

## Ladies' Golf Captain's Blog – 11 January 2024



### It's a New Year wash-out!

Our plans to play a fun competition on the theme of 'Kick, Throw, Gimme' were scuppered on our intended return to ladies' golf on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January. The early morning advice from IG was 'Carrying encouraged – trolleys allowed'. The putting green was closed and the rain was falling steadily. I think you get the picture. Happy Tuesday ....

The first intrepid players on the tee were Kathleen, Astrid D and Lucinda who believed that they were setting the trend for the morning, but I'm afraid the rest of the field did not have much appetite to follow. Bridge anyone? Coffee? *Kick, Throw, Gimme* will return for our fun event on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March.

### January Nine and Wine – A Full House

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January. At last ... a day when trolleys were allowed and a full allocation of 21 weekend players took advantage of a cold but lovely sunny afternoon to play 9 holes and then repair to the bar for a bit of socialising (images right).



The next significant diary date for weekend players is the **Winter Trophy Foursomes** to be held on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January**. A new competition – and as the headline suggests, there's a proper trophy to be won! Sign up on IG now.



### New Year Shotgun – and the sun shone!

How lovely to celebrate the New Year officially with our Ladies NY Shotgun on 9<sup>th</sup> January. Some 55 players met in the warm for a cuppa and chat at 08:30 before venturing out into the cold air. The wind was a little brisk, but the sun shone, and it was a most enjoyable morning - and probably the first 18 holes that the majority have played since Christmas. One of our eagle-eyed Members spied a beautiful buzzard in the trees by the 8<sup>th</sup> green ...



The winners were: Jo Thesiger, Siobain Rolston and Lorna Robey. In second place was Caroline Leslie, Susan Sandler, and Astrid Drayson with Charlotta Lyckeus, Deborah Williams, Caroline Williams and Angie Goodale taking third place. Well done to all.



This NY event also marked the launch of the **Small Steps** branded flags placed on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> greens raising awareness for this year's Captain's charity. Peter McGovern and I are very pleased to support this wonderful charity and we look forward to raising as much as we can through our joint efforts in the coming year (image left).

### Charity Golf and Bridge Day – Tuesday 13 February

Please mark your diaries for the Annual Charity Golf Morning and Bridge afternoon, The morning golf will be Foursomes Shotgun starting at 0930 (lady Members only). The Bridge event is open to all Members and guests, male and female, so please encourage your friends to come along. The format is Chicago so players will stay at

their own table throughout. All levels of experience are welcome from beginners to advanced players, as each table can play to their own standard,

There will be afternoon tea, as well as prizes and a raffle. All proceeds to benefit this year's Captains' charity, Small Steps. [www.smallsteps.org.uk](http://www.smallsteps.org.uk)

Sign up for bridge will be via Reception and through the Members' website. The golf sign up will be via IG from 30 January.

### **Captain and Pro matches**

I'm looking forward to playing several Captain and Pro Matches during the coming year. So far, Ricky and I have one under our belts. There is availability on 14<sup>th</sup> February and 15<sup>th</sup> March, so if you fancy a great opportunity to play against me and one of our Pros, please do sign up on the notice in the ladies' locker room. More dates post Easter will be announced in due course. All in support of my charity, Small Steps.

### **Pitch Marks**

As the ground is very soft after the recent rain, please do help by repairing your pitch marks. There's no excuse to ignore these. The starter's box has tools if you forget to bring yours along, so pick one up before your round – and aim to repair at least another after checking for your own. Thank you.

### **Nicola Pyne**

For those who knew Nicola, you are invited to join the celebration of her life on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January. [Click here for the invitation](#)

I look forward to seeing everyone out on the course during the remainder of January and here's hoping for some continued drier weather.

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Ladies' Golf Captain

