

Ladies' Golf Captain's Blog – 16th January 2025



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Hello Ladies,

As we kick off 2025, I want to wish you all a very Happy New Year! Before diving into the exciting year ahead, let's take a moment to reflect on some fabulous events that wrapped up 2024 in true festive style.

Ladies Christmas Golf and Lunch – Tuesday 10th December

We couldn't have asked for better December weather – dry, fresh, with a few sunny breaks. A fantastic 91 ladies joined us for a delightful nine-hole competition, with many embracing the festive spirit wholeheartedly.



Afterwards, we enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch. Huge thanks to the F&B and Events Teams for making the room sparkle with festive cheer. Special mention to Kathleen Bacon and Siobain for their stunning floral centrepieces, which later became part of our raffle.

Speaking of the raffle, your generosity was incredible! Thank you for all your contributions and ticket purchases. We raised an amazing **£1,025** for my charity, FiSH. Richard Williams, Chair of

FiSH, gave a heartfelt speech and shared a touching video about the charity's services and how we can support them. To learn more, visit fishhelp.org.uk

Mixed Charity Day – Saturday 14th December

What a glorious day for golf! We played a Better Ball Stableford under sunny skies (a rare treat for December). The event concluded with prize-giving, a speech from Richard Williams, and a touching account from Danny Gesua about the joys of volunteering for FiSH.

Our Men's Captain, Justin Thesiger, masterfully ran an auction that alone raised **£2,750!** Thank you to everyone who participated and to those who bid so generously.

- 1st place: Wallace Wilson, Bryn Rocke, Stephanie Williams and Ben Thesiger
- 2nd place: Justin Thesiger, Jo Thesiger, Claire Martin and Bob Mitchell
- 3rd place: Catherine Emanuel, Shaun Feldon, Craig Wallace and Mark Gradwell

FE Bland Foursomes – Sunday 15th December

Congratulations to the winners Jack Collins and Suzanne Collins scoring 36 points.

New Lady Golfers – Chipping and Mince Pies – Monday 16th December

A big thank you to Jackie Beedle for organising a fun chipping contest, followed by mince pies in the Bar. It's always wonderful to welcome and celebrate our new golfers.



Additional December Competition Results:

Waltz – Tuesday 17th December

1st Tricia Morgan, Sandy MacCaw and Stephanie Wood 70 points

2nd Susan Major, Pippa Walker and Jacky Simon

Stableford Four-Ball – Saturday, 21st December

1st Jo Thesiger and Kasandra Spalding 37 points countback

2nd Kathleen Bacon and Pippa Riddle 37 points

3rd Suzanne Collins and Katy Preston 36 points

Christmas Foursomes – Friday, 27th December

1st Jo Thesiger and Justin Thesiger 37 points

2nd Samuel Lynes and Ben Wilson 36 points

3rd Angela Atkins and Keith Atkins 36 points

Nine and Mulled Wine 9 hole – Tuesday 31st December

1st Caroline Leslie 18 points
2nd Lorna Robey 16 points
3rd Val Patten 15 points

Captain and Pro Match

On Wednesday 11th December, Emma Angood and Jo Thesiger challenged Oscar and I in a Captain and Pro Match. Oscar and I were up at the turn and feeling confident, and that is when of course my golf deserted me! Emma and Jo were then on a roll, but then Oscar and I managed to pull it back at the end to a 2/1 victory. Phew! My record of 100% wins is still intact! There is still availability to challenge Donny and I on Wednesday 19th March. Do challenge us if you are available.



New Year Shotgun – 7th January

The year began with coffee, pastries, and a nine-hole round.

We changed the format to four club and a putter as it was carry only. Despite sleety weather at the start, the sun came through, and everyone enjoyed getting out to play.

1st place: Amanda Campbell-Lambert, Liz Dodds and Anna Rowland-Clark 39 points countback

2nd place: Shirley Keane, Polly Lewis and Caroline Nettel 39 points

3rd place: Emma Angood, Angela Atkins and Anna Tingle 38 points

Yellow Ball Comp - 15 holes – Tuesday 14th January

1st Place: Tricia Morgan, Jackie Beedle & Lucinda Cormack 94 pts

2nd Place: Polly Lewis, Val Patten & Anna Tingle 91 pts

3rd Place: Amanda Campbell Lambert, Lou Wills & Emma Angood 90 pts

Upcoming: Charity Golf and Bridge – Tuesday 21st January

Don't forget to sign up for our Annual Charity Golf Morning (Ladies Only) and Bridge Afternoon (open to everyone). We are playing shotgun foursomes in the morning. The Bridge format is Chicago, and all experience levels are welcome. There will be afternoon tea, prizes, and a raffle, with proceeds supporting our Captains' Charity, FiSH. Visit fishhelp.org.uk for more details.

Friendly Matches

Sign up for Ladies Friendly Matches is all on Intelligent Golf. If you haven't played in these before, you will be paired up with someone more experienced. They are fun and a good opportunity to meet others and play at other courses.

If you are over 55, do also sign up for the seniors mixed matches. I played last week at the Hurlingham Club, a quirky course, and all played in very good spirits. Unfortunately, Roehampton Club lost 1:4, so we had to hand the Rose Bowl back to the Hurlingham. All to play for next time.

Surrey Knockouts – open 31st January

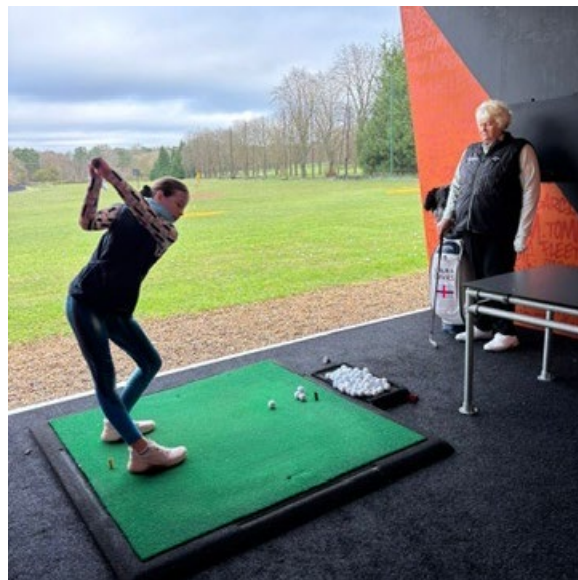
4BBB, Foursomes, singles and over 60 singles.

Please find all the information on Surrey Women's Golf website www.surreywomensgolf.org



In other news

Our junior member, **Emily Butler**, had the incredible opportunity to receive coaching from Britain's greatest-ever lady golfer, Dame Laura Davies! Organised by Surrey Women's Golf, Dame Laura worked with the Under-15 Girls Development Squad, sharing tips and wisdom. Dame Laura expressed that she wished she could have Emily's rotation. She won a signed Solheim Cup visor and a dozen of Dame Laura's personal golf balls. What a memorable experience!



Past Captains' Charity – Small Steps

Caroline Dewar and Peter McGovern raised £20,500 for their charity last year, what an amazing achievement and what a difference it will make to their charity. Here they are handing over the cheque to Anita Coppola, Head of Small Steps.



Here's to a fantastic year ahead, filled with friendship, fun, and fabulous golf!

With warm wishes,

Claire Martin, Ladies' Golf Captain