

Men's Golf Captain's Blog – 19 October 2023



I would like to start by expressing how honoured I am to be your Men's Golf Captain for 2023/24. I hope to build on the great work achieved by Simon Butler and thank him for all his helpful advice and friendship.

Many of the past captains have also provided advice and assistance with good-humoured teasing, long may it continue. Every time I attend the Club, I have a broad smile in appreciation of the great facilities.

When I addressed you at the AGM, I realised the privileged position I hold and hope to use it for the benefit of all the golfers. The AGM was followed by the drive-in and that was when the nerves really set in.

For the first time in a long time, I really wondered how I was going to get a straight club face back down to the ball, a rather disconcerting feeling. I am not sure if Caroline felt the same as her ball flew down the middle while I was lucky to avoid the bunker on the right. I was very touched by the kindness and warmth shown to my family who attended in support on what was a glorious early autumnal day with a slight hint of a shower. Although Caroline and I didn't score well we had a ball and enjoyed the pleasure once again of playing with Simon and Charlotta. They are a formidable golfing pairing who dovetailed very well. I thank both for their support and continued advice.



The results were:

Captains' Drive Guesses

170 responses

Lowest Guess – 207 Yards

Highest Guess – 584 Yards

ACTUAL DISTANCE – 366 Yards (Peter – 229) (Caroline – 137)

WINNERS – Roger Mountney (365 yards) and Nicholas Brown (367 yards)

Captains' Drive In Results

3rd Place – Alex Milward and Ben Angood - 41 Points (countback – 14 points back 6)

2nd Place – Richard and Kasandra Spalding - 42 Points

1st Place – Niels Verbeek and Bryn Rocke - 44 Points



Captains' Charity

I would like to say a big thank you to a player who approached me after the match and offered to make a sizeable donation to our joint charity Small Steps. Caroline and I are very appreciative.

Small Steps has a school based in Richmond and supports children in a number of local boroughs.

It helps children with physical disabilities, aged from birth to five years. These children have cerebral palsy, other forms of motor impairment, syndromes, or sensory impairment. It relies solely on charitable donations.

We will provide details on how you can lend your support as the year progresses and will have a poster in the locker room for those who wish to learn more about its role.



Dates

The rescheduled FE Bland family event will take place on Sunday 29th October and is open to all Members but there has to be a generational gap in the pairings.

On Saturday 28th October the end of season finale will take place. This is a mixed individual Stableford event consisting of teams of three with the best two scores counting.

Congratulations to Pete Crocombe and Scott Stanley who got to the Semi Final of the London Amateur Foursomes on Saturday, losing out to Walton Heath in a good game. On their route they beat strong teams including: Burnham Beeches, Wyke Green and the Nevill Golf Club.

Our first frost of the year arrived Monday morning, which led to a limited restriction which thankfully was short lived, and it soon warmed up – let's hope we have a dry and playable autumn.

In the meantime, I wish you all the very best and may the golfing Gods be with you.

Peter McGovern
Men's Golf Captain