

Ladies' Golf Blog – 25 November 2022

Sign up for the Ladies' Golf Christmas celebration on 14th December has begun. As always, take up for the golf competition was fast and furious. Tristan and Louis have been



ingenious about doubling up groups on as many tees as possible, in the hope that no one will be left out. At the moment, all of the slots are filled, but if you are keen to play, please add yourself to the reserve list as there are often drop outs. Please remember to fill out the Google doc to reserve your place at lunch, whether or not you are playing in the morning. Finally, thank you in advance for your generous donations of prizes for the raffle table as well as purchase of tickets, the proceeds of which will support the Captains' charity, Regenerate.

Costs for the above are:

Golf £1.50 per player, Lunch £28

Raffle tickets £5/5 £10/15 £15/20 £20/30 the Google doc for pre purchase of raffle tickets should now be properly linked on IG)

PLEASE SEE THE LINKS ABOVE THE CHRISTMAS COMPETITION PAGE ON INTELLIGENT GOLF TO PAY FOR THE ABOVE!

As we are still unfortunately living with the covid virus, the Christmas lunch will strive to be as safe a space as possible. To that end, we will be taking the following precautions:

- The room will be made as well ventilated as possible, with windows open; please bring a cardigan, jacket, scarf or similar if you feel you may get chilly
- Tables will be large, with diners well spaced
- Tables will not be close together
- We will not gather in the bar after golf and before lunch, rather when you have changed, please go directly to your table; perhaps send one person from your group to purchase drinks to avoid crowding at the bar or ask a member of staff for help (**lunch will now begin at 12:30**)
- Please consider wearing a face mask when circulating around the room
- If anyone has any other suggestions or feels particularly vulnerable, please email me
- All attendees are encouraged to take a lateral flow test in the morning before journeying to the Club; tests are available free from the NHS and local pharmacies

The traditional end of the year charity golf competition, kindly organised by Keith (Mr Angela) Atkins, takes place on 18th December. The format is teams of 4, best 3 scores to count on par 4s and 5s, all to count on par 3s. Mulligans will be available for a £5 donation to Regenerate. All groups are encouraged to be mixed, so please let me know if you need help finding male playing partners.

Although I don't want to rush through the holiday season, I have already started to do some thinking about the 2022 golf calendar. Mark your diaries for 11th January, when we will gather for the traditional New Year roll up. As in years past, there will be coffee, tea and pastries served followed by nine holes of golf. Sign up will be individual, with a fun team format. One other date to which I'd like to draw your attention is the Captain's charity bridge afternoon, which takes place on 15 February. This event is open to all levels of players, golfers, non-golfers and guests.

In golfing news ...

Huge congratulations to the Derry Cup squad of Hyun-ji Kim, Jo Thesiger and Laura Weatherill who beat Chipstead away 3-0. An extra round of applause to Hyun-ji and Laura, representing Roehampton Club for the

first time. Hyun-ji and Jo were joined by Ali Jacobs last Saturday, this time hosting Walton Heath. Hyun-ji fought to a win on the 18th but unfortunately Jo and Ali were pipped at the last.

The Pearson squad hosted Richmond Golf Club in what was always going to be a tough match. Unfortunately, the team were bested 4/3, with one game dishearteningly lost on the 19th. Commiserations to Angela Atkins, Fiona Pollard, Caroline Nettel, Siobain Rolston, Liz Collins, Caroline Dewar and Henrietta O'Shea.

The Derry Cup and Pearson squads travel to Walton Heath and Richmond, respectively, for the final rounds of their group stages, with the best wishes of the whole section behind them.

Well done to all who played in the fun competition on 16th November. The winners were:

1 st Therese Swanson, Fiona Pusey and Nicola Pearson.	81 points
2 nd Rachel Gilman, Ali Jacobs and Libby Klugman.	76 points
3 rd Sally Gesua, Fiona Pollard and Liz Collins.	73 points

Leaves, leaves, leaves everywhere ...

As autumn seems to be speeding by, the leaves are now dropping continuously. While the grounds keepers do their best to keep the course tidy, it is something of a Sisyphean task. Please be aware of the applicable rules and etiquette:

1. If you are marking a card or playing a match, and a ball heads into the trees, consider taking a provisional just in case. You are allowed three minutes to search, from the time you arrive in the area you think it has landed. This time can go very quickly and the balls can easily hide themselves under the leaves;
2. Leaves piled by the ground staff for later removal are treated as ground under repair (see definition in rule book). If all players agree that a ball has entered such a pile, free relief is allowed under rule 16. It is not necessary to find the ball. Please be clear that this relief is not offered for leaves which have fallen to the ground or been blown together by the wind;
3. One of the most sensible amendments to the rule book a few years ago is that loose impediments, such as leaves, sticks and stones may now be removed freely from a bunker. This allows for any reasonable touching or movement of the sand (see rule 12.2a). This is a welcome change from the old situation when you just had to try to hit through a big pile of leaves! There is no penalty if your ball is accidentally moved in a search (Rule 7.4) but you must recreate the lie.

