

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



We are now in the middle of the months of bloom, May and June when we can enjoy the start of summer and our golfing season. The course is looking great with the investment in planting paying off with beautiful surrounds. The planting around the 6th tee promises to be spectacular. I would like to express a huge thank you to Peter Bradburn, David Howe our Head Greenkeeper and their team for presenting the golf course in such great condition

Recent competitions

Seniors Spring Meeting 15th May

Our winner was the impervious Alex Lever with a nett 68 followed by Mark Tydeman and Nigel Brown with 69 and 70 respectively. Nigel beat Andrew Walker on countback, however Andrew won the Gross prize with an impressive 72 playing off a handicap of 2.

Captains and Past Captains 16th May

This is an annual event when a match is held before a sit-down dinner where we hear the announcement of the next Vice Captain by the current Vice. A huge congratulations to Justin Thesiger for a fun presentation when he regaled the virtues of his choice of his Vice Captain who is the popular Bob Mitchell.

I am particularly pleased at selecting Justin as my Vice Captain for his wisdom and foresight in choosing Bob. I wish both gentlemen all the best for their own journeys and believe the running of the Men's section is in reliable and fun filled hands.

Spring Meeting 18th and 19th May

Congratulations to Alex Tonge who won the gross and nett prize with fabulous rounds of 68 and 66 giving an impressive 8 under. Pete Crocombe came second with the only other under par rounds with a total of 2 under. In the Nett, Alex Millard came second with 2 over followed by Jo Cochrane with 3 over on count back from Francesco Vettori. Well done to all participants in what was a tough course with thick rough.

Captain's Charity Golf Day 25th May



This proved to be a great success raising much needed funds for our joint charity Small Steps. Between the auction and competition fees we raised close to £2,000. This would not have been possible without the generosity of Members and staff for donating and bidding for prizes and participating in the event.



Caroline and I were thrilled at the success and being able to help this excellent local charity which supports preschool aged children who suffer from motor impairment difficulties and their families. The winners were Clive Nicholson, Brian Hall, Nicholas Brown and Robert Stone with 90 points followed closely by Marcus Carrigan, Stephanie Williams, Colin Hector and Nicola Pearson with 89 points.

Frankland Moore Married and Mixed Foursomes 27th May

This was held on the Bank Holiday and afforded everyone the pleasure of playing in what many consider to be the purest form of golf i.e. foursomes. Caroline and I managed to win this event on countback from Astrid and Tim Drayson and Joanna and Justin Thesiger with 35 points. Thank you to the Ladies' Captain for some stellar golf.

Founders Cup 1st June

A full field contested for this prestigious trophy. Well done to the evergreen John Randel who prevailed with an excellent nett 68 followed by Nigel Brown on count back with 69 from Moritz Lindhorst.



Men's Invitation Day 8th June

This proved to be another highlight of the year. Members had the opportunity to invite their friends to play the course in a wonderful condition and show off our golfing jewel in travel zone 2/3.

We enjoyed a hot breakfast and shotgun better ball before donning jackets for an excellent three-course lunch. Well done to the Food and Beverage Team, you surpassed your already high standards.

This is a superb event which I strongly recommend to Members for next year. Congratulations to Ben Angood and Kevin Mathers with an excellent 45 points followed by Charlie Hockless and Jack Ledger on 43 and then William Glassey and Rhidian Davies with 41.

Roll Ups 12th May AM and PM

We had 20 participants who enjoyed the thick rough conditions. This reflected the rather high scores however once again Andrew Walker triumphed with 33 points. Our next roll up will be on the 23rd June so let's roll up.



Captain and Professional 4 BBB Matches

We have held three since the last blog resulting in two impressive victories for our challengers and one loss. On the 10th May, Robert Findlay and Mike Hamblin won on the 17th 2 and 1 against Will and I and Gerry Dennigan and Brian O'Boyle won on the 16th when I was ably assisted by Oscar. While we were able to retain some dignity and prevailed over the talented duo of Simon Dixon and Richard Bayley. Congratulations gentlemen for the fun packed competitive games.

The Seniors Golfers Society 9th May

This is one of our oldest and treasured annual fixtures when we play the Seniors Golf Society. The SGS was formed around 1926 and one of their first matches was against us. This year we hosted the event on a sunny day and had the pleasure of playing 36 holes of quality foursomes. I am pleased to report that we prevailed over a tough team who will be up for the return fixture at Woking next year. In many ways the result is not the important issue in this particular meeting but rather the fostering of friendships and the pleasure in playing foursomes golf. Thank you to our visitors and all who participated in the day.

Scratch Team

I am glad to report that the team is progressing nicely this year. They won their third Round of the Surrey Scratch Knockout against Bramley on 2nd June and now progress to the quarters against either Effingham or Hankley Common. They lie currently second in the Elite Amateur Golf Group and drew their match on the 9th June. Their ambition is to win the final league games and top the group. We wish them all the very best in their endeavours which is much appreciated by the Club.

Upcoming events

Our Club Championship takes place on Saturday with both ladies and men competing on the same day for their respective honours. It's Pro's Day 28th June and the Captain's Prize 29th June.

Tee sheet poll

Following the AGM and the most recent Golf Committee Meeting, it was approved to send a poll to golf Members to gauge what time they would prefer the tee sheet to open. The options are:

- 7am (current opening time)
- 7pm
- Don't mind either time

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Votes will all be anonymous and there is a comment box to add any feedback you wish. **Deadline Sunday 23rd June 23:59**

Final thoughts

Harvey Penick, one of the best US golf coaches, when asked what every golfer should do, he remarked 'take dead aim on every shot?' Tiger Woods would frequently aim for the centre of the green as it never moved. May you all enjoy your summer golf.

Peter McGovern, Men's Golf Captain