

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



It seems to be a tradition to begin by talking about the weather, and I'd like to say how fortunate we've been on Tuesdays since October. Apart from one Stableford cancelled due to adverse conditions, we've stayed dry! Fingers crossed this trend continues.

Annabell Fuller Demonstration

On Thursday 5th December we had the privilege of hosting Annabell Fuller, who gave a superb demonstration to 40 Members. Annabell covered:

- Chipping and bunker play techniques.
- Driving strategies on the 16th tee, demonstrating three different approaches depending on the need: an all-out drive or fairway finders.
- Approach shots to the 18th green, showcasing how to fade and draw the ball.

She also shared her pre-shot routine and the mental processes she uses to navigate a course. A lively Q&A session followed, led by Marc Newey. Annabell gave us fascinating insights into her training regime and life as a professional golfer. While replicating her skill might be a challenge for us mere mortals, we can all take inspiration for our next rounds!

Annabell recently retained her tour card, and we'll be cheering her on in the upcoming season. Good luck, Annabell!



Captain and Pro Matches

I've had the joy of recently playing two Captain and Pro matches:

- Match 1: Ricky and I triumphed over Charlotta Lyckeus and Caroline Dewar.
- Match 2: Sam and I took on Charlotta again, partnered with Fiona Pollard, and secured another win.

These matches have been great fun and an excellent way to get to know the Pros. There are still slots available to challenge us, proceeds support my charity, FiSH, please do sign up!



Competitions

12th November – Greensomes

A glorious sunny day.

1st Jo Thesiger and Jinni Featherstone-Witty (38 points)

2nd Cathy Staveley and Andreina Townsend (36 points, countback)

3rd Judy Gowing and Caroline Fairnie (36 points)

16th November – 9 and Wine

A fantastic turnout with 19 ladies enjoying a relaxed and fun round, followed by many drinks in the bar.

26th November – Bowmaker

A stunningly warm November day! However, this format proved slow for winter and will not return in this season. Congratulations to the winning team with 87 points: Charlotta Lyckeus, Ali Jacobs, Jane Peel, and Sandra Drum.

3rd December – Stableford:

Another dry day with sunny spells. Congratulations to Henrietta O'Shea with a hole in one on the 13th hole. Well played Hen!

1st: Kasandra Spalding (35 points)

2nd: Lorna Robey (33 points, countback)

3rd: Emma Angood (33 points)

Teams Update

Pearson Team

Coombe Wood (Away): won 5/0

Woking (Home): won 4/1

Woking (Away): lost 2/3

Walton Heath (Away): lost 2/3

Coombe Wood (Home): won 5/0

Walton Heath (Home): won 4/1

Although we triumphed in 4/6 matches, we came second in our group to Woking. At the end of the day, it came down to fine margins. It was a great campaign led by Captain Therese Swanson and Vice-Captain Kathleen Bacon. Well done to all the players, you played some brilliant golf with some fabulous results: Therese Swanson, Astrid Drayson, Kasandra Spalding, Henrietta O'Shea, Lucinda Cormack, Tricia Morgan, Jackie Beedle, Angie Atkins, Siobain Rolston, Kathleen Bacon, Tessa Ringrose, Catherine Cooper, Andreina Townsend, Hanneke Smits, and Lou Tierney. A huge thank you to Ricky and Oscar for all their training and help during the season.

Derry Cup

The team is leading the group with an impressive record.

Fulwell (Away): won 3/0

RMS (Away): won 3/0

Fulwell (Home): walk over won 3/0

Woodcote Park (Home): won 3/0

RMS (Home): lost 2/1

Final match against Woodcote Park in January - good luck!

Kyocera

A warm welcome to Astrid Drayson, who will succeed Tricia Morgan as Kyocera Captain. Thank you, Tricia, for two wonderful years of leadership.

Upcoming Events

Christmas Competition and Lunch: By the time you read this, we will have enjoyed the day - I hope to report back positively in January.

Mixed Charity Day – Saturday, December 14th: A few spaces remain, so sign up if you haven't already. Join us for the auction afterward, with fabulous items up for grabs to support [FISH](#)

Notes

Winter Adjustments: If adverse conditions on a Tuesday make it 'carry only', all competitions will switch to 9 holes and become non-qualifying. If you'd like your round to remain qualifying, please check in with the pro shop before teeing off.

Fun Competition Guidance: If a player is missing, submit your card, and the games office will adjust it to reflect a reduced team.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and I hope that 2025 brings joy, good health and great golf to us all!

With Warm regards,

Claire Martin, Ladies' Golf Captain