunately, Claire met an extremely steady and long opponent and despite fighting hard lost her match. But very well done to Claire for reaching the final. We are very proud of you!

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