

## Ladies' Golf Blog – 14 October 2021

I would like to begin my very first *Recorder* piece by reiterating some of my thoughts from the AGM. I apologise to those of you who were present then, but some things bear repeating. First and foremost, an enormous thank you to Angela Atkins, both from myself personally and on behalf of the Ladies' Golf Section. The role of Lady Captain is a huge undertaking under normal circumstances, so presiding for two years is heroic. And, these were not normal circumstances! Angie had to deal with not only the inception of the World Handicap system, and the myriad of changes that created, but also the unprecedented situation brought by the Covid pandemic and the three lockdowns. Through it all, she remained thoughtful and calm, helping the Ladies' Section to not only survive but to grow and improve.

It is a great honour to be named Lady Captain. When I joined the Club eleven years ago, I was a novice golfer and knew precisely one Member. Over the years, my game has improved, but more importantly I have made so many wonderful friends and playing partners. I look forward to my year, and to giving back a small portion of what this club has given me.

The Captains' charity in 2022, supported by both the Ladies' and Men's sections is Regenerate. <https://www.regenerateuk.co.uk/> Regenerate is a well-established youth charity based on the estates in Roehampton and the surrounding area. This is one of Europe's largest estates and it is within walking distance from our club. The charity works alongside young people, building strong relationships and creating life changing opportunities, helping them to grow in confidence and thrive. This charity, right on our doorstep, has a big impact on the lives of young people. We have a great opportunity to do our bit to impact the local community.

On Saturday, there is the Annual Meeting of Golfers and Captains' Drive In. Details have been sent out to Members. Paul Taylor (Men's Captain) and I appreciate your best wishes. Let's see how far I can drive the ball!

In golfing news ...

The 30<sup>th</sup> annual Fox Trophy and lunch, held in honour of the past captains, took place on Monday 11 October. This trophy was donated by Pat Fox, who was Lady Captain in 1966. We are very lucky that Pat herself was able to attend the



day and present the trophy. This year's winner was Lorna Robey, with Fiona Pollard in second place. The golf was followed by a luncheon, attended by 18 past captains, all of whom enjoyed the day and the opportunity to catch up with old friends.



The following day, the Ladies Golf AGM began with a shotgun start for the golf, with a bit of cloud giving way to a lovely autumn morning. The format was St. Andrews Foursomes, in which both partners drive, with one partner always hitting the second shot on the even holes, and the other on the odds. It's a very social game which usually results in a little confusion and a lot of laughter. The prize winners were:

1. Sandra Drum and Jo Thesiger – 36 points
2. Pamela Rayment and Pippa Riddle – 33 points on c/b
3. Angela Atkins and Jane Peel – 33 points on c/b

After the golf, we reconvened upstairs for sandwiches and scones, followed by prize giving and the formal business of the AGM. Siobain Rolston gave a lovely tribute to Angie, and the Section gave her a gift of flowers, wine, and a beautiful decanter. We hope she will enjoy them all in her retirement.

The Pearson squad received their draw and will face Malden and Richmond Golf Clubs in the first round of matches. The first match will be away at Malden on 20 October. Best of luck to those playing!

Tomorrow is the final day to order a blue Club pullover with the Roehampton Club crest. Samples are available in the pro-shop if you would like to try one on for size.

The knockout competitions are now open and sign up is available on Intelligent Golf:

**Menzies Bowl:** singles knockout for golfers with a handicap index of 18.7 or higher;

**Sutcliffe Salver:** singles knockout for golfers with a handicap of 18.6 or lower;

**Weekend Ladies Fourball:** 4BBB knockout for seven-day Members;

**Danziger Salver:** Foursomes knockout open to all players, but matches must be played Monday-Friday; please note that the first round will take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, and all teams MUST be available on that day

Further details about the foregoing can be found on Intelligent Golf, by clicking on 'Upcoming Competitions' and selecting the relevant event.

Sign up for the Stableford on 26<sup>th</sup> October is also now open on IG.

Please note in your diary that the Christmas Lunch will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> December. There will be the traditional nine-hole competition beforehand, but by popular request we will not have a hat competition. Perhaps everyone can adorn their bags and trolleys with festive decorations instead!

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