

Lady Golf Captain's Blog – 23 June 2022



Vice-Captain Announced

Congratulations to Caroline Dewar, who will be Vice-Captain to Charlotta Lyckeus next season, and Lady Captain in 2024. I know she will be a huge success, and hope she enjoys her year as much as I am.

Lady Captain's Day

Lady Captain's Day takes place next Tuesday, 28th June. As of this writing, there are still a few spots left, and it is always helpful to have reserves, so please book a spot on IntelligentGolf if you haven't already done so. The format is teams of 4, with two scores to count on the par 4s and 5s, and three scores on the par 3s.

There is also a twist, in exchange for a small donation to my charity (which has been taken as part of the entry fee), all players will be allowed to pull a string from the Captain's Box. This string may be used once during the round, to move the player's ball the length of the string. The player can use this option at any point during her round, and wherever she pleases...out of a bunker, away from a tree, out of the rough or even into the hole. There are no restrictions, and the ball can be moved closer to the green. But, of course there is a catch...the strings are not of uniform length. So, some players will be very happy with their luck, and others perhaps disappointed! Please make sure to find me on the piazza before your round to try your fortune.

In addition to the above, there is a surprise fundraising opportunity out on the 16th hole. Those who choose to participate will be asked to make their donation via their club card.

Ladies' Invitation Day

The forty ladies and their guests who took part in the first Invitation Day to be held since 2019 were blessed with glorious weather, and the course showed itself beautifully. The Club very generously stocked the half-way hut with snacks, soft drinks and Pimm's. Charlotta and I were so lucky to have Dev, who normally works in the bar, making the drinks and helping serve. This left us free to chat with the players.

The focus on the day is on enjoyment and friendship, but of course there are always prizes! Congratulations to:

1. Debs Good and Tina Dortmans
2. Caroline Williams and Lynda Bailey
3. Caroline Leslie and Janet Gill
4. Therese Swanson and Denise Donovan

There were also prizes for closest to the pin on the 13th and 14th, as well as the straightest drive.



Congratulations to the winners of the Ping 4BBB competition:

Gill Griffiths and Caroline Stokes, winning with a phenomenal 46 Stableford Points! The runners up with 44 Points were Sally Gesua and Danit Birn and third place were Sue Lefroy and Pippa Walker with 43 Points on countback.



Teams in Action

The Pearson Squad qualified for the Surrey County Final, held at Woodcote Park Golf Club. Their morning opponents were from Worplesdon Golf Club. The team fought hard to win 4 games to 2, with the final game called in. In the afternoon, it was Roehampton Club against the holders of the trophy, Leatherhead Golf Club. Again, Roehampton Club came out on top, winning 5/2, with Sandra Drum triumphing on the 21st hole. A huge congratulations to the entire squad. They will travel to Prince's Golf Club in Kent on 21st July to represent Surrey against the winners from Kent, Middlesex and Hertfordshire. The team have been practicing hard and playing matches since October, and this victory is their due reward for all the hard work.



The team playing for the Wallis trophy beat Royal Mid-Surrey Golf Club, home and away. They await news of their quarter-final opponent.

The Centenary Bowl team was victorious in both legs against Croham Hurst Golf Club. In the next round, they won away at Hindhead Golf Club. The home leg will be played on Friday, and the whole ladies section wishes the players the best of luck.



Penalty Areas

Under the current version of the Rules, the previous categories of lateral and vertical hazard have been replaced with red and yellow Penalty Areas. These areas are marked out on the course by the appropriate coloured stakes. Rule 17 covers penalty areas, and notes that:

- the player may play the ball as it lies without penalty, under the same Rules that apply to a ball in the general areas (which means there are no specific rules limiting how the ball may be played; in the old days, the player was prohibited from grounding her club, among other restrictions)
- The player may stand in a penalty area to play a ball outside the penalty area, including after taking relief (please note the difference to a ball in GUR, which precludes the player from standing in the area)

- Note that the exception to the above is if the Golf Committee has designated the area where the ball has landed as a No Play Zone, in which case the player must take relief as outlined below; the player may not hit out of nor stand in a No Play Zone

If the player's ball is not found, but it is known or virtually certain that it entered a penalty area:

- The player may take penalty relief
- Once the player puts another ball in play by taking relief, the original ball is no longer in play and must not be played, even if it is then found on the course before the end of the three-minute search time

If it is not known or virtually certain that the ball came to rest in a penalty area, and the ball is not found, the player must take stroke and distance relief, by returning to hit a new ball from the spot of the original shot.

Although it is equally annoying to land in either a red or yellow penalty area, it is important to note the differences in how a player may take relief. In both types of penalty areas, the player may take relief, at the cost of one penalty stroke, by:

- Stroke-And-Distance-Relief, playing the original ball or another ball from where the previous stroke was made
- Back-On-The-Line-Relief, dropping the original ball or another in a relief area that is based on a reference line going straight back from the hole through the estimated point where the original ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area (see Rule 17.1d for more details); note that the relief area may only extend one club length back along this line, and must not be inside the penalty area

In a penalty area marked by red stakes only, the player has a third dropping option:

- When the ball last crossed the edge of a red penalty area, the player may drop the original ball or another two club lengths, not nearer the hole, from the point where the ball entered the area.

Patricia Morgan, Ladies' Golf Captain