

## Ladies' Golf Captain's Blog – 14th December

Here we are in mid December already. Is it just me? – Christmas seems to have come round at high speed this year.

### Ladies' Golf and Christmas Competition

Talking of which, we have our Ladies' Golf and Christmas Competition next week on Tuesday 19th December. We have a terrific sign up with more than 100 scheduled to play golf. Fingers crossed that the weather will be kind this year.

Meet up for a coffee and pastry from 8.15am and the golf will be a Shotgun start at 9am over just 9 holes. A fabulous Christmas lunch will follow. If you have not yet booked for lunch, please do be sure to sign up before Friday 15th December – either at Reception or online through the Club website.

We are now accepting donations for the Charity Raffle which is raising money for this year's Captains' charity – Small Steps. Please drop off your kind offerings at Reception any time now. *It should be a gift that you would like to receive.* Tickets can be bought in advance or on the day (debit / credit cards accepted on the spot). Thank you in advance for your support.

### New Lady Golfers Christmas Bash

A dozen or so New Lady Golfers donned their Christmas jumpers and joined Ricky and Oscar's fun putting and chipping clinic on Monday 11th December. After, everyone retired to the Clubhouse to enjoy a festive glass of bubbly, mince pies and prize giving.



The ladies had a great time (so they said) taking away some fantastic putting hints and advice on how to practice effectively, as well as networking with their peer group.

Thanks are due to the Pros and also our New Lady Golfers Committee members – Kathleen Bacon, Jacky Beadle and Emma Angood, for working with this group and for giving huge encouragement to those looking to attain their handicap.

### Mixed Charity Golf Competition this Saturday 16 December

A couple of places are still available in this fun mixed competition, so if you are a Full Playing Member do sign up. After golf, the usual prizes will be presented and there will be an auction of a few tempting items – all in aid of Small Steps – the charity supported by both Ladies and Men's Captains this year.



## **Seniors Christmas Golf and Lunch**

On Wednesday 13th December, I had the pleasure of being invited to join the Seniors Christmas Golf and lunch. The course was closed the previous day, but Peter Bradburn and team had the course open for us although we were carrying our clubs over 9 holes.

It was lovely to meet many of the Seniors and my thanks to Douglas Millar, Seniors Golf Chairman, for a lovely morning's golf and a delicious Christmas lunch.

## **Ladies Competition Results**

Our 5th December Greensomes fun event was one of the 'No Trolley' days and as a result we reduced the competition to just 9 holes. Congratulations to Louise Tierney and Katy Preston for winning with 22 Points. The runners up were Claire Martin and Liz Dodds with 20 points and Tessa Ringrose and Lucinda Cormack with 19 points.

This week, on 12th December, we had a Stableford planned but sadly the course was closed due to more rain.

## **Fun Competitions – New policy for 'No Trolley' days**

The Ladies' Golf Committee have agreed that if we have to carry clubs on any of our fun competition days in the future, we will play just 9 holes for the purposes of the competition. Anyone who wants to play on for fun is welcome to do so of course.

## **Pearson News**

The Pearson Team played their final match of the initial Group stage on 30th November. This was away against Epsom GC. Some very close matches were played, but Roehampton Club came home with a 4/3 win.

Congratulations to the whole squad for a fantastic effort over the past weeks. Our Ladies were victorious in five out of six of the home/away matches. We await the final results from the other teams, but we are hopeful that Roehampton Club will progress to the next stage.

Well, this is my last missive for 2023, so a quick note of two early January dates:

Tuesday 2nd January – sign up on 19th December for some fun - playing 'Kick, Throw, Gimme'.  
Tuesday 9th January is the date for our New Year fun Shotgun. Individual sign up opens on 26th December.

It only remains for me to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and health and happiness in 2024.

And a New Year's wish for less rain!

**Caroline Dewar, Ladies' Golf Captain**