

## Ladies' Golf Captain's Blog – 24th August

I thought I was in for a World Cup Gold medal in the Women's football. I had two horses to bet on, being a Swedish-British dual citizen. But it was not to be. Didn't the Lionesses (and the Swedish girls) do an amazing championship though? So impressive!

We also had an impressive showing from Lilia Vu at Walton Heath. I went to watch the AIG Women's Open on the Thursday and it was fantastic to see how the Professional ladies handled Walton Heath. I was hoping it would inspire me to play some good golf in our upcoming Medal but that sadly did not work out.

### Competitions

Last week we played the Medal, and our Vice Captain Caroline had a brilliant net 68 to come out on top!

| <i>Silver Division</i> | <i>Nett</i> |
|------------------------|-------------|
| 1st Joanna Thesiger    | 71          |
| 2nd Therese Swanson    | 73          |
| 3rd Gilly Webb-Wilson  | 75          |

| <i>Bronze Division</i> | <i>Nett</i> |
|------------------------|-------------|
| 1st Caroline Dewar     | 68          |
| 2nd Harriet Prince     | 69          |
| 3rd Cathy Stoddart     | 71          |

This week we tried a Kick, Throw and Gimme Fun competition. I could not take part, but I hope the players had fun.

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| 1st Tricia Morgan, Shirley Keane and Astrid Drayson  | 88 points |
| 2nd Vanessa Walker, Jill Pepper and Andrea Bulstrode | 83 points |

Vanessa, Jill and Andrea all received their handicaps in the last year or so and this was the first fun competition they entered so a very impressive score. Well done ladies!

Last week there was also a 9-hole Mixed Scramble played with some great scores.

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| 1st Jo and Justin Thesiger      | net 30           |
| 2nd Clodagh and Paul Taylor     | net 32 countback |
| 3rd Katy Preston and Ben Wilson | net 32           |

Congratulations to all the winners!



## **Interclub Golf**

Centenary Bowl won their home match against Dulwich Sydenham and is now in the semifinals for the Plate. Their next opponents will be Kingswood GC and the home match will take place on Sep 5th.

The Annodata/Kyocera team will play Frilford Heath at home on Saturday August 26th. As the Recorder goes to press, we are still waiting to hear how Angela Atkins and Jo Thesiger got on in the quarter finals against St Georges Hill in the Surrey Handicap Foursomes on 23rd August.

Tessa Ringrose and Caroline Dewar are going to play the semifinal of the SLCGA Centenary Foursomes on 25th September at Reigate Heath vs a pair from Tandridge/Nizels. Well done all the teams and best of luck in all the upcoming matches!

## **Coronation Foursomes Finals**

Kathleen Bacon and Jackie Beedle travelled to Bentley GC on 17th August to represent Roehampton Club after having qualified in our club Coronation Foursomes. They played brilliantly and got 22 points on front nine but encountered some trouble on the back nine with a ball in the water, a shot out of a wet ditch and a penalty stroke for unintentionally breaking a rule. They still managed 19 points and came 4th out of 67 pairs. Congratulations and thank you for representing our club so well.

## **Upcoming events**

On Bank Holiday Monday there is a Bowmaker Competition with teams in fours. I believe the start sheet is full but if someone is interested, they might be able to get on a reserve list.

Tuesday 29th August there is a St Andrews Foursomes. This is a fun format where both players drive and then player A takes all second shots on odd holes and player B takes all the second shots on even holes.

On 30th Wednesday there is a 9-hole Mixed 4BBB in the evening. I think there may still be one or two openings to sign up.

On Tuesday 5th September we have a Scramble played in threes. This is a fun format where the whole team drives and then they choose the best one and everyone takes their second from there etc.

## Captain and Pro

Last Monday Ricky and I faced Liz Collins and Liz Dodds. Liz C, being our successful Pearson Captain from last year, is a match play connoisseur extraordinaire and Buz (Liz D) is a scarily steady golfer. Luckily both Ricky and I played well, and when we didn't, we managed to dovetail and got another win under our belt.

On Wednesday we had yet another fun match, this time against Nicola Pearson and Caroline Fairnie. We were flying to start with but, as experience has told us, we should not have rested on our laurels. We were three up at the turn and four up after the 10th thanks to a beautiful birdie from Ricky. Then ... Nicky and Caroline won four holes in a row! I got a bit nervous, and, in the end, we were both quite happy to manage a halved match! Phew!

Thank you so much Ricky, Liz, Buz, Nicky and Caroline for playing and supporting Age UK Wandsworth.



For everyone who has challenged me in the Captain and Pro matches please keep 26th September in your diary. We will have a little competition during the Tuesday comp before the Fashion Show.

See you all soon and enjoy your golf!

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