

Ladies' Golf Captain's Blog – 13th June 2024



As we are now approaching the middle of June, the golfing season is in full swing and there's much to report since the last Recorder. Recent highlights include the Spring meeting, Captains' Charity Day, Surrey Team news, Ladies Invitation Day and more. Please read on!

Competition results

The **Ladies' Spring meeting** was successfully played over three competitions. First, the Ladies Weekend Spring Meeting was held on Saturday 11th May in beautiful warm sunshine. This was introduced in 2023 primarily for those who are unable to compete during the weekday competition and 30 players took part.

1st – Henrietta O'Shea (73)

2nd – Cathy Staveley (74) countback

3rd – Perrine Faye (74) countback

Second was the Spring Meeting Medal competition on the following Tuesday with 68 players. Yes, you guessed – it rained! – but to be fair, rain jackets and umbrellas were folded away by mid-morning and those playing later had a dry round. Third, was the Foursomes on the following Tuesday with 33 pairs in the field. Full Spring Meeting results:



Silver Division

1st place scratch – Jane Peel (78) winning the Greenwood Trophy

2nd place scratch – Lou Wills (82)

1st place handicap – Cathy Staveley (66) winning the Silver Division George Gadd Memorial Trophy

2nd place handicap – Fiona Hockless (69)

Bronze Division

1st Place Scratch – Kathleen Bacon (94)

2nd Place Scratch – Caroline Williams (96)

Handicap Winner – Jane Farrell (70) winning the Bronze Division George Gadd Memorial Trophy

2nd Place Handicap – Henrietta O'Shea (74) countback

3rd Place Handicap – Melanie Schreyer (74) countback

Best Nett score by past Captains & present Committee – Jane Peel (71) winning The Holness Silver Box

18 Birdie balls were awarded – three of those to Cathy Staveley and two each to Jane Peel and Katy Preston



Spring Meeting Foursomes

Winners – Polly Lewis and Val Patten 38 Points countback

Second Place – Emma Angood and Suzanne Collins 38 points countback

Third Place – Jenny Gaskin and Margaret Swain – 36 points

Closing the Spring Meeting, Members traditionally get together for an informal lunch after the foursomes event, followed by the prize giving. This year was a little unusual in as much as

none of the trophy winners were able to attend. Realising that this could be a bit of anti-climax, we improvised by arranging advance photos of the winners with their trophies which were shown on the big screen during the prize giving. Included was a picture of Jennifer Greenwood presenting the Greenwood Trophy to Jane Peel for the best scratch score. Jane also recorded a video speech which was played to the assembled company which was extremely well received. Congratulations to all the winners!



The **Captains' Charity Day** to benefit our joint charity, Small Steps, was held on Saturday 25th May. This was a really fun mixed event played in wonderful warm and sunny weather. Huge thanks to Matt, Simon, Louis, Ken and Neal for all the arrangements on and off the course and for decorating all areas with the Small Steps' bunting, banners, plus flags on the 1st and 18th. Thanks also to Ana who was most welcoming at the halfway hut, dispensing Pimms, snacks and other refreshments.

After golf, we repaired to the bar for the prize giving and results of the Silent Auction which had taken place through the morning. Peter McGovern and I are delighted that we raised some £2,000 from the day. Thank you to all the players and bidders – this will make a huge difference to Small Steps www.smallsteps.org



A new competition was played this month, combining a two-part **Fun 4BBB competition**, held firstly on Tuesday 28th May and secondly on Sunday 2nd June, thus giving our weekend players an opportunity to compete with the weekday players. This was a competition of two halves in more ways than one. Yes, you guessed it – the weather was wet on Tuesday – and on Sunday the sun shone! Interesting that the final winners were those who had played on the Tuesday in the rain!

- 1st – Patricia Morgan and Melanie Schreyer 41 points
- 2nd – Pippa Walker and Andreina Townsend 40 points countback
- 3rd – Lydia Roper and Jackie Beedle 40 points countback

The **Annual Medal** competition was held on Tuesday 4th June. Winning with a stunning 71 nett score was Astrid Drayson, closely followed by Jane Peel with 72 nett. The top four available winners of the silver and bronze divisions then set out on the following Thursday to play matches to compete for the **Handicap Challenge Cups**. The semi-finalists were:



Bronze: Sally Gesua vs Angie Goodale and Val Patten vs Andreina Townsend – Sally and Andreina played the final, with Andreina winning the bronze trophy.

Silver: Astrid Drayson vs Claire Martin and Fiona Pollard vs Cathy Staveley. Astrid and Fiona played the final, with Astrid winning the silver trophy.



