

# Ladies' Golf Captain's Blog – 8th August 2024



## Roehampton Club Ladies win the Pearson Trophy

What a triumph! Huge congratulations to Roehampton Club Ladies for winning the Inter-County Pearson final held at Hindhead GC on 18th July.

To qualify for the county finals, Roehampton Club first won the Surrey Cup at Tandridge on 17th June. This was, in itself, a fantastic achievement (as reported in the July Recorder).

For the county final day, teams representing Surrey (Roehampton Club) along with Middlesex, Hertfordshire and Kent congregated to play the morning semi-final matches. Roehampton Club played Grim's Dyke (Middlesex), winning through to compete in the afternoon final against Hadley Wood GC (Hertfordshire).

The finals were exactly as it should have been – close! And it was a very tense afternoon as the matches passed through the halfway hut, looking like Hadley Wood could have the slight edge. However, a magnificent birdie on the 19th from Kasandra Spalding and a win on the 21st by Astrid Woloszczuk took Roehampton Club over the winning line.

Congratulations to all players – Emma Angood, Kathleen Bacon, Jackie Beedle, Lucinda Cormack, Astrid Drayson, Henrietta O'Shea, Kasandra Spalding, Louise Tierney, Astrid Woloszczuk. And, of course, to our very proud Captain Therese Swanson and Emma Angood, Vice-Captain, who have taken the team all the way to the finish. And to the entire squad of 23 players who have contributed to all the matches along the way.

The Pearson squad started weekly coaching sessions led by Head Pro Ricky Pharo in September last year, training through the winter and playing matches home and away through the knockout stages against several Surrey clubs. Thanks to Ricky and Oscar, plus Simon Baker, Louis Laville and Matt for the tremendous support and encouragement through this campaign.

[See the full Inter-County report here](#)

That's the big news, but there's lots more!

## Druce Trophy

A total of 60 clubs entered this competition and our Roehampton Club team came in at a very respectable third place after Hankley Common and Reigate Heath. Hosted by Woodcote Park, the course was in great condition, the weather was perfect and the games played in great spirit.



The Druce Trophy is a great format. The first foursomes low / high pair play the course in the morning (Charlotta Lyckeus and Lucinda Cormack) and a second pair (Jo Thesiger and Caroline Leslie) play in the afternoon, trying to better the score on each hole of the morning pair. Charlotta and Lucinda had a great morning round and Jo and Caroline managed to improve the score by 10 shots. Very well played to both pairs.



### **Away Day at Blackmoor Golf Club**

Traditionally organised by our Ladies' Vice-Captain, Claire Martin arranged a terrific day out at Blackmoor on 5th July. Attended by a full house of 32 ladies, we duly assembled for coffee and pastries with the rain lashing down outside. But in true Roehampton Club style, we ventured onto the first tee full of optimism and the clouds soon parted to give us a largely dry round.



The course is a wonderful parkland course and was in great condition. It was lovely to see some of our weekend / working ladies who had taken the day off to play. The winning team was Fiona Pollard, Kasandra Spalding, Caroline Nettel and Livi Mayell. Congratulations to Claire for a very successful outing – clearly a good omen for her future captaincy when she takes over in October!

### **Roeheim Trophy**

This inaugural competition was held on Sunday 7th July. Eight teams competed in this event, each team consisting of five players in a Solheim Cup format – combining Foursomes, 4BBB and Individual Stableford.

The brainchild of Katy Preston, this was a highly successful day, made all the more exciting through the live scoring system, the results of which were duly transferred onto the good old fashioned master flipchart on the terrace.



With just one point between them, the winning team was the 'Shankaholics' (Hannah Li, Katy Preston, Kasandra Spalding, Steffie Williams, Aisling Wilson) scoring 114 points. Runners up were 'Past, Present and Future' (Caroline Dewar, Charlotta Lyckeus, Claire Martin, Fiona Pollard, Jo Thesiger) with 113 points. A very successful event and one to be continued on an annual basis.

### **Captain and Pro Matches**

Another couple of Captain and Pro matches have been played. My first outing with Donny was most enjoyable against Pippa Walker and Angela Elliot. We had a great time on the course and the game was nip and tuck all the way, but the challengers pulled out the stops to win the match.





Second was with Ricky against Polly Lewis and Anna Tingle. Again, tough competition – both played lovely, steady golf and they were too good!

