

Ladies' Golf Captain's Blog – 11th April 2024

Do take note of the picture showing some of the ladies relaxing on the terrace after the mid-March Nine and Wine afternoon – what sunshine!

Captain and Pro

My third Captain and Pro match was played with Sam Rebane a few days before on another dry day. We were taken on by the formidable 'Team Astrid' – Astrid Drayson and Astrid Woloszczuk.



A very close match which was 'nip and tuck' all the way until we drew the match on the 18th. Thank you to Sam, plus Astrid x 2 for a most enjoyable game and for generously supporting my charity, Small Steps.

Waltz competition

On Tuesday 19th March the ladies ventured out for a fun Waltz competition. The early chilly wind soon dropped and we were out enjoying the first taste of Spring with the ball rolling nicely along the

fairways, resulting in some very close scores in the top three teams.

The winners were Jackie Beedle, Astrid Drayson and Lucinda Cormack with 77 Points. Runners up were Lorna Robey, Caroline Dewar and Catherine Cooper with 76 Points and Rachel Gilman, Lou Wills and Sheila Finegan with 75 Points in third place.

Ladies Club Day

The following week was Ladies Club Day on Tuesday 26th March. This event marks the opening of the golfing season and we were treated to some wonderful spring weather. Plus – no temporary greens and trolleys were allowed. Hallelujah!

A full tee sheet of 84 players took part in a shotgun start, greensomes format. Players bought a Mulligan each and the proceeds of £420 will be equally donated to the Captains' charity Small Steps and England Golf Trust. Thank you all. Mid morning refreshments were provided with Coffee/tea and pastries and fruit in the half-way hut and afternoon tea was held afterwards.

There was hot competition for first place in the morning golf, with Mother / Daughter team Bridget and Katie Barton winning on countback with 40 points, pipping Tessa Ringrose and Astrid Drayson to



the post. Kathleen Bacon and Therese Swanson took third place, closely followed by Caroline Fairnie and Diana Salmon.

A stunning shot by Kate Carson on the 13th landing approximately six inches from the pin earned her the nearest the pin prize. And Caroline Leslie's drive on the 16th was nestled up to the string laid out on the fairway, earning her the prize for the straightest drive. Very impressive ladies!

Knockouts

The winter knockout trophy competitions were also awarded as follows:

- Danziger Salvagers – Andreina Townsend and Astrid Woloszczuk
- Menzies Trophy – Lucinda Cormack
- 4BBB Weekend Competition – Kathleen Bacon and Pippa Riddle
- Sutcliffe Salver – Therese Swanson
- Bronze Scratch Competition – Sally Gesua

Congratulations to all the winners.

Stableford – Tuesday 2nd April

Thankfully, the heavy overnight rain did not unduly affect the course, so a field of 40 ladies ventured out for the first qualifying Stableford Tuesday competition for several months.

The conditions were still a little tricky but some close scores at the top of the bill, with Caroline Leslie taking first place on countback from Charlotta Lyckeus – both with 36 points. Suzanne Collins and Astrid Drayson came in next with 35 points, followed by Claudia Chan with 34 points.

Silver Division

- 1st Charlotta Lyckeus 36 points
- 2nd Suzanne Collins 35 points
- 3rd Astrid Drayson 35 points

Bronze Division

- 1st Caroline Leslie 36 points
- 2nd Claudia Chan 34 points
- 3rd Melanie Schreyer 31 points

Ladies Annual Stableford Salver – Tuesday 9th April

Once again, the course was fully open. The back end of Storm Kathleen produced another very blustery day with trolleys taking a tumble here and there ...

Congratulations to Louise Tierney bringing in the day's win with 39 points – a fantastic score in those windy conditions! The Ladies Annual Stableford Salver is awarded to the contestant who has won a Stableford competition in the last 12 months and the winner was Emma Angood with 30 points.



