

Ladies' Golf Captain's Blog – 2nd November

The days have been drawing in, the clocks have been put back and we are now settling into some very mixed winter golf conditions. The rain keeps coming in fits and starts, interspersed with some sunny moments – the leaves are still largely on the trees. All very confusing for nature!

Meanwhile, the ladies golfing section have been out and about in force – come rain, come shine.

Competition results

The Pearson Team are off to a flying start, having already played two home matches in the first group stage, winning 5/2 against The Drift and 6/1 against Epsom. The next fixture is against Epsom away this week (subject to Storm Ciaran which is threatening)! The third club in the group stage is Reigate Hill and match reports will be provided in the next posting.

And congratulations to the Derry Cup Team who have had a great start to their campaign, winning their first two away matches against Foxhills 3/0 and Malden 2/1.

It was a busy day on Sunday 22nd October. Thankfully the torrential rain of the previous two days had abated and glorious sunshine resumed:

First – at home, eleven of the Weekend Ladies played a Stableford competition. Congratulations to Hanneke Smits who came in with an impressive 35 points. Afterwards, the ladies enjoyed a social get together on the terrace. The next weekend Stableford will be held on Saturday 18th November, so if you're a seven day Member, do pop a note in your diary to sign up.



Meanwhile, on the same day, the Annodata team were playing away at Perrenporth in Cornwall. By all accounts the ladies had a great time and put up a strong fight but were defeated by the home team on this challenging links course. This was the end of the road for our first try in this National competition and thanks are due to all the players as well as Patricia Morgan for captaining the hugely enthusiastic squad this year.

Then, Tessa Ringrose and I were at Guildford playing in the final round of the Centenary Foursomes Surrey Knockout. We took the match to the 19th hole where the Reigate Heath pair played their best steady golf to pip us to the post. Thanks to Tessa for being a brilliant and fun partner – If she'll have me, we'll be back next year!



Yellow Ball competition

Our Ladies Tuesday golf on 24th October was somewhat disrupted by the heavy overnight rain, resulting in the necessity to carry bags for the first time this season. In view of this, we adjusted the Yellow Ball competition to be played over 9 holes.

The winners were Ali Jacobs, Shirley Keane and Claire Martin with 49 Points. Runners up were two teams with 46 points – Susan Major, Jenny Gaskin and Sheila Finegan taking second place on countback. Tricia Culliford, Tessa Ringrose and Anna Tingle came a worthy third.



Season Finale Shotgun

Our past captains, Charlotta Lyckéus and Simon Butler have made huge efforts to increase the Mixed weekend golf competitions this year and the Season Finale Shotgun was held on Saturday 28th October when I had the pleasure of playing with Peter McGovern and Claire Martin.

A full field of 70 players turned out, with a very healthy representation of lady Members. This team competition was a combined Stableford score from a team of three players. The winners were David Birn, Stuart Loggie and Greg Waunford-Brown with an impressive 113 points. The next mixed event will be held on Saturday 16th December, being the Charity Christmas Competition when we hope to raise lots of money for Peter's and my joint charity, being Small Steps. Do mark your diaries and we look forward to seeing you then.

Stableford

Halloween was marked with 54 ladies entering the Stableford competition. It was a beautiful sunny morning and we all managed to get inside before the weather closed in. Congratulations to Jackie Beedle for coming in with the top score of 38 points. Second place

was secured by Jo Thesiger with 36 and Kathleen Bacon third with 33. Silver and Bronze places listed below:

Silver Division

1st Joanna Thesiger	36 Points
2nd Lorna Robey	32 Points
3rd Caroline Nettel	31 Points

Bronze Division

1st Jackie Beedle	38 Points	
2nd Kathleen Bacon	33 Points	
3rd Lydia Roper	31 Points	Countback
4th Patricia Morgan	31 Points	



Theme of the Week

You may have noticed that the Golf Committee are posting a 'Theme of the Week' on Intelligent Golf. The theme last week was pitch marks, urging Members to take better care of our course and repair those pitch marks which are more likely to damage the greens in the current softer conditions. Please do have a look around every time you are on the green and repair those indentations – even if they were not caused by your shot. Repair tools are available from the starter, so there is no excuse!

Coming up

Next week we have the first round of the Danziger Salver Foursomes being played on 7th November and 14th November we will play 'Four Clubs and a Putter'. The individual sign up is now open.

Nicola Pyne

It is with great sadness to report that Nicola passed away peacefully in her London care home on 20th October. Nicola was an Honorary Member of Roehampton Club and will have been known to many in the Ladies Golf section, as well as other areas of the Club, including the PhotoClub. She was a very adventurous traveller and a highly respected private tutor. Her presence is already missed, and we send our condolences to her friends and family. We understand that there will be a service to celebrate her life at a later date.

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