Thank you to Donny and Ricky for taking the time out to play. It's such a pleasure to play with all the pros. And thanks to Pippa, Angela, Polly and Anna for their kind donations to my charity Small Steps.

### Tuesday golf

On 16th July we trialled a new fun **Shamble** competition with individual sign up, therefore mixing up the teams. The chat in the Club Café afterwards suggested that it had been a fun morning. The format is everyone teeing off and then taking their second shot from the preferred drive, then continuing to the hole from their own subsequent position. The winning team with 93 points was Sue Lennox, Anna Tingle and Elise Gordon and runners up, Stephanie Wood, Caroline Dewar and Siobain Rolston with 91 Points.



The **Stableford** competition on Tuesday 23rd July was the first Ladies' qualifier to be played over 16 holes. As we have four temporary greens, only two may be played in a qualifying competitions. 36 players took part and congratulations to Pippa Walker winning with 36 points (countback), pipping (excuse the pun) Angie Goodale and Caroline Leslie to the post – all with 36 points.

The following week, we played a fun **4BBB**. Another individual sign up, we had the option to select early / mid / late slot. The 'early' slots started at 8am which did seem a tad early, but as it turned out to be a very hot day with 30°, the timing was quite fortunate for those leading the field. Congratulations to Caroline Fairnie and Heather Lightbody scoring the winning 45 points (countback). The runners up were Anna Tingle and Caroline Dewar, followed by Gunilla Huldt and Emma Angood with 43 points.

I was delighted to see some newcomers taking the plunge into our Tuesday competition – Andrea Bulstrode, Jill Pepper, Philippa Addison and Vanessa Walker (although sadly unwell on the day) – plus a special mention for Heather Lightbody in the winning team! We would love to see more of our newer golfers joining us in these fun competitions. I think you will find that the ladies are not scary, we don't bite and we will help you learn rules and develop your confidence in taking part in these events! Do contact me if you need reassurance and for help in signing up.

Another **Stableford** this week on 5th August. The forecast assured the field of 33 players that we could expect a dry round but it was not to be ... Another wet Tuesday developed. Congratulations to Harriet Prince for winning with 41 points. Runner up was Cathy Staveley with 39 points and in third place was Sandy MacCaw with 38 points (countback).

### Team News

The **Hicks** and **Wallis** teams are both through to the quarter finals of the trophy competitions. The Hicks ladies had a great win against Royal Mid Surrey at home on Sunday 4th August and will play away next weekend. Wallis are playing Walton Heath 10/17 August. Good luck to all players.

In the **Inter Club Scratch Foursomes** Roehampton Club are progressing well and will play Hankley Common in the quarter finals – to be played 21th August.

Roehampton Club has dropped out of the **Kyocera Golf Classic** national knockout competition having been defeated by Muswell Hill. Huge thanks to Tricia Morgan for running the team ably assisted by Astrid Drayson who has provided support while Tricia has been away.

### **Coming up ... 36 Hole Pearson Salver Thursday 5th September**

In addition to the upcoming programme of ladies' events, please note that the 36 Hole Pearson Salver competition will be held on Thursday 5th September. This is a medal with the best nett score over 36 holes on the same day. The Robey Trophy is awarded to the scratch winner. Sign up on 22nd August.



### **Other News**

#### **Congratulations**

To husband and wife team Andrew and Kathleen Bacon for winning such a handsome trophy at the 2024 Invitation Shoot Out at Wisley on 5th and 6th July.

To Naomi Laundry and Caroline Fairnie for their win at the Surbiton Ladies Invitation Day.



And to Sally Gesua for winning the Surrey Lady Captains Society Golden Jubilee Claret Jug competition at Cuddington Golf Club.

### **Farewell**

To Astrid Woloszczuk who has been an integral part of the Pearson squad over the last season and has recently moved home to Vienna with her family. Good luck Astrid and we hope to see you from time to time on your visits to London – or we will be visiting your lovely city!

Finally, I'm sure all will agree that our course is in wonderful condition and the surrounding landscaping is a delight. The major works to four greens to improve the drainage has been undertaken with minimum disruption to players and the temporary greens, although never perfect, are certainly tolerable for the few weeks that they will be in play. Thanks to Peter Bradburn and his entire team.



**Caroline Dewar, Ladies' Golf Captain**