

2019 Family Golf Christmas Hat event

Sunday 8th December saw our end of season Family Golf event, themed on Christmas Jumper and Hat, ending with some shaky carol singing by the PGA team. The main event though was the Junior Captain drive in and hand over.

Junior Captain drive in

Our 2018/19 Junior Captain Lauren Gooding handed over to 2019/2020 Charles Bowen Rayner on the 1st tee and Charles launched his drive a long way into a cold, stiff wind in front of 55 family Members.

*Below: Charles smashes his tee shot
Right: Charles and Frances Bowen Rayner*



Speeches, prizes and gifts

Following the event, families met upstairs for speeches, prizes and tea and each child received a sleeve of three Annabelle Verbeek Roehampton Rocket crested golf balls as a Christmas gift.



Lauren made a lovely speech detailing her history as a Junior golfer and how much the Club means to her. We will really miss you Lauren. Charles followed Lauren with an equally gracious speech, letting the room know how much he is looking forward to his year.

Our outstanding contribution prize was awarded to Ed O'Shea (pictured right) for playing one armed with his broken arm in a sling!



The event was themed on Christmas hat and jumper, with some fabulous efforts. The Jacqz family (pictured right) came out with hats, beards and jumpers and won the day.



Shaky carols from the PGA team

To finish the event, I put it to the room that the PGA team would sing the opening to *We Wish You A Merry Christmas* if adult Members were willing to pay £10 and raise some money for Charles's charity. We managed £250 for a pretty ropey effort! Thank you to the Members for being so kind. As ever, I would like to thank the PGA team of assistant professionals for being such good sports and for making the day a success. On behalf of all the PGA team, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and thank all Members for their continued support.



Junior Captain handover

Prior to Charles driving off, Lauren presented Charles with his Junior Captain Roehampton 2020 crested clothing, handing over the Junior Captancy.

Lauren has been a fabulous ambassador for Roehampton Club on the national and international stage. Lauren is a 1 handicap

player who will be going to NCAA Boulder University in Colorado to further her golf and academic studies at the top flight. Thank you very much Lauren and we will follow your continued success with much pride.

Charles started his golf at the Club as a 9 year old and is now a very accomplished 5 handicapper, with a couple of wins under his belt in men's competitions. Charles is looking to further his golf and academic studies in the States and he is quite the athlete having represented England at hockey. Charles has also requested support for a charity promoting mental health in teenagers, Stem4, and the PGA team will be running fund raising and awareness raising events in 2020.

Shotgun start

Following the drive-in, families made their way to the tees for a shotgun start. The event was manned by 5 of the PGA team who were on course helping families play and giving out instruction. The golf was a social event over 90 minutes followed by gifts and prizes over light refreshments. Some families braving the cold pictured top right.

