

# Men's Golf Captain's Blog – 9th May 2024



As my golfing father was fond to say these are two of the best months of the year, the months of bloom May and June. And as if by magic the course is drying out and although still on winter rules the course looks and feels great.

## Recent Competitions

### *Ladies vs Men 6th May*

This is now a firm favourite and has cemented itself into our golfing diary. A must play and win event which is hotly contested and allows bragging rights for the rest of the year.

Congratulations to the Ladies who retain the Vase with a storming 11 to 5 victory in very wet conditions. Although several matches were closely fought the



Ladies deserved the mantle as 'The Champions' and over whelmed the Men, well done.

Last year it was felt that this match should coincide with The Coronation and was championed and promoted by our predecessors Simon and Charlotta. We thank you for a great idea.

### *Masters Money Ball Bogey Competition Saturday 13th April*

This was a fun event designed to coincide with the first Golf Major of the year. Congratulations to Alastair Wright who beat the course by 2 shots with + 2 followed by Dan Kershaw level and the evergreen Nigel Brown with -1.

This is an unusual format with players effectively playing against the course, if you like match play against the course. If you beat the course on a hole you get a +, a loss is a - and if you half a hole you get a 0, the lost holes are subtracted from the won holes to give the final score.

I am sure you know already but there is a dedicated column on the score cards for this. Hope this assists.



## Team Competitions

All our hopes now rest with the remaining Surrey 5s team and The John Ling Salver captained by Mr Johnny Perkins and Nigel Brown respectively. Johnny leads his team against Walton Heath in R2 away on the 12th May. Nigel's next match is away to West Surrey on the 18th June.

We wish you all the very best and hope victories can be recorded. Thank you to the Captains and all the participants for giving their time and effort to play in these matches.

## Roll Ups

Unfortunately, our first AM PM roll up was cancelled Sunday 28th April due to 26 mm of rain which fell overnight and into the morning which flooded the course.

See attached photograph of the 15th. This will be one of the four greens to be relaid commencing mid to end of July (along with the 3rd, 6th and 14th).



Fifteen players turned out for the roll up on the 14th April. Well done to Ben Lofthouse who won on count back from WRM Louis with a respectable 37 points.

## Scratch Team

The Club's best players participated in their first match of the Scratch League against RMS with a 4-1 victory. The team consisted of Scott and Max Stanley, Peter Crocombe, Luke Gorman and Dave Birn. Well done gentlemen for a great win

## The Horn

I am please to confirm that we retained The Horn which is the annual match against The Richmond Golf Club. Thank you to all who participated and making this one of the highlights of my year so far.

I would like to thank the F&B team who look after us so well and to Simon, Louis and Matt for their excellent organisational skills. Well done everyone.

## Captain and Pro

Congratulations to Greg Whittaker and Ben Wilson for succeeding on the 18th to secure a first win for the challengers against myself and Sam.





This follows our success against Richard C Williams and Marcus Carrigan with Will.

I have to recommend participating in these events when they come up.

I had the pleasure of seeing how golf can be played by our professional Will who helped myself and the smooth-hitting Christine Hutchinson over 9 holes.

It was a pleasure to play with Christine who hits a mean ball.

### **Upcoming Competitions**

Coming up we have:

- Spring Meeting 18th and 19th May
- Senior's Spring Meeting 15th May
- Captains vs Past Captains 16th May
- Captains Charity Golf Day 25th May
- Frankland Moore Married and Mixed Foursomes 27th May
- Founders Cup Medal 1st June
- Men's Invitation Day 8th June
- Salute The Services 10th June

These are most of the great golfing opportunities coming up over the next few weeks.

Many thanks to Peter Bradburn and David Howe and his team who have looked after our course so well over the winter and giving us the opportunity to play on a course in great condition.

Until next time I wish you all the best of a golfing life. Remember no matter how bad you are playing, it is always possible to play worse.

**Peter McGovern, Men's Golf Captain**

