

Men's Golf Captain's Blog – 8th May 2025



I hope everyone is enjoying the sunshine, and I think our course is looking and playing beautifully. Thank you, Peter Bradburn and team!

We understand that at times the course can feel congested and that securing a tee time may be frustrating. As I highlighted in my January Blog, we're actively working behind the scenes with the office to explore ways to ease some of this pressure through the 'Course Utilisation WG'. While there's no quick fix, it's very much a work in progress, and something we're fully aware of and committed to trying to address. Please bear with us while we work this through.

Competitions and events

Captain and Pro 19th April

My sixth match, partnered with Ricky, was against Earl Knudsen and John Cumming. The challengers got off to a flying start, winning the first two holes. After a slightly worried glance at each other, the Captain and Pro managed to steady the ship. In the end, we secured the victory. It was a very enjoyable match, and a big thank you to Earl and John for their generous contribution to my Captain's charity: <https://www.fishhelp.org.uk/>



Syd Scott Mixed Foursomes 21st April

A long-standing Club Member and former Golf Committee member of nine years, George Trevor, kindly reminded me of the origins of this competition – it was originally set up to raise money for the Heart Foundation.



One of the toughest formats, made even more challenging as a medal competition, was brilliantly won by Susan and William Major with a nett 68. In second were former Captain (2019) and Golf Chairman Martin Abbott and Perrine Faye with a nett 69, and coming in third were Lady Captain Claire Martin and Roy Martin with a nett 70.

Many congratulations and well played to everyone!

Winter Foursomes Final 21st April

Many congratulations to former Captain (2018) Richard Lurcott and Justin Thesiger, who secured a win against Stuart Mills and James Stratton. The rain gave the match a slightly 'winterish' feel, but by the end, the sun broke through and it turned into a short-sleeve kind of day.



Captain and Pro 25th April

In my seventh match, partnered with Will, we faced Clive Nicholson and Robert Stone. The match went back and forth, with neither team able to pull away. It was a very enjoyable game, and many congratulations and well played to the challengers for clinching it on the 16th.

Pros Day 26th April

A huge thank you to Ricky and his team for hosting a fabulous day filled with fun, loads of prizes and some impressive scores! The Pro team were incredibly generous with their time, making the day even more special. Congratulations to all the winners ...

Mixed Individual Stableford 27th April

Congratulations to Adam Musikant for posting a winning 38 points on 27th April, edging out a great round from Anders Grundberg on countback. John Threshie continued his fine form, finishing third with 34 points, while Ben Lofthouse secured fourth place with 33 points.

| | Mens | Ladies | |
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| 5th Hole NTP in 2 2 x PING Umbrellas | Jo Cochrane | Caroline Dewar | |
| 7th Hole NTP 2 x Trufeel Dozen | David Worden | Charlotte | |
| 13th Hole NTP 2 x Trufeel Dozen | Richard Spalding | Helen Maguire | |
| 14th Hole NTP 2 x Trufeel Dozen | Luke the fluke | Caroline Dewar | |
| 17th Hole NTP 2 x Trufeel Dozen | Greg Whikaher | Caroline NeHell | |
| 16th Hole Longest Drive 2 x PING Umbrellas | Greg W-B | Issy Simpson | |
| 3rd Prize ProV1 dozen & Towels | NIGEL BROWN | RICHARD WILLIAMS - | 51 CB |
| 2nd Prize Ecco Shoes MIZUNO BAGS | PETER LEATHER | DAVID WORDEN | 54 (30) |
| 1st Prize Mizuno Golf Bags ECCO SHOES | PRISCILLA HARRIES | SANDY MCCAW | 56 |



Ladies v Men Match 5th May

Many congratulations to the Ladies for beating us Men (again!) in the annual 'Super-Major' match 8.5 – 6.5. It was a very entertaining day with a great turnout of 15 pairings with the majority of matches coming down to the 18th.



Seniors Section

Good luck to the team playing the John Ling Trophy R2 v Camberley Heath on 6th May. This went to print on the 6th, so will report next month.

Scratch Section

Many congrats to the team; Alex Tonge, Dave Birn, Pete Crocombe, Shaun Feldon and Vince Thorne, for winning R1 by 4.5 – 0.5 at home against Surrey National. Good luck to the team (tbc) in R2 playing away to West Surrey on 8th June. Plus, good luck for the team's fixture (Pete Crocombe, Vince Thorne, Alex Tonge and Shaun Feldon) in the Elite Amateur Golf Grp playing Hindhead away on 10th May.

Junior Section

9 hole Stableford took place on 18th April with Zaal Owen leading with 18 points, Ethan Waunford-Brown with 9 points and Emily Butler with 7 points. Many congratulations and well played to everyone!

Surrey and other KO Competitions

Surrey 5s (Round 3)

Many congratulations to Jonny Perkins team for beating a well drilled Walton Heath Artisans at Roegusta on 4th May. The team now move on into R4. Good luck to Malcolm Turner's team who play Horton Park on 10th May.

Kelso-Hamilton (Round 2)

Good luck to Jack Collins and Henry John who play Horton Park on 10th May.

Daily Mail Foursomes

Alex Millward and Andrew Walker represented us in this prestigious competition. Unfortunately, they were beaten in Round 2 in a close match to Grims Dyke GC (North London).

Upcoming Competitions and Events

- **Captain and Pro matches** – please sign up on the sheet in the changing room or 'DM' me. Dates available – 13th June, 4th July, 24th and 31st August, 12th September
- **Mixed Individual Stapleford** – 11th May
- **Spring Meeting** on 17th and 18th May
- **Captain's Charity Golf Day** on 24th May
- **Frankland Moore Married & Mixed Foursomes** on 26th May
- **Founders Cup** on 31st May
- **Men's Invitation Day** on 7th June – sign up is now open, please do get involved as it is a very enjoyable day

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.

Justin Thesiger, Men's Golf Captain