Silver Division

1st Sandra Drum	34 points
2nd Astrid Drayson	34 points
3rd Emma Angood	30 points

Bronze Division

1st Louise Tierney	39 points
2nd Andreina Townsend	38 points
3rd Anna Rowland-Clark	30 points

Team Updates

Derry Cup: having secured a 3/0 win away in the semi-final, the Derry scratch team faced a very strong opposition on the home leg and as a result Royal Mid Surrey are through to the final. Congratulations to the fantastic Roehampton Club team for progressing so far in this hard fought competition.

Wallis Trophy: congratulations to the Wallis team for winning the preliminary round against Cranleigh. The results were 3/2 for each team at their respective home courses, but some great wins by Roehampton Club gave us the edge to win through on points. The team now awaits news of the opponents in the first round of the Trophy competition.

Pearson Trophy / Surrey Cup: having won the initial group stage, the Pearson team are now in the first round of knockouts, playing West Surrey. The home match secured a fantastic 5/2 win. The away match is to be held on 12th April – good luck Tigers!

Centenary Bowl: the first match of the season was played at Betchworth Park on Saturday 30th March where our team lost 2/3 after some tight matches. The return match was won at home last Sunday 3/2. Therefore, lying equal on match scores, it was a tense moment as the captains added up the points, but with Roehampton Club scoring just one additional point, we are through to the first round of the main Bowl competition. Congratulations Team CB!

Syd Scott Trophy

The Syd Scott Trophy mixed foursomes was held on 1st April. Another rare morning when we awoke to the news that we had a perfect course – no restrictions, no temp greens – luckily it was a reality and not an April fool! The Spring sunshine warmed our backs and I was partnering Peter McGovern on our inaugural foursomes outing.



We had a most enjoyable morning with Jo and Justin Thesiger in third place. Claire & Roy Martin were the victors with 70 points. The next three places all with 72 points were taken by Aisling and Ben Wilson, Jo and Justin Thesiger and Susan Major and William Major. Claire and Roy will pick up their handsome trophy at the October AGM.

Ladies' Open Gold Challenge Cup 2024



This prestigious annual event for professionals and amateurs attracted 44 players from around the UK on Saturday 6th April to compete for this handsome trophy. 'Storm Kathleen' was threatening Britain over the weekend, but SW15 got away with a blustery dry day.

This was a wonderful chance to watch some quality play on our course and it was lovely to see many Members walking the course and following the players.



The winner was professional golfer Hannah Screen from The Centurion in Hertfordshire, scoring 6 under over the 36 holes. In second place was previous member of Roehampton Club, Hyun-Ji Kim finishing on level par.

Our appreciation to Russell Cooke for generously sponsoring this event for the 19th year and also to Caroline Scallon for chairing another successful day.

Daily Mail Competition

Finally, Lou Wills and Kasandra Spalding are representing Roehampton Club in this year's Daily Mail Competition. The first match was held on 16th

March away against Royal Mid Surrey. Their 3/1 win takes them through to the next round. Well done and good luck ladies, for the onward journey.

Ria Webster

Sad news was received recently that former Member Ria Webster has passed away aged 88. She was a keen golfer, representing the Club in many competitions.

Coming up ...

As we move into the spring calendar, there are several events coming up. For weekend Members, the Roll ups will resume on Sunday 28th April. Make a note to enter the hotly contested Ladies vs Men competition on Monday 6th May.

The spring meeting events will kick off with the weekend competition on Saturday 11th May, followed by the Tuesday events on 14th and 21st May. Check out Intelligent Golf for the full calendar and sign up dates.

And ... don't forget to check out the Captain and Pro match opportunities. There are several extra dates now added to the list on the board in the ladies' locker room. This is a great chance to challenge one of our great Pros (and me!) and all in a good cause raising money for my charity, Small Steps.

Happy golfing and here's hoping for some lovely spring weather in the coming weeks.

Caroline Dewar, Ladies' Golf Captain

