

Men's Golf Captain's Blog – 5th September 2024



This is my penultimate blog in an enjoyable golf year.

We have a busy schedule ahead affording plenty of opportunities to play this intriguing game.

Our four greens are now playable and look in great shape with ongoing works improving their fringes. Tremendous work by the Grounds Team, thank you for your hard work and expertise. The acid test will be some heavy rain however I am confident the works will prove to be a success

Surrey Scratch League

The Scratch Team have reached the Surrey Scratch league final beating Betchworth 4 and 1. The final is scheduled for 29th September against Hindhead with a venue to be confirmed. This will be a repeat of the 2019 final which we lost and so should add a little more motivation if needed. Well done gentlemen for coming this far in a very competitive competition.

The John Ling Salver

Roehampton Club played Bletchingley Golf Club at home in the quarter finals of the John Ling Salver today and I am pleased to report they were victorious by 3 matches to 2. The highlight was John Dawes hole in won on the 17th, he and Russell Gooding went on to win 2 and 1. Keep it going team.

The Whale Cup

The Whale Cup was retained after a strong 5 to 1 victory over Royal Mid Surrey. All participants played well with a particular mention to our anchor pairing of John Randel and Donald McKenzie who won 7 and 5.

This was followed by an excellent lunch. A big thank you to the Food and Beverage team and for all the support from Louis and Matt in organising the match. This is an annual competition between our clubs which I believe commenced in 1948 when Mr A.G. Whale, our Captain at the time decided to initiate an annual competition between our clubs. The current tally is Roehampton Club 38, Royal Mid Surrey 29, halved matches 7.





Bank Holiday Monday Bowmaker

This is a very pleasant competition with teams of four each playing their own ball throughout using Stableford scoring and all off the red tees. A competition introduced to the Club by our very own Louis Laville. Congratulations to the winners Bob Mitchell, Jo Thesiger, Justin Thesiger and Lucy Dickson with 94 points. In second place were Suzanne Collins, Jack Collins, Jo Cochrane and Nicola Pearson with 93 points and in third were Tricia Morgan, Todd Morgan, Astrid Drayson and Tim Drayson with 90 points. Jane Peel won Nearest the Pin.

Also well done to Jo and Justin Thesiger for winning the Wednesday 21st August 9 Hole Mixed Pairs.

Knockouts

Most are reaching their conclusions with finals scheduled to be played by mid-September with some semis still to be played. These have been supervised expertly by Bob Mitchell and Simon Butler, thank you gentlemen. There are some intriguing final matches in store:

Scratch knockout: Alex Tonge vs Mike Hamblin

Four Ball Better Ball knockout: Alex Millward and Andrew Walker vs Oliver and Scott Stanley

The Ockleshaw Cup: Nigel Brown vs Richard Lurcott

Mixed Knockout Foursomes: Claire Martin and Justin Thesiger vs Nicholas Greenwood and Therese Swanson

Super Seniors: John Randel vs Bob Storer

Senior Scratch: Roy Martin vs Andrew Linford

Married Knockout: Simon and Tricia Culliford vs Aisling and Ben Wilson

Congratulations to Bill Phelan and Martin Flint for playing in the final of the Seriously Senior's trophy. Bill prevailed in the end and very well done.

Roll Ups Sunday 18th August

24 players turned out for the morning and afternoon matches. Congratulations to Tristan Anderson who won on countback from Jane Farrell and Felipe Del Corral on 40 points.

Captain and Pro matches

Two close matches to report. Clive Nicholson and Peter Bateman put up a sterling fight succumbing on the 18th by one against Will and I. Danny Gesua and Graham Post also lost by one against Wes and I. These were among our most difficult matches with both pairs bringing their A games. Thank you gentlemen for wonderful matches that I will remember for a long time.



Upcoming competitions

George Gadd Challenge Cup 8th September

The Junior Club Championship 2024 8th September

Seniors Autumn Medal 11th September

Men's Autumn Meeting 21st and 22nd September

Club Stableford 28th September

Roll ups 8th September, 5th and 20th October

Captains Drive In 12th October for Mr Justin Thesiger

Seasons Finale Shotgun 26th October



Finally ...

'Golf should make you think, use your eyes, your intelligence and your imagination. Variety and precision are more important than power and length'. Mr Jack Nicklaus

'A golfer has to train his swing on the practice tee, then trust it on the course'. Dr. Bob Rotella

Enjoy your golf on our beautiful course.

Peter McGovern, Men's Golf Captain