

Men's Golf Captain's Blog – 17th April 2025



The golfing season is now in full swing, winter rules have finished and we've just had the sunniest March on record! Our first 'major' has been played, more trophies have been awarded, and all summer knockout competitions are underway.

Competitions and Events Results

International Teams Day 15th March

Six teams (Rest of the World, England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, and Europe), with ten players per team, teed off at 9.30am in a shotgun start. The sun was shining, but a very chilly easterly breeze added an extra challenge. First and foremost, a big thank you to everyone who played, and a special thanks to the English players who stepped in for adopted countries to even out the teams. The battle for national bragging rights and the team trophy, was fiercely contested. Wales emerged victorious with 181 points, narrowly edging out England (179), Ireland (176), Scotland (162), Europe (153) and ROW (151).



Arthur Clarke Foursomes 22nd March

It was a good turnout for this fantastic format, which truly tests both golf skills and friendship. The top of the leaderboard was tightly contested, with five pairings finishing tied second with a nett 70. However, the overwhelming winners, securing victory by five shots, were Philippe Lespinaud and Christian Schneiwind with a superb nett 65. They have earned a place at the Men's Dinner on 22nd November for the formal trophy presentations. In 2nd place, on countback, were Nigel Brown and Terry Dillon, both continuing their excellent form from the John Ling match. Third place went to former captain (2018) Richard Lurcott and Justin Thesiger.

Mixed Individual Stableford 23rd March

It was great to be out playing in shirt sleeves for the first time this year. 21 golfers signed up to play in near-perfect weather conditions. Congratulations to Emma Angood, who secured first place with 40 points, followed by former captain (2009) John Randel in second with 39 points. Charlie Jacobs took third with 37 points, and Aisling Wilson finished fourth with 36 points.





Captain and Pro 29th March

My fourth match, partnered with Will, was against Wallace Wilson and Tony Durrant, another really enjoyable game. Will and I started well and although the challengers came back at us after the turn. In the end, the Captain and Pro secured the victory. A big thank you to Wallace and Tony for their generous contribution to my Captain's charity <https://www.fishhelp.org.uk/>

Surrey 5's KO Competition

It was 'Super Saturday' on 29th March, with both teams in action playing against Epsom GC and Surbiton GC and both securing the 'W'! Congratulations to all who played, and a special thank you to Malcolm Turner and

Jonny Perkins for their leadership as captains and organisation.

Match v Richmond 30th March: 'The Horn' Trophy

It was a real honour and privilege to lead a team of 12 against Richmond GC for the annual match, this year played at Richmond. I'm thrilled to report that we held off a strong Richmond team winning 4-2 and keeping the trophy in Roehampton Club's hands for another year. Well done team!

Mixed Individual Stableford 30th March

Seventeen players teed off early on Mother's Day to enjoy the sunshine and still make it back in time for lunch. Congratulations to Matthew Woolston, who won with an impressive 40 points, followed by Christian Schniewind in second with 37 points, John Threshie in third with 36 points, and Dan Bird in fourth with 34 points.



Centenary Putter 6th April

The day after the Ladies Gold Cup, with the course set up at its most challenging (firm and fast!) proved to be a real test. A score below nett level par was expected to be highly competitive, and so it was. A tremendous effort from the top three, who all managed under-par nett scores. Many congratulations to Simon Lucas for his impressive win with a nett 67, followed by Simon Prince second with a nett 68, and John Threshie third with a nett 70.



Captain and Pro 11th April

My fifth match, partnered with Donny, was against David Birn and Rob Findlay. The challengers got off to a blazing start, making birdies for fun and taking a 5-up lead at the turn. The Captain and Pro tried in vain to stem the tide, but were eventually taken down by some outstanding golf, with the challengers combining to be 4 under when we shook hands (woof woof!).

A big thank you to both Dave and Rob for their generous contribution to my Captain's charity [FiSH](https://www.fishhelp.org.uk/) and we wish Donny all the best 'down under'.

Masters Moneyball 12th April

What a great format this is! Five players managed to beat the course, congrats to Niels Verbeek for taking the win with +4. Sara Morgan finished second with +3, Henry Dubiel claimed third on +1 (countback), followed by Dan Bird in fourth on +1, and Justin Thesiger in fifth, also on +1.

Seniors Section

John Ling Trophy R1 vs Purley Downs (20th March) was played in glorious conditions at home. Many congratulations to the team winning 4.5 – 0.5, against strong opposition. Especially nice to receive compliments about the course and its condition.

Junior Section

Great to see this section up and running with their first Stableford of the year on 23rd March. Congratulations to Edward O'Shea leading with 38 points, Charles Greenwood in second with 34 points, Emily Butler third with 32 points and Thomas Feldon fourth with 18 points.

Upcoming Competitions and Events

- **Captain and Pro matches** – please sign up on the sheet in the changing room or contact me. Dates available – 13th June, 5th and 11th July, 24th and 31st August and 12th September.
- **Syd Scott Mixed Foursomes** on 21st April.
- **Ladies vs Men's match** on 5th May.
- **Mixed Individual Stableford** on 27th April and 11th May.
- **Men's Golf Committee** on 6th May. Please contact me at justin.thesiger@btinternet.com if you have any issues / questions that you would like to raise.

Thank you for reading. Please don't hesitate to share any suggestions for future blogs. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on our glorious course.

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