

# Ladies' Golf Captain's Blog – 4th July 2024



There's been a lot happening in the last month. Club Championships – including a new ladies' course record – Pearson Surrey Cup finals day, the Longest Day Challenge, Lady Captain's Day, Pro's Day and more!

## The Club Championships

Held on Saturday 15th June the ladies opened the proceedings at 7.30am, with the men following. The early starters enjoyed a little sunshine before the skies became gradually more gloomy and by lunchtime the heavens had opened.

The 20 lady competitors were in the Clubhouse after the first 18 holes for a scheduled lunch break, when a rumble of thunder had Louis running for klaxons to bring the men off the course mid-competition.

Once the rain had subsided, 'The Boys in Blue' were out frantically squeegee-ing several of the flooded greens. Their sterling work meant that play was able to resume after an hour or so delay with the men returning to their interrupted positions and the ladies starting their second 18 holes.



The new Ladies' Club Champion 2024 is Issie Simpson whose overall score was +8 after two rounds. Her first round was clearly a warmup, scoring 84, but in the afternoon she hit a stunning 68. This is a new Roehampton Club Ladies Amateur Course Record, played from the red tees. Congratulations, Issie!

There was also impressive play from our 2023 Champion, Jo Thesiger as runner up with 82 + 81. Further prize winners are:

Best morning score: Katy Preston 82.  
Best afternoon score: Emma Powell 84.  
Best handicap score over 36 holes:  
Astrid Woloszczuk 72 + 80. Full results can be found on Intelligent Golf.

After, the ladies wasted no time in celebrating on the terrace where there was also a short prize giving on the terrace. Congratulations to everyone who played and made this a very successful day.



## Pearson Surrey Cup Finals Day

For the third year running, Roehampton Club 'Tigers' were ready for the challenges presented at Tandridge on 17th June. Winning the morning semi-final matches against Foxhills 5-3, the team set out for the finals round against Windlesham. A very exciting finish as the score reached 3-2 to Roehampton Club, with the last two pairs battling out the final holes before securing the fourth win on the 16th and winning the Surrey Cup, which was last won in 2022.





Tandridge were wonderful hosts. The course was beautifully presented and players and caddies enjoyed a delicious buffet lunch. Huge thanks must also be passed on to our supporters – Professionals Ricky, Oscar and Wes, plus Simon Baker, as well as friends and family.

The squad are now in training for the Pearson County Finals to be held on Thursday 18th July at Hindhead where the semi-final and finals will be played out against Kent, Middlesex and Hertfordshire. Good luck girls!

### Longest Day Challenge

The Longest Day Challenge was held on 21st June. Congratulations to the 40 Members who played 100, 72, 54 or 36 holes, including lady Members represented by Katy Preston – 100 holes, Jo Thesiger – 72 holes, Kasandra Spalding – 54 holes, Charlotta Lyckeus, Claire Martin and Jinni Featherstone-Witty – 36 holes.

And Yours Truly sneaked into a slot for 18 holes to support the girls in the afternoon. The first tee off times were at daybreak at 4.10am and the final putts were holed at 9.45pm.

HUGE thanks for the additional donations through the [Just Giving](#) website. With the Club's donation of an additional £1,500, this will bring the total to approximately £5,000 for the Captains' charity Small Steps.

### Ladies' Captain's Day

My Ladies' Captain's Day on Tuesday 25th June was all I could have wished for. A full sign up with 84 players. A beautiful sunny summer's day – what joy after all those wet Tuesdays! We had some fun with our 'How long is a piece of string?' box - a lucky dip, picking pieces of string which varied from 3 to 12 inches and which could be used to improve a lie on the course, or even to putt out.



It was perhaps a tad hot for some, but Claire kept me company in welcoming the golfers through the halfway hut where refreshments and delicious nibbles were dispensed cheerfully by Ian from the Bar Team.

There was lots of fun on the course – Beat the Pro (Ricky) on the 13th and Louis and Matt taking drives on the 16th (some interesting shots apparently!) for charity donations.

After we had sandwiches and strawberries and cream before the prize giving. Congratulations to the winning team of Libby Balch, Jinni Featherstone-Witty, Lesley

Frank and Nicki Urquhart. And big thanks to the Club, to Ricky, Louis, Matt, Dhiren, Neal, the Food and Beverage Team, the players for making the day such fun and for all the donations to Small Steps. I'm delighted to report that we raised approx. £1,600 from this day. [Click here to view all of the photos from the day](#)

## Pro's Day

The Pro's Day was held on Friday 28th June. It was a very bright but surprisingly chilly wind called for an extra layer of clothing. The mixed competition was a shotgun start, followed by plenty of fun challenges on the course. Beat the Pro (Wes) on the 13th, longest drives, nearest pins, etc.

