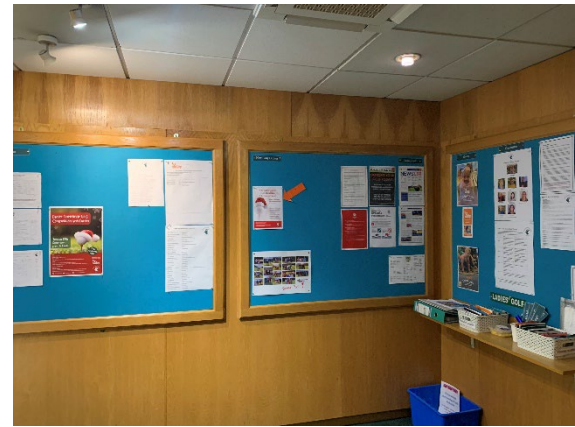


Ladies' Golf Captain's Blog – 30th November

Well, one of the highlights of this fortnight has been the installation of some lovely new noticeboards in the ladies locker room! Thank you to Louis and the team for getting this sorted! Back to golf....



Team Successes

Tremendous news that the Derry Team had a great 3/0 win vs Malden on 19th November thus completing the group stage and taking them through to the Knockouts which will commence in late January / February. Congratulations to Captain Jane Peel and her team.

Meantime, the Pearson ladies duly reported for duty at The Drift to play a match on 16th November having been advised early that morning that the course was open. However, on arrival the conditions were deemed unsuitable and this match was hastily rearranged for 28th November. The new date was a lovely sunny day and some close matches were played with our ladies securing a 4/3 win. The final Away group stage match is scheduled against Epsom on 30 November (Recorder Press Day). Good luck team. Watch for the result on our new noticeboards!

Ladies Golf Competitions

The Stableford competition held on Tuesday 21st November presented us with three temporary greens (with bucket size holes!) plus one temporary tee on the 12th a long way in front of the track. Therefore, it was deemed to be non-qualifying.

Congratulations to Lucinda Cormack, winning with 38 Points. In second place was Henrietta O'Shea with 37 points, Kasandra Spalding and Kathleen Bacon closely following with 35 and Jo Thesiger with 32. Well done all – the weather was quite kind at the start of the morning but progressively became drizzly and quite miserable. The soup in the Club Café was a popular choice for those wishing to warm up afterwards.



And a dozen or so weekend ladies gathered for a social and clearly jolly Nine and Wine on Sunday 26th November. I think the picture shown speaks for itself!

Our Tuesday competition on 28th November was a fun Texas Scramble played in brilliant sunshine. A cold but beautiful day. By nature of this competition there were some very close scores and the winners were Kate Carson, Sandy MacCaw and Stephanie Wood with

Nett 63 (countback). In second place was Jinni Featherstone-Witty, Jane Peel and Cathy Staveley, also with Nett 63. Third was Claudia Chan, Jules Sanderson & Susan Sandler with Nett 64 (countback). Well done all.

Past, Present and Future (Captains that is ...)

So exciting – my first Captain and Pro match was held on Wednesday 29th November. A stellar line up with Head Pro Ricky as my partner versus past Captain Charlotta partnered with my Vice-Captain Claire Martin. What pressure!

But Ricky and I got off to a storming start and we were 3 up at the turn. The challengers made a valiant effort to catch us, but we managed to maintain the lead and secure the win. Huge thanks to Ricky for playing with us and to Charlotta and Claire for making it a really fun afternoon and for supporting my charity Small Steps.



Christmas Golf and Lunch – Tuesday 19th December

Hopefully you have seen our notice on the new board! A shotgun 9 holes will be followed by a festive Christmas lunch. Raffle tickets will be sold in aid of my charity, Small Steps. Please do consider donating a raffle prize – *a gift that you would like to receive yourself*. And if you don't fancy playing golf, you are still welcome to join the lunch, raffle etc. A great occasion to get together with everyone for the year end. The golf sign up opens on Intelligent Golf on 5th December and booking for the lunch is already open via the Club website, or by visiting Club Reception.

An additional Christmas event for our seven-day Members is the Charity Mixed Golf on Saturday 16th December. Sign up opens on 2nd December.

As a postscript, my charity, Small Steps have their own online Christmas raffle with some great prizes. Do take a look and consider purchasing tickets which are [on sale here](#) – only £1 each – until Wednesday 6th December. Last year, the raffle raised over £3,500 for the charity. So please get involved and share with your family, friends and colleagues to help them raise even more.

Happy Golfing.

Caroline Dewar, Ladies' Golf Captain