

Senior Men's Golf Chairman's Blog – 14th December

For Seniors, the Christmas season begins when we play our nine-hole competition and have Christmas lunch together afterwards. Yesterday we had upwards of forty golfers playing despite the restriction that it was to be carry only because of waterlogging of the course. It was a relief that we could play at all, given that the course had been closed on the previous day.

The weather was damp but there was no significant rain to add to the problems of winter golf. The course was split into two halves with three prizes to be won on each nine holes, with pairs playing Four Ball Better Ball Stableford.

Competition winners

On the front nine, the champagne winners with 21 points were Frances Tarr and Richard Luxton. In second place on countback with the same score were Terry Dillon and Andrew Guest and in third place were Peter Sabine and Martin Flint.

In the nearest the pin competition on the 7th the winner was Alun Hughes.

The numbers playing the back nine were considerably greater. The champagne winners with an epic total of 24 Stableford points were Simon Lucas and Geoff Bradford. To score so well in such damp conditions was remarkable.

They were closely followed home by the team of Bob Storer and Val Patten with 23 points. I had the privilege of playing with Val and Bob and was mightily impressed with their scoring. In third place with 21 points were Henry and Harriet Hobson. Finally, the person who was closest to the pin on the 13th hole was David Moss.

My round was not only made memorable by playing with Val and Bob. I also had the privilege of being partnered by the Ladies' Captain, Caroline Dewar. She was a delight to play with and great company at lunch.

Lunch

Having been closely involved over the last few years with events catered by the Club, I am no stranger to eating well cooked and presented meals at Roehampton Club. The Kitchen Team did us proud especially with the winter berry delice for pudding. The Events Team of Nikki, Alice and Ollie also facilitated last-minute changes to the seating plan to satisfy the requests of some golfers and their partners. It was a fantastic operation all round.



Four Clubs and a Putter

On the previous Wednesday, the seniors played a team Stableford competition, played in teams of three and four. This is always a good format when we are forced to carry our clubs as the bags with only five clubs can be much less burdensome for those accustomed to using a trolley or even a buggy to get round.

Congratulations to Clive Nicholson, Terry Dillon, Chris Cowan and John Tyrwhitt who won with a 4-ball adjusted 81 Points. The runners up were Nigel Brown, Michael Godfrey, Gilbert Ellacombe and Ev Schenk with a 4-ball adjusted 76 Points.

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