

Ladies' Golf Captain's Blog – 12th November 2024



A huge thank you to Caroline

Firstly, a huge thank you to Caroline for her fantastic year as Ladies' Golf Captain at Roehampton Club. She has been a wonderful leader—kind, thoughtful, organized, dedicated and fun—and has also raised an impressive amount for her chosen charity, Small Steps.

Start of my year as Ladies' Golf Captain

My year began with the Ladies' Golf Annual Meeting. Caroline and I teamed up with Jo Thesiger and Fiona Pollard for a fun round of St. Andrew's Foursomes.

1st place Tricia Morgan and Tessa Ringrose 39 points

2nd place Astrid Drayson and Lucinda Cormack 37 points

3rd place Stephanie Wood and Sandy MacCaw 35 points



Following the meeting, we held the Ladies' Section AGM, where Caroline passed on the Ladies' Golf Captain's brooch to me—a very special moment.

Captain's Charity

For the coming year, I'm proud to support FiSH, an organization that stands for *Friendship, Independence, Support, and Help*. FiSH provides essential services to the elderly community in Barnes, Mortlake, and East Sheen, helping with companionship, practical assistance and activities tailored for those with dementia. You may have seen their minibuses.

In 2018, they received the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in recognition of their outstanding contribution to the community. We're fortunate that the Men's Captain, Justin Thesiger, has also chosen to support FiSH, allowing us to make a real difference with our combined fundraising efforts.

For more information, visit www.fishhelp.org.uk

Staff and Members team event

This enjoyable team event allowed us to play alongside the Club staff on a lovely afternoon. Congratulations to the winning team of Justin Thesiger, Claire Martin, Matt Fidler, and Colin Hector.

Captains' Drive-In

On Saturday 12th October, Justin led with a brilliant shot, giving me the courage to take my swing, sending the ball airborne down the fairway.





I was relieved that my legs waited until after my drive before turning to jelly! The Members enjoyed guessing the combined length of our drives, with guesses ranging from 228 to 601 yards. Apparently, the most optimistic guesser thought there were three drives involved! The actual combined distance was 403 yards. Congratulations to Gill Edmonds, who came closest with a guess of 404 yards.

Around 100 players proceeded to play in a shotgun 4BBB event. I was honoured to play with Justin and past Captains Caroline and Peter. Relaxed after the Drive-In, Justin and I managed to win our first event with 46 points on countback. In 2nd place Martin Abbott and Graham Terry, also with 46 points.

Fashion Show and 4BBB

One Tuesday 22nd October we held a 4BBB event followed by a Fashion Show. Several golfing brands came to show us their new winter collection.

I had the pleasure of playing with Bridget Barton, Caroline Nettel, and Caroline Leslie. Thank you to Ricky for the fabulous competition prizes:

1st place Tessa Ringrose and Astrid Drayson (43 points) – Ecco Shoes

2nd place Jackie Beedle and Lucinda Cormack (38 points on countback) – FootJoy Shoes

3rd place Libby Balch and Shirley Keane (38 points) – Surprize waterproof hat

Nearest the pins were won by Siobain Rolston, Judy Gowing, Phillipa Addison, and Jo Thesiger, each receiving a Rohnisch Hat.

This was my first time participating in the fashion show (having been on holiday previous years), and we had a lot of fun. The models: Angie Atkins, Ali Jacobs, Tricia Morgan, and I strutted down the catwalk—it turns out modelling is part of Ladies' Golf Captain duties!



Season Finale Shotgun

One Saturday 26th October we played our Season Finale, a qualifying Stableford played in teams of three, with all scores counting toward the team total.

Individual Winner Graham Terry 39 points

Team Winners Bryn Rocke, Connor Hamilton, and Nick Wells 110 points

Recent Stableford Results

Saturday 19th October

1st place Amanda Campbell Lambert 33 points

2nd place Priscilla Harries 32 points

3rd place Jinni Featherstone-Witty 32 points

Sunday 10th November

1st place Harriet Prince 39 points

2nd place Justin Thesiger 38 points

3rd place Hanneke Smits 37points

Tuesday 29th October

1st place Tricia Morgan 40 points

2nd place Cathy Staveley 37 points

3rd place Claire Martin 36 points

Teams Update

I am delighted to announce that we have two new team captains. Cathy Staveley will be stepping in to the role of Centenary Bowl Captain, taking over from Angie Atkins and Lucinda Cormack will be the new Wallis Captain taking over from Lou Tierney with Pippa Walker as Vice-Captain.

I would like to thank Angie Atkins and Lou Tierney for their successful terms as captains. They have led wonderfully, and we are grateful for their contributions. Best of luck to Cathy and Lucinda for the year ahead.

The Derry team won their first away match against Fulwell 3:0 and then won their second match away at RMS 3:0. The Pearson team also won their first away match at Coombe Wood 5:0.

What an impressive start to our campaigns – well played everyone.

Good luck in your forthcoming matches, we can't wait to hear about your continued success.

Knockouts

The knockout rounds are now underway—hopefully, you have your dates arranged for the first rounds.

Surrey Women's Golf

To keep up with Surrey news and events, sign up for the Surrey Women's Golf newsletter, which can be found on the website www.surreywomensgolf.org/

Upcoming Events

Annabell Fuller golf clinic and Q&A

Thursday 5th December, 9am on 17th tee

I am excited to tell you that Annabell Fuller will be coming to Roehampton Club to do a golf demonstration and Q and A session.

Annabell Fuller is about to complete her first year on the Ladies' Golf European Tour and thanks to a top 20 finish in Saudia Arabia last week she is going into the last event in Spain this month with high hopes of keeping her Tour card.



Annabell is returning to the UK in December and has kindly agreed to do a clinic and talk for Members on Thursday 5th December to say thank you for all the support Members give her.

Starting at 9.15am she will play two holes showing Members all the shot options and then give a Q&A afterwards at 10am with her Mum, Oshi about life on Tour from a player and caddie / confidant / hotel room organiser! [Click here to see Annabel in action](#)

Free of charge for Members.

Book now at Reception, call the team on 020 8480 4200 or book online via the Members' website.

Tuesday 10th December – Ladies' Christmas Golf and Lunch. There will be an email sent out shortly with details how to sign up for the golf and also the lunch, so please do look out for it.

Saturday 14th December – Charity Golf Day.

Captain and Pro Matches

There is a list of Captain and Pro Matches on the noticeboard in the locker room, please do sign up and challenge us. It's a great opportunity to play with a Pro, and to raise money for my charity FiSH.

Happy golfing everyone.

Claire Martin, Ladies' Golf Captain