

# Men's Golf Captain's Blog – 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025



The golfing season is in full swing, with more majors being played, trophies lifted, and names etched onto the boards. As we enjoy the golf and sunshine, may I kindly encourage everyone to 'double-down' on repairing pitch marks and replacing divots.

Our greenkeeping team does an incredible job, but it's up to all of us to help keep the course in top condition and the greens running true. Let's also make sure bunkers are properly raked after use, with the rake placed in the centre of the bunker and the handle just resting on the edge. Thank you in advance, it is much appreciated.

## Vice Captain announcement

I'm delighted to share some exciting news from the annual Captain and Past Captains' Dinner held on 22nd May. During the evening, our Vice Captain, Bob Mitchell, announced his choice for the next Vice Captain (and Captain in 2027): Jonny Perkins! This is a fantastic pick, congratulations to Jonny, who is already doing an outstanding job leading Roehampton Club into the semi finals of the Surrey 5's.



'What a shot' feature is back this time courtesy of Stephen Jones with an 'ACE' on the 14th playing the 2nd round of the Lockwood Foster and then being most generous back in bar!

## Competitions and events

*Captain and Pro 9th May*  
My 8th match, partnered with Wes, was against Niels Verbeek and Tom Reed. The Captain and Pro managed to sneak ahead early on and kept 1 hole ahead coming down the

18th. Wes played a beautiful wedge in and holed the putt for a tight win. A big thank you to Niels and Tom for their generous contribution to my Captain's charity: [www.fishhelp.org.uk/](http://www.fishhelp.org.uk/)

## *Mixed Individual Stableford 11th May*

Another glorious day with the course looking magnificent. Congratulations Justin Thesiger winning with 37 points, John Threshie continuing his fine form with another podium finish coming second with 34 points and Mark Gradwell third with 33 points.



### *Spring Meeting 17th and 18th May*

A total of 135 golfers took part over the weekend, with the course presented in superb condition, and the golf certainly didn't disappoint. Congratulations to all the prize winners; your achievements were thoroughly well deserved. A special mention must go to our trophy winners, who have earned a seat at the Men's Dinner on 21st November:

**Henry Dubiel**, winner of the Miller Cup (scratch)

**Ralph Evers**, winner of the Roehampton Challenge Cup (on countback)

### *Captain and Pro 23rd May*

My 9th match, partnered with Sam, was against Danny Gesua and Bob Harris. The Captain and Pro got off to a good start but the challengers came back with nett birdies on 13th and 14th. Captain and Pro managed to stay calm and got the win on the 16th. A great match and thank you Danny and Bob for your kind contribution to my Captain's charity:

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### *Captains Charity Day 24th May*

A big day in the Captain's diary and a huge thank you to everyone who turned out to support and play. A full shotgun field with lots of extra fun and games, which produced some big scores and a terrific amount raised for **FiSH**, over £2,000, including a quick auction in the bar courtesy of former Captain Derek Mason's (2012) generosity.

Many congratulations to all prize winners; straightest drive – Jo Thesiger, NTP – Cate Emanuel.

Third place – John Fooks, Peter Bateman, Nigel Brown and Terry Dillon.

Second – Bob Mitchell, Andrew Lindford, former captain John Randel (2009) and Colin Hector.

First – Nick Greenwood, Therese Swanson, Tim and Astrid Drayson.

### *Frankland Moore Married and Mixed Foursomes 26th May*

This competition, founded by the Frankland Moore's to raise money for the Limbless Association, is always a bank holiday highlight, and it was fantastic to see 26 pairings out trophy hunting in one of golf's most challenging formats!

Congratulations to Cathy Staveley and Bob Mitchell, who claimed the 'Mixed Trophy' with 36 points on countback. Aisling and Ben Wilson took home the 'Married Trophy' with an impressive 41 points. Sally and Danny Gesua secured second with 39 points, followed by Andreina and Christopher Townsend in third with 38 points.

### *Founders Cup 31st May*

The weather and course were both magnificent for this major. 83 golfers turned out to compete for the cup, but only one could claim victory. Huge congratulations to Harry Rowlinson, who won with a nett 67, topped Division 2, and earned a seat at the Men's Dinner on 21st November to receive the trophy.





Congratulations also to Richard Spalding, winner of Division 1 with a nett 68, and MG Gurbaxani, winner of Division 3 with a nett 74.

#### *Captain and Pro 1st June*

My 10th match, partnered with Ricky, was against former captain Greg Waunford-Brown (2007) and Andrew Walker. What a match it was!

The first hole was halved in birdies, and the birdie streak continued, with the Captain and Pro being 11 under nett after just 13 holes! The challengers were under par as well but couldn't quite keep up.

A fantastic match, champagne golf, thank you Greg and Andrew for your generous contribution to my Captain's charity: [www.fishhelp.org.uk](http://www.fishhelp.org.uk)



#### *Invitation Day 7th June*

There have been many highlights during my time as Captain, but this day is certainly one of the best. Hosting the event and showcasing our new bar, function rooms, and of course, our fabulous course, was a real privilege. A huge thank you to the F&B Team—lunch was outstanding (so many compliments), and for keeping us all refreshed throughout the day. Thanks also to the Events Team and especially Matt Fidler for all the hard work behind the scenes that helped deliver such an excellent experience for our guests.

We had a full field of 39 pairings, and many congratulations to all the prize winners. But if I may say, golf, the weather and Roehampton Club were the real winners on the day.



#### **Scratch Section**

Henry Dubiel qualified for the Surrey Amateur Championships Knockout Stages after finishing in the top 10 in the 36-hole qualifier at Coombe Hill. He sealed his spot with a bogey-free second round of 4-under par (-4). Unfortunately, he was narrowly defeated by the defending champion in the semi-finals.

Meanwhile, we kept our EAGG KO Plate hopes alive with a 3–2 away win over Clandon Regis on 8th June. We are at home on the 15th June to Royal Mid Surrey in the QFs of the Surrey Scratch KO. Good team!

## **Junior Section**

Great to see our juniors out on the course and playing. Congratulations to all who played in the 9 hole Stableford on 25th May and well done to Thomas Feldon winning with 16 points.

## **Surrey and other knockout competitions**

### *Surrey 5s*

Unfortunately, Malcolm Turner's team narrowly lost to Horton Park on 10th May. Thank you to everyone who played and a special thank you to Rob Findlay for deputising as 'skipper' for the day.

Jonny Perkins team played in the quarter finals vs Surrey National on 1st June at home and moved emphatically into the semi finals with a whitewash victory. Well done team, fabulous effort!

### *Kelso-Hamilton*

Jack Collins and Henry John playing in the quarter finals against Addington Palace at home on 8th June, stormed into the semi finals 3&2. Fantastic effort, both of them buzzing and the dream lives on!

## **Upcoming competitions and events**

- **Captain and Pro matches** – Please sign up on the sheet in the changing room or 'DM' me. Dates available - 31st August
- **Club Championships** – 14th June
- **Longest Day Challenge** – 20th June
- **Mixed Individual Stableford** – 22nd and 29th June
- **Captain's Prize** – 28th June
- **Junior 18 Hole Stableford** – 29th June

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**