

## Ladies' Golf Captain's Blog – 5th October

Well, it is such a cliché but time does fly when you are having fun! This will be my last Recorder entry. Thank you to everyone who has tried to read it on a regular basis to keep up with events.

Talking of events ... How impressive have the European Solheim Cup and Ryder Cup teams been? We all need to draw inspiration from it for our team outings.

### Competitions

We had good showing of ladies playing in the mixed Club Stableford on Saturday 23rd September but sadly no one was close to the top of the leaderboard. Congratulations to Tim Drayson who came in with a fantastic 43 points. Maybe we can still get some credit though since he was playing with two ladies, his wife Astrid and Patricia Morgan!

### 4BBB Competition with a chance to beat Captain and Pro and Fashion Show

Ricky and his team put on a great day last Tuesday. We all went out with a shot gun start. Ricky and I have had a lot of practice playing together this year and decided that we were going to go out with a bang. We ended up getting 45 points and could not be caught, sorry ladies. Thank you Ricky, for being such a superstar partner! See how short his birdie putt was on the 14th. Only would have needed another hop for a HIO.



But Ricky and I could not win 'our own' competition so the winners in the regular 4BBB were Sally Gesua and Valerie Patten with 41 pts on countback from Katy Preston and Kasandra Spalding, also with 41 points.

In the competition with the pairings who have challenged in the Captain and Pro this year the winners were Katy and Kasandra and runners up Caroline Leslie and Christina O'Connell with 39 points.

After the competition and a bite to eat we gathered for the Fashion Show. I was not able to be there last year, so I wasn't quite sure what to expect but it was a lot of fun. Definitely a first for me to walk down a catwalk! All these things that I did not expect to do as a Lady Captain!

Lots of great winter apparel was on show with representatives from the different brands on hand to help. I believe it was a great day had for all!

### **Staff vs Members**

Last Friday the annual Staff vs Members took place but, as last year, we had too many Members signed up for it, so rather than a match it was played as a team event. It was a lovely afternoon enjoyed by all and the winners were our marshal Ken Brudenell, David Moss, Jane Peel and Annette Timms.



### **Interclub Golf**

The Annodata / Kyocera team are due to play their quarter final against Perranporth Golf Club in Cornwall away on 22nd October. This is the last hurdle before being able to join the finals in Spain!

The Centenary Bowl team are booked to play the Plate Final on Sunday 15th October against Surbiton Golf Club at Royal Mid Surrey. We wish players and caddies the best of luck, bring it home girls!

Tessa Ringrose and our soon incoming Lady Captain, Caroline Dewar, will play the final of the SLCGA Centenary Foursomes at Guildford Golf Club against a pair from Reigate Heath on Sunday 22nd October.

Well done all the teams and best of luck in all the upcoming matches!

### **Upcoming events**

On 10th October there is the Ladies AGM preceded by a fun competition. Please join us to welcome Caroline Dewar as our new Lady Captain. On Saturday 14th October the Captains Drive In will take place. Please join this competition too and support Caroline!

The following week on Tuesday 17th we will have a fun Waltz competition. You can sign up individually or as a team.

### **Captain and Pro**

Ricky and I played our last match last week against Bridget Barton and Caroline Nettel. We knew we had our work cut out for us. Bridget and Caroline were very steady opponents and

mounted quite the comeback after Ricky and I had gotten off to a good start. In the end we managed to win one up!

Thank you very much to Caroline and Bridget for playing and supporting Age UK Wandsworth.

## **Thank you**

I cannot thank Ricky enough for a wonderful year of Captain and Pro matches and his and his team's general support of the ladies' section and myself.

I have really enjoyed my year as your Lady Captain. The club has been very supportive, and I would not have been able to do it without all the help from Louis and Matt, they have truly been fantastic. To be alongside Simon Butler this year has been great fun too. We have enjoyed playing together and organising mixed events.

I have also received much appreciated support from the ladies' section. The 2023 Ladies Committee has been great and especially I would like to thank my Vice Captain Caroline for all she has done for me this year. It has been great to work alongside her. You will all be in very good hands when she takes over the reins next week.



I would like to wish her and Peter McGovern the best of luck for their Captaincy year. I hope they will enjoy it as much as I have done.

Thank you all!

See you all soon and enjoy your golf!

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