

Men's Golf Captain's Blog – 13th March 2025



Goodbye Louis

This month, we sadly say goodbye to Louis and wish him all the best in his new adventure playing in the Professional Australian Pickleball League. Louis has been a tremendous support to me and all past captains, and we owe him a huge debt of gratitude for handling the behind-the-scenes administrative 'heavy lifting.'

I was delighted to join the Ladies' Golf Captain, Claire Martin, in presenting him with a small token of appreciation from the golf section as a heartfelt 'thank you'.



What a Shot!

The 'What a Shot' feature is back this month, thanks to Ben Angood and Shaun Feldon! Ben came incredibly close to an ACE on the 14th during the Alan Scott Trophy – congrats, Ben, on a fantastic shot and a tap-in birdie! I'm especially pleased to see the well-repaired pitchmark. But Shaun went one better, scoring an incredible ACE on the 6th (par 4) on Sunday 9th March – what a shot!



Competitions and events

Captain and Pro 15th February

My third match, partnered with Ricky, was against Sam Lyons and Sam Huxtable, another really enjoyable game. Ricky and I started strong and never really let the challengers get a foothold. In the end, the Captain and Pro secured the victory. I now look forward to the next challengers on 29th March. A big thank you to both Sams for their generous contribution to my Captain's charity www.fishhelp.org.uk

Alan Scott Trophy 22nd February

The first trophy competition of the year, also known as the season opener, was a fantastic event. It was great to see a full shotgun field, with the course set up at its most challenging – tees pushed back as far as possible and pins placed in tricky positions. This meant that anything around 36 points would be highly competitive. Congratulations to Tom Benbow for leading with the best gross score, an impressive 1-under-par 70 (36 points). Justin Thesiger secured third on countback with 37 points, while Emma Angood was narrowly edged out into second, also on 37 points, by overall winner Bryn Rocke (37 points). A special highlight of the day was having our former head professional Alan Scott there to present his trophy.



Mixed Individual Stableford 23rd February

It was great to see 12 players signed up, despite the noticeably different weather from the day before. A strong easterly wind made club selection particularly challenging. Many congratulations to Martin Horswood for handling the conditions best, finishing with 35 points. Craig Wallace secured second place with 33 points, while Justin Thesiger took 3rd with 30 points.

Men's Pairs Scramble 1st March

Spring was certainly in the air, with the sun shining brightly after the fog had lifted. Scramble format normally leads to some low scoring and the field did not disappoint with some great golf on show. Congratulations to Finn Begley and Henry Dubiel for their victory with a nett 61, followed by Henry Beesley and Robert Leck in second with a nett 63, and Christian Schniedwind and Christopher Small taking third on countback with a nett 64.

Surrey 5's match vs Addington Palace 2nd March

A convincing win playing away in the first round; 5-0 (zero!). Many congratulations to Jonny Perkins (apt), Giles O'Flynn, Christian Blinkenberg, James Bushell and Paul Igoe.

If you want to get involved we have two teams in this, so please let me know and I will put your name forward.

Surrey Knockout Competitions

Kelso – Hamilton: we have Henry John and Jack Collins competing for us. After winning our 4BBB in 2023, they were only eligible to qualify this year. They played against Walton Heath Artisans away on 8th March and won 3 and 2. Congratulations!

Thornhill Mixed Trophy: Aisling and Ben Wilson are representing us. Having won the Married Foursomes two years in a row, they played at Surrey Downs on 8th March and unfortunately lost by 1 hole.

Mixed Individual Stableford 9th March

22 players turned out on Sunday under sunny skies. The dry course began to show its 'teeth,' especially on the greens. Congratulations to John Threshie, who secured first place with 39 points, followed by James Whidborne in second with 38 points, Jinni Featherstone-Witty in third with 37 points (countback) and Jamie Letten in fourth with 37 points.

Upcoming Competitions and Events

Captain and Pro matches – please sign up on the sheet in the changing room or 'DM' me. Dates waiting challengers are 25th April, 23rd May and 13th June. More dates to follow through the summer.

International Teams Event on 15th March

Arthur Clarke Foursomes on 22nd March

Mixed Individual Stableford on 23rd and 30th March

Centenary Putter on 6th April

Mixed Knockout competition – if you need a playing partner, let me know, I'll do my best to find you a suitable partner.

Thank you for reading. Please don't hesitate to share any suggestions for future blogs. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on our glorious course.

Justin Thesiger, Men's Golf Captain