

# Ladies' Golf Captain's Blog – 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025



Spring is finally on the horizon! While we've had some chilly, frosty starts, the sun has been making a welcome appearance, thawing both the greens and the players. Let's hope for more sunshine as we head into the golfing season.

## COMPETITION RESULTS

### Tuesday 11th February - Three-Ball Scramble

**1st place:** Bridget Barton, Lucinda Cormack and Margaret Swain - nett 48

**2nd place:** Ali Jacobs, Caroline Nettel and Caroline Leslie - nett 50

**3rd place:** Celia Johnson, Lydia Roper and Claudia Chan - nett 51

### Sunday 16th February - Winter Trophy Foursomes

A cold, wintry start, but the sun made a few appearances!

**1st place:** Caroline Leslie and Val Patten

**2nd place:** Jo Thesiger and Emma Angood

**3rd place:** Caroline Nettel and Tricia Morgan



### Tuesday 18th February - Stableford

A glorious sunny day for the first 18-hole Stableford of the year.

**1st place:** Tessa Ringrose - 37 points

**2nd place:** Caroline Dewar - 35 points

**3rd place:** Astrid Drayson - 34 points

### Saturday 22nd February - Alan Scott Trophy

A damp and muddy day, but that didn't deter 61 competitors! Fuelled by breakfast rolls, we teed off in a shotgun start. Alan Scott himself was on hand to present the trophy. With all top three scores at 37 points, countback decided the winner—proving how crucial every putt is!

**1st place:** Bryan Rocke

**2nd place:** Emma Angood

**3rd place:** Justin Thesiger



## Tuesday, 4th March - Stableford Competitions

We held both a qualifying Stableford and a non-qualifying Senior Stableford for the over-70s. The frosty start didn't stop some great scoring, and a big thank you to those who carried their bags to keep the course in good condition. A special mention to Cathy Staveley, who kindly lent her trolley to Andreina on the back nine—who then went on to win!

### Qualifying Stableford

**1st place:** Andreina Townsend - 37 points

**2nd place:** Lou Tierney - 36 points

**3rd place:** Tricia Morgan - 36 points

### Non-Qualifying Senior Stableford

This new format, with adjusted tee positions, was well received. We plan to introduce more of these events next winter to keep the game enjoyable in tougher conditions.

**1st place:** Sandy MacCaw - 40 points

**2nd place:** Linda Hamilton - 40 points

**3rd place:** Margaret Swain - 39 points

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Club Day - Tuesday 25th March

This marks the start of our golf season, as the grass begins to grow, the trees bud, and our golf balls roll a little further! This year, due to Clubhouse refurbishments, our usual sit-down lunch is replaced with a relaxed buffet in the Piazza Pavilion. If the weather turns, we'll move to the Club Café. I hope you'll embrace this alternative format and join us in celebrating the start of the season!

### Roehampton Club Ladies' Open Gold Challenge Cup - Saturday 5th April

This prestigious Pro and Amateur singles event is a must-watch. Do come and see some inspiring golf up close!

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Handicap Requirements

To maintain fairness in Trophy and Knockout Competitions, the following updates apply:

- Players must submit at least **two qualifying competition rounds** plus **one other play card** in the last 12 months to be eligible to win.
- Players who do not meet the criteria may participate but cannot win.
- Knockout competitions require the minimum criteria for entry.

- From Autumn 2025, all players entering club competitions must have a current WHS handicap and have played a **minimum of three qualifying competition rounds** in the previous 12 months.

**Knockout Entries - Closing Date: Monday 24th March**

If you haven't signed up yet, there's still time! This year, we've reintroduced **The Copper Knockout (Handicap range 29.0-36.0)**—a great opportunity for newer or returning players.

**TEAM NEWS**

**Derry Cup**

Our team is through to the semi-final! They won the first leg at home **3-0**, with fabulous performances from Issy Simpson (6&5), Jo Thesiger (3&2), and Captain Jane Peel (4&3). Best of luck for the away match on 22nd March!

**Wallis Team**

The team kicked off their season on 11th March at North Downs. We lost 3/2 which is very close and a good result for an away match. The return home match is Thursday 13th March. Good luck Wallis Team.

**Captain and Pro Challenge**

I had the pleasure of partnering with Wes against Caroline Nettel and Bridget Barton. Despite Wes's impressive string of birdies, I wasn't much of a help—so I must admit, we were beaten by the better pair! If you'd like to take on the challenge against me and one of the Pros do check the notice board or let me know. All proceeds go to my charity, **FiSH**. [www.fishhelp.org.uk](http://www.fishhelp.org.uk)

**Farewell and Best Wishes**

We bid a fond farewell to Louis, who worked tirelessly for our section and who introduced pickleball to so many of us. We wish him the very best as he embarks on his professional career and hope he visits us again soon!

**Annabell Fuller**

A huge congratulations to Annabell Fuller, who finished 3rd in the Saudi Ladies International and currently sits 3rd in the Order of Merit on the Ladies European Tour—an outstanding achievement in her second season as a professional. Wishing her continued success!

**Final Thought**

*Every golf shot makes someone happy!*

Happy golfing,

**Claire Martin, Ladies' Golf Captain**