The matches were played in great spirit and huge thanks to the morning runners-up for acting as caddies for the finalists. What a tradition and congratulations to all players! We had a very jolly awards ceremony on the terrace afterwards.

Ladies' Invitation Day

Held on Tuesday this week, some 40 Roehampton Club Ladies hosted their guests from clubs around UK and Ireland. It was a bit nippy, but the odd ray of sunshine took the edge off the cold wind and we were grateful for a dry day. Coffee, pastries and lots of chat on arrival before everyone dispersed onto the golf course. The halfway hut provided some welcome snacks, Pimms and soft drinks. A delicious lunch was held afterwards, followed by the prize giving.

The winners of the 4BBB were Andreina Townsend and her guest Tina Soderlund-Boley from Coombe Wood GC, scoring 41 points (countback). The runners up, also with 41 points were Lydia Roper and guest Louise Devlin from Sunningdale GC. A raffle for an array of golf socks was held in aid of the Captains' Charity, Small Steps and with thanks to the generosity of those present, we raised an impressive £435.



Team News

Our Club teams continue their winning streaks with the Hicks, Centenary Bowl and Wallis Teams all now playing round two, having won the preliminary rounds. The upcoming match dates are to be found on the notice board in the locker room.

The Pearson Trophy / Surrey Cup

After defeating the RAC Club in the quarter finals (including 7/0 Away), Roehampton Club are through to the semi-final / final day for the third successive year. This will be held at Tandridge on Monday 17th June. The semi-final will be against Foxhills in the morning. The winners of these matches will play the final against either Windlesham or Reigate Heath in the afternoon. All are welcome to come along to Tandridge to support Roehampton Club on this exciting day!

InterClub Surrey Scratch Foursomes

After a bye in the first round, Jo Thesiger and Ali Jacobs won the second round match against Bletchingley. Jo reports that it was a tough match against very accurate and consistent opponents. Finding themselves 2 down with 3 to play, they held their nerve and won on the 19th. Congratulations!

Daily Mail Foursomes

Lou Wills and Kasandra Spalding won an astonishing third round match at home. After the match, Kasandra was admitted to hospital with appendicitis. We are hoping that she will make a quick recovery in order to play the next round at the end of June.

Annodata / Kyocera

Our feisty team in this national knockout competition have now defeated two Royal Mid Surrey Teams and will play Mill Hill GC Away in the third round on 3rd July. Good luck girls!

Captain and Pro matches

Two further matches were played in the last month. First with mother and daughter team, Caroline and Steffi Williams who challenged Oscar and me on a lovely warm afternoon. A great match which was nip and tuck until Oscar brought out his A game, scoring an Eagle on 11th along with several birdies and pars, resulting in a win for Pro and Captain.



Second was with Sam against Lucinda Cormack and Sue Lefroy who had nobly stepped in as a late substitute. Owing to time restraints, the match was played over 15 holes. A really tight match was played with the challengers playing lovely steady golf and we finished with an honourable draw.

Surrey Seniors County Championship

Jo Thesiger and Lorna Robey were among the 60 competitors at this event held on 3rd June at Worplesdon. In true Roehampton Club style, both managed to feature on the winners lists, with Lorna taking the trophy for a 'certain age' category. Jo finished in second place for the overall scratch trophy, just two shots behind the winner with a gross of 81. Congratulations to both.



Frankland Moore Mixed and Married Foursomes

Held on the Spring Bank Holiday Monday, 18 pairs took part in this competition. After a shaky start, Peter McGovern and I managed to scrape a win for the mixed competition trophy, winning on countback with 35 points. The Married winners were our playing partners, Astrid and Tim Drayson, also with 35 points.

Ladies Vice Captain announced

Great news that Jo Thesiger will be Ladies' Vice Captain to Claire Martin next year. Jo is a hugely experienced golfer and long-term member of Roehampton Club and will be a huge asset to the ladies section during the Club's 125 year celebrations in 2026. Congratulations, Jo.



Coming up

The Club Championships is being held this coming Saturday 15th June with 23 ladies competing. Held over 36 holes, the first rounds will tee off early at 7.30am. Do come along and cheer them into the Clubhouse later in the day – ETA around 5pm. The Ladies Centenary Salver is next week, followed by Lady Captain's day on 25th June. And there's much more! – please check Intelligent Golf for all events.

And finally, we look forward to welcoming our starter, Dhiren, back to the Club in a week or so after his health issues.

Caroline Dewar, Ladies' Golf Captain