

Open Gold Challenge Cup

The 93rd edition of the Open Gold Challenge Cup took place on Saturday 9th April. Back after a two-year enforced hiatus, it was with real emotion that the first groups were seen off under cold but clear skies. The field was comprised of 18 professionals and 34 amateurs, enthusiastically supported by a large crowd of Members. The course was in excellent condition, thanks to the tireless preparation by the ground staff. Fast greens and our very well-placed bunkers challenged all these top players; even so, there were some impressive scores, including an eagle recorded on the fifth hole. Hayley Davis was the victorious professional, with rounds of 68 and 69, for a 7 under total of 137. Low amateur prize was awarded to Matilde Santilli of Foxhills Country Club, with rounds of 74 and 72, for an impressive 2 over par total of 146. This result meant Matilde was only three shots behind the second place professional; she is a popular player for Surrey and someone to watch in the future. A huge vote of thanks goes to all of those who made the day a success: the organising committee of Louis Laville, Tristan McIlroy and Caroline Scallon, the amazing ground staff, our sponsors Russell-Cooke, and not least the Members who came out to cheer the field.



Please mark the following important dates in your diaries:

Ladies Invitation Day will be held on Tuesday 14th June. The format will be in line with previous years, with coffee, tea and pastries on arrival, a fun competition with refreshments at the half-way hut, followed by a two-course lunch and prizegiving. [Sign up here](#)

On Thursday 30th June, Vice-Captain Charlotta Lyckeus is organising an away day at Berkhamstead Golf Club. This is a wonderful course, ranked in the top 100 in England. In addition, it is the home of our old friend and PGA professional Joe Biggs. This is a fun event, open to players of all handicap levels, so please do sign up to enjoy a great day out. [Click here to sign up](#)

Please note that for the Invitation and Away Day, the payment must be paid by a BACS transfer, and will not be taken from your Club Levy Top-Up. Entrants will not be confirmed for either event until payment is received.

Team Competitions

The Derry team are to be hugely congratulated for being crowned champions and bringing the Cup back to Roehampton Club. [Please click here](#) to read Captain Jane Peel's detailed report of the final played at Royal Wimbledon. The squad is small, with each match allowing one player in category 1 (under 5 handicap) and two single figure category two players, as low as possible, for these scratch matches. Each of the players contributed along the way and the Cup belongs to them all: Jane Peel, Lorna Robey, Jo Thesiger, Hannah Li, Ali Jacobs, Laura Weatherill and Hyun-Ji Kim.



Several of the Roehampton Club teams are marching on in the Surrey interclub competitions. The Centenary Bowl team was victorious in both their home and away matches against Bramley Golf Club. The

Pearson team were victorious against Walton Heath Golf Club and will next take on Betchworth Park Golf Club to fight for a spot in the quarter finals.

The Wallis team moved to the next round after defeating Wimbledon Common Golf Club in both home and away matches. They won the first match of this next stage against Hankley Common Golf Club with a stunning home victory of 5-0. The only disappointing news to report is that while the Hicks team began their campaign with a home victory against Wentworth Golf Club, they unfortunately were beaten away, so their campaign comes to an end.

Club Competitions

The Annual Summer Eclectic Competition has begun, although it is still open to entrants. No matter when a competitor enters, all her officially submitted scores beginning with the Annual Stableford will be counted. A player may also submit supplemental scores by emailing her result to Louis Laville, copying in her playing partner as attestor. No paper cards will be accepted. Please see the Intelligent Golf section marked 'Ongoing' to enter and then to track your results and standings. All proceeds from the Eclectic go to my nominated charity Regenerate.

Annual Stableford:

This event is a competition within a competition. The best scores on the day are awarded as prizes as per usual. Congratulations to:

Division 1:

1. Heather Webber (38)
2. Jane Peel (36)
3. Angela Atkins (35)

Division 2:

1. Tessa Ringrose (41)
2. Tricia Culliford (39)
3. Anna Tingle (38)

In addition to the above, The Annual Stableford Trophy was won by Linda Hamilton. For newer Members, or experienced members who should know but have somehow forgotten, Members who have won a Stableford competition in the previous 12 months compete for this trophy, with the eligible player with the highest score on the day being awarded the Annual Stableford Trophy.

Coronation Foursomes:

Well done to all who played in the Coronation Foursomes. Congratulations to:

1. Therese Swanson and Astrid Woloszczuk (37)
2. Inga Kempton and Lou Wills (36)
3. Anna Rowland-Clark and Caroline Williams (35)

The winners will be presented with their trophy at the Prize Giving after the Spring Meeting Foursomes on 17th May.

Beat the Captain and Pro

Ricky Pharo and I had another enjoyable match against Lorna Robey and Sally Gesua.

This time thankfully we were blessed with more clement weather than the previous outing. No quarter was given by either side, with the challengers recording four birdies, three for Lorna and one for Sally. We finished with a half after 18, which seemed a more than fair result. Thank you to Lorna and Sally for a terrific afternoon, as well as for their generous donations to Regenerate.



Please can I encourage pairs to sign up for the remaining dates to play me and one of our Professionals. The match is always fun, and with the generous number of shots given by the Pros, it is competitive for any handicap level. As an added incentive, there will be a special competition on 27th September, where the challengers will take Ricky and me on one more time, this time in a fourball better ball format, with lunch and prizes to follow.

Rule 6 Ball Must be Played from Inside Teeing Area

Rule 6 covers how to play a hole, including the specific rules regarding teeing off. Most of us don't even think about it, we stride up onto the tee box and drive off without missing a beat. However, sometimes, doing something by rote can cause carelessness. It can happen that a player's eyes play tricks, and she realises after hitting her ball that she has teed off outside of the teeing area, such as from outside of the area designated by the two markers or from a wrong set of tee markers (e.g., yellows instead of reds).

In match play, there is no penalty, but the opponent may cancel the stroke:

- This must be done promptly and before either player makes another stroke. When the opponent cancels the stroke, she cannot withdraw the cancellation;
- If the opponent cancels the stroke, the player who made the mistake must play a ball from inside the teeing area;
- If the opponent does not cancel the stroke, the stroke counts, the ball is in play and must be played as it lies.

Unfortunately, in stroke play the player gets the general penalty of two penalty shots and must correct the mistake by playing a ball from inside the teeing area:

- The ball played from outside the teeing area is not in play;
- That stroke, and any more strokes before the mistake is corrected, does not count;
- If the player does not correct the mistake before making a stroke to begin another hole, the player is disqualified.

Patricia Morgan, Ladies' Golf Captain