

# Ladies' Golf Captain's Blog – 17<sup>th</sup> April 2025



What an unbelievable start to the year we've had and *dry*, can you believe it? March started gloomy and grey and then the sun came out and it hasn't stopped shining, we have been blessed with perfect golfing weather.

## Competition results

### Tuesday 11th March – Kick, Throw, Gimme

A chilly day with the odd sunny moment – a classic spring teaser!

1st place – Sandy MacCaw, Lou Savage and Andreina Townsend 91 points

2nd place – Judy Gowing, Tessa Ringrose and Lorna Robey 89 points

3rd place- Linda Waring, Amanda Campbell- Lambert and Elena Del Aquila 87 points

### 16th March – 9 and wine

Always a favourite. A short game and a glass – what's not to love?

### Tuesday 18th March – Australian Spoons

Sunny but those gusty side winds kept things interesting. At least the ground finally firmed up with the ball skipping down the fairway rather than plopping in the mud.

1st place – Sandy MacCaw and Stephanie Wood 41 points

2nd place – Polly Lewis and Anna Tingle 41 points

3rd place – Sally Gesua and Val Patten 38 points

### Tuesday 25th March – Club Day

Club Day is the traditional start of our golfing season, and we had another beautiful day, which was fortunate as due to the refurbishment there was no room available for us in the Clubhouse. But in true Roehampton Club spirit we adapted, and the Piazza Pavilion became our pop-up Clubhouse for the day. It was so lovely seeing everyone out there enjoying the lovely buffet and good company surrounded by daffodils and sunshine. The whole thing went down so well that we are seriously considering doing it again next year – even when we have our clubhouse back!

1st place – Sandra Drum and Clodagh Taylor 41 points

2nd place – Naomi Laundry and Sue Lefroy 41 points

3rd place – Jo Thesiger and Claire Martin 41 points

4th place – Siobain Rolston and Angie Atkins 40 points

Nearest the pin on 13th – Jackie Beedle

Straightest Drive on 16th – Sue Grant





### **Tuesday 1st April – Stableford**

Sunny but cold. Most of us braved little ankle but it was still rather chilly.

1st place – Caroline Dewar 38 points

2nd place – Susan Sandler 38 points

3rd place – Susan Major- 37 points

### **Tuesday 8th April – Annual Stableford**

1st place – Therese Swanson 37 points

2nd place – Siobain Rolston 37 points

3rd place – Jinni Featherstone-Witty 36 points

## **News and updates**

### **Gold Cup – Saturday 5th April**

A beautiful sunny day that started off quite cold but turned into a glorious day. We welcomed a field of 48 players, both professional and top amateur women for 36 challenging holes. (Maximum handicap of 6.1)

Our Greenkeepers led by Peter Bradburn and David Howe had worked tirelessly over the winter to prepare our course for this prestigious event. The competitors were as always very impressed with how the course was presented, particularly our fast greens. They said, 'greens were amazing', 'better than Sunningdale' and even 'brutal', which I think was a compliment!



The winner of the 2025 Gold Challenge Cup was Ella Butteriss, an amateur, with two rounds of 73 and a total of 146. It has been many years since an amateur has won the trophy. Well played Ella.

Next year we celebrate 100th anniversary of this incredible competition. It must be one of the first women's events in UK golf and we are already planning a centenary to remember.





### **The Derry Cup**

Huge congratulations to our wonderful Derry Team who won the Derry Cup! They triumphed over Walton Heath in the final at Malden Golf Club. Issy won 5/4, Alice won 4/3 and Jo who was up in her match was called in. Congratulations to the whole team captained by Jane Peel.

Jane Peel (Captain), Issy Simpson, Alice Pharo, Jo Thesiger, Ali Jacobs, and Kate Emanuel. Thank you to the caddies too, Steffie Williams, Jane Peel and Lorna Robey.



The Derry Cup started in 2010. We have made it to the final seven times and have won four of them. What a record – what a team!

### **The Wallis Trophy**

Our campaign is off to a flying start under Captain Lucinda Cormack and Vice Captain Pippa Walker. We beat North Downs both home 5/0 and away 3/2 in the preliminary round and now have earned a place in the main draw. Best of luck against The Drift in the next round!

### **The Centenary Bowl**

Led by captain Cathy Staveley, the Centenary Bowl Team has made a brilliant start to their campaign, securing two 3/2 wins—both home and away—against West Surrey in the preliminary round. These great results have earned them a well-deserved place in the main draw. Best of luck to the team as they take on Betchworth Park in the next round!

### **The Hicks Team**

Congratulations to the Hicks Team, led by Lorna Robey, who secured an impressive 4-1 win at home against Hindhead. This is a fantastic result against a very strong side. Hindhead were champions in 2023 and were runners up in 2024. Best of luck in the away match.



### **Surrey Championship**

Issy Simpson, represented Roehampton Club in this year's Championship. The event began with a 36-hole stroke play qualifier where Issy topped the leaderboard and was the only player to finish under par. The top 16 advanced to the knockout stages. Issy's remarkable run continued – she won her first two matches, then triumphed in the semi-finals, earning her place in the final of the Surrey Championship.

This is an outstanding achievement and a testament to her talent, grit and composure under pressure. It took an international player to stop her winning streak in the final – proof of just how high she has raised the bar. We are incredibly proud of Issy and everything she has accomplished.

### **Knockouts**

The knockouts are now underway. I have already been sent packing by Catherine Cooper (well played), luckily, I am still in a few others. I think everyone will agree that the ability to prebook matches has been a real bonus.

## **Eclectic**

If you haven't signed up for the Eclectic, yet there is still time. It's just £5 to enter and all proceeds go to my charity [FiSH](#)

For those of you who are unfamiliar with this competition. Eclectic is all about improving your best score on each hole over several rounds. This year only rounds submitted for handicap will be counted, as this keeps it fair and encourages up to date handicaps. There are prizes for both gross and net, so do play and give it a go!

## **Captain and Pro**

Polly Lewis and Anna Tingle challenged Ricky and I in the latest Captain and Pro Match. It was a beautiful day, perfect for golf. Polly and Anna were tough competitors, we had such a tight match. Ricky was on top form, 4 under par and we only just managed to sneak a win 2/1. Phew! Another victory for my charity [FiSH](#)

These matches are special and such fun, and a real privilege playing with one of the pros. If you have the opportunity, please do sign up. There is still a slot available on 7th May with Will. Do let me know or sign-up on the sheet in the locker room.

## **9-hole Stablefords**

This summer we are trialling 9-hole Stablefords that will be timetabled to follow the 18-hole competitions. Do look out for them if you would prefer to play a competitive 9 holes. These are separate competitions and once signed up, you will not be able switch competitions mid-round depending on whether you are playing well!

## **Jennifer Greenwood**

It is with great sadness that I share the news that Jennifer Greenwood has passed away.

Jennifer was Lady Captain in 1976. She Captained the Hicks Scratch Team and was a fierce and passionate competitor. Jennifer generously donated the Greenwood Trophy which is awarded for the best gross score in the silver division in the Spring Meeting.

In later years she brought the same spirit to the bridge table, where many of us enjoyed competing with her. She will be missed by all that knew her.

## **The Masters**

Finally, a special mention for Rory McIlroy's thrilling win at The Masters. What a roller-coaster—and what a triumph! His performance was a powerful reminder of what sheer determination can achieve. Let's all try to channel our inner Rory the next time we step onto the course.

## **Claire Martin, Ladies' Golf Captain**