But the best was Oscar taking our drive on 18th. I heard that all his drives were stunningly close to the green and as a result I achieved my first (and likely last) birdie on 18th! Thanks to Ricky for organising such a lovely fun morning and to all the pros and starters for their input and for cheering us on around the course.

## Captain and Pro

Sometime, between all the above, I managed to squeeze in another Captain and Pro match. This time with Wes against Kasandra Spalding and Katy Preston. Suffice to say that the challengers had a convincing win! There was no stopping them – both playing well under their handicaps with many chips and putts just flying into the holes around the course. Well done both and thank you for a fun afternoon and your kind contributions to Small Steps.

## Centenary Salver

The **Centenary Salver** medal competition was held on Tuesday 18th June. Congratulations to Lucinda Cormack, winning with a nett 67 – particularly notable as she had played 36 holes in the Pearson finals on the previous day! Results below (net scores):

### *Silver Division*

- 1st Astrid Drayson 69
- 2nd Joanna Thesiger 71 countback
- 3rd Catherine Emanuel 71

### *Bronze Division*

- 1st Lucinda Cormack 67 **Centenary Salver Winner**
- 2nd Shirley Keane 68
- 3rd Caroline Dewar 72 countback

## Stableford

What a difference a week makes – one week ago we were enjoying a hot summer's day, but today (Tuesday 2nd July) it was pretty nippy with a few sprinkles of rain mid-morning. Results below:

Congratulations to Astrid Drayson, winning with 38 points. A close contest between the top five players:

### *Silver Division*

- 1st Astrid Drayson 38 Points
- 2nd Catherine Emanuel 37 Points

### *Bronze Division*

- 1st Anna Rowland-Clark 36 Points
- 2nd Caroline Dewar 36 Points countback
- 3rd Sue Lefroy 35 Points



## Team News

**Hicks Trophy:** Great news that this team won away 3/2 and home 5/0 against Surbiton and will now play Royal Mid Surrey in the quarter finals. Home 4th August and away 11th August.

**Centenary Bowl:** Sadly the end of the road for this squad having won at home, but lost away against West Hill, missing their place in the quarter finals. Thanks to Angela Atkins for her great captaincy again this year and to all the players in the squad.

**Wallis Trophy:** A great win against Foxhills at home, 4/1 last week. The away matches will be played on Monday 8th July. The winners will progress to the quarter finals. Good luck to all!

**InterClub Surrey Scratch Foursomes:** Issie Simpton and Hannah Li had a terrific win playing Camberley Heath in the third round. Roehampton Club are now in the quarter finals.

**Daily Mail Foursomes:** Lou Wills and Kasandra Spalding have had a great run in this competition but were defeated by a pair at Huntswood Golf Club in Round 4. Thanks to both for representing Roehampton Club and for giving this your very best.

**Annodata / Kyocera:** As reported last month, our team will play Mill Hill Golf Club away in the third round this week on 3rd July. Good luck girls!

## Other Events

### Thursday 15 August – Surrey Bronze Event

For golfers with Handicap Index between 30 and 54, Surrey Women's Golf are running a 9 hole competition at nearby Strawberry Hill. A great opportunity to branch out and sample an external competition in a relaxed environment. [Click here for the full details](#)

### Coming up ...

Course maintenance is scheduled for week commencing 8th July. In addition, we will have four of our greens on temporaries through most of July and August. These are 3, 6, 14 and 15. However, these works will not prevent us from running Fun and Stableford competitions as shown in the Intelligent Golf diary. The Stableford competitions will be held over 16 holes as permitted by England Golf and will count towards your handicap. The Fun competitions will be individual sign up and we will commence with a 'Shamble' on 16th July. See Intelligent Golf for more information.

Next Sunday, 7th July, we have a new comp for weekend ladies 'The Roeheim Cup'. A fun team event combining Foursomes, 4BBB and singles Match Play. Look out for the report in the next Recorder!

And Roehampton Club will be represented at The Druce competition, held at Woodcote Park on 11th July.

### Volunteer at The Curtis Cup

An opportunity has arisen to be a volunteer at the Curtis Cup, taking place at Sunningdale from 30th August to 1st September. [Click here if you are interested](#)

Phew – that was a lot to report. I hope you're still with me! Here's hoping for some continued sunshine over the rest of the summer. I look forward to playing with many of you over the coming weeks and happy holidays to those who are planning escapes to other locations.

**Caroline Dewar, Ladies' Golf Captain**