

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



The busy months of May and June are behind us, and the summer holidays of July and August are now here. If I don't see you before you head off on holiday, I hope you have a wonderful break. Come back refreshed with renewed confidence in your swing pattern and putting stroke.

During this quieter period, Peter Bradburn and his team have begun essential 'green maintenance' on holes 4, 5, 7, and 16. Qualifying cards are still permitted; however, holes 4 and 5 must be skipped. For those, you will automatically receive a nett par – please mark them as 'NS' on your card. Additionally, some events have been amended to ensure they remain qualifying. Please check Intelligent Golf for full details. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me or the office.

Competitions and Events

Club Championships 14th June

48 of the best (available) golfers teed off on what forecasters described as a 'sunny with moderate breeze' day for 36 holes of intense competition. What qualifies as a 'moderate breeze' is up for debate, by the afternoon round, it felt more like a very strong wind, adding a real challenge for everyone on the course.

Once again, the course was immaculately presented and perfectly set up. Huge thanks to Peter Bradburn and team, along with Simon Baker, Matt Filder, Oli Vargo, and all the Course Marshals for their efforts in maintaining live scoring and ensuring much-needed refreshments were cold and readily available throughout the day.

Some fantastic golf was on display, with several standout performances:

- Finn Begley led the morning with a superb 69.
- Henry Dubiel topped the afternoon round with a 71.
- Will Major led the overall Nett score with rounds of 67 and 71 for a total of 138.
- Roy Martin claimed the George Gadd Mashie Medal (best over 55) on countback (from the Captain 😊!) with an excellent $78 + 81 = 159$.
- 36 hole scratch Runner Up with a very impressive '1 over par' (143 hits) – Connor Hamilton.

As always in sport, there can be only one overall winner. After finishing '**level par**' after 36 holes, your Club Champion for 2025 is **Scott Stanley!**

Many congratulations to Scott and to Issy Simpson for winning the Ladies Club Championships. I look forward to presenting the trophy to Scott at the Men's Dinner on 21st November. Lastly, thank you to everyone who played, as you all helped make Saturday a memorable day.



Longest Day Challenge 20th June

This charity fundraising event coincided with the hottest day of the year, and it certainly took a monumental effort from everyone involved to complete it. 11 Members played 100 holes, 15 Members played 72 holes and 3 Members played 36 holes.

A massive thank you to all who donated, and to the Club for their generosity in offering an extra incentive: £5 for every birdie (a total of 184 recorded on the day) and £10 (a total of 8 recorded on the day) for every eagle. The total raised for our joint Captain's Charity [FiSH](#) was an outstanding **£7,500!!**



Thank you to everyone who played, thank you to the marshalls for keeping us hydrated and stocking us up with energy bars. A final thank you to my playing partners, who carried me through some dark moments during round four.



Mixed Individual Stableford AM & PM 22nd June

22 players took to the fairways on another lovely, sunny Sunday. Congratulations to Alastair Wright for winning with 41 points. Another stellar performance from John Threshie, who came second with 40 points, and Paul Igoe finished third with 37 points.

Captain and Pro 27th June

My 11th match, partnered with Will, was against Ben Wilson and Greg Whitaker. The challengers took an early lead and although the Captain and Pro pegged them back to all-score at the turn, their golf went to another level and the challengers managed to close it out 2 and 1. A great match, thoroughly enjoyable and thank you to Ben and Greg for their kind donation to the Captain's charity [FiSH](#).

Captain's Prize 28th June

Another huge highlight of my year was hosting this event from the halfway hut, being able to greet everyone and have a bit of fun raising money for charity. I was very lucky to be supported by the Lady Vice Captain, a huge thank you to Jo for joining me and showing us how to putt 😊. It was a fabulous day. Everyone was in great form, and the course looked magnificent.

Special mention to Ben (F&B) for serving up such a great Pimm's, and to Simon Baker for all your hard work plus getting to grips with Golf Genius. It worked really well and we should certainly think about using it again.

Lastly, congratulations to all the NTP winners, as well as the straightest and longest drive winners – and, of course, to the top three pairings, all finishing with 44 points!



South Eastern Juniors (mixed) match 29th June

Eight of us lined up to play this mixed match. I was partnered with the Ladies' Golf Captain, who played some sublime golf in the front nine, which the opposition just couldn't come back from. A really enjoyable match, played in great spirits and we hope to continue this match in the coming years.

Mixed Individual Stableford PM 29th June

Eight golfers went out in the midday sun and many congratulations to Jinni Featherstone- Witty who clearly kept her cool in all that heat to win with 40 points. Harry Rowlinson coming in second with 36 points and former Captain (2019) Martin Abbott coming in third on countback with 34 points.

Captain and Pro 5th July

My 12th match, partnered with Will, was against Richard C. Williams and Francesco Vettori. It was a match of exceptionally high-quality golf, with many holes halved on gross birdies and neither team able to gain a clear advantage. A brilliant half on the 17th by Will left Captain and Pro dormy one.

Francesco nearly drove the green on 18, but unfortunately for the challengers, he missed his birdie putt, handing a hard-fought victory to Captain and Pro.

A terrific match, thank you to Richard and Francesco for their generous donation to the Captain's charity [FiSH](#).



Mixed Individual Stableford PM 13th July

13 golfers turned out for this qualifier. Many congratulations to James Daw for winning on countback from Lou Tricarico both on 38 points. James Dawes coming in third with 37 points. Well played everyone.

Dads vs Lads match 6th July

This is quickly becoming an annual tradition, with some exceptional golf on display. This year, the Dads taught the Lads a lesson with a 4.5 – 1.5 victory. A huge thank you to chief organiser Oli Hunt, and to everyone who played. It was a fantastic day, played in tremendous spirit. Thank you also to everyone who contributed to the Captain's charity – £600! Your support is truly appreciated.



Scratch Section

Sad to report that the team has been knocked out at the group stage of the EAGC. However, they have a huge semi final clash against Wentworth in the Surrey Knockout on 23rd August. Good luck team!

Junior Section

Congratulations to the Juniors who went out to play an 18 hole Stableford in all that heat on 29th June. A fine effort and well done to James Gradwell for winning on countback with 33 points from Ethan Waunford-Brown.

Surrey and Other Knockout Competitions

- Surrey 5s – incredible team performance on 6th July to beat Coombe Hill in the semi finals! Huge congratulations to everyone and to Captain Jonny Perkins ... now on to the final!
- Kelso-Hamilton – the show goes for Jack Collins and Henry John with an emphatic victory in their semi final away match vs Addington Palace on 12th July – 4 and 3! Huge congrats ... now just one more match!

Upcoming Competitions and Events

- **Family Fun Event** – 20th July
- **Mixed Individual Stableford** – 27th July
- **Junior 18 Hole Stableford** – 25th July
- **Men's Fun Team Competition** – 2nd August
- **9-hole mixed Greensomes** – 6th August

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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