

Ladies' Golf Captain's Blog – 18th September 2025



After a long and sunny summer, we are delighted to be back, playing on a full golf course. The new greens have recovered beautifully, just in time for all the autumn competitions. Our new terrace has also quickly become a popular place to gather and unwind after play adding to the sense of community and enjoyment.

Thank you to everyone that came to the Divot Party and helped repair our beautiful course and as a reward they enjoyed beer and pizza on the terrace afterwards.



Handicap Requirements are Changing

After the AGM, the requirements for Trophy Competitions and Knockouts will change, with a minimum of three qualifying cards needed. Luckily, there are still plenty of qualifying competitions coming up in the next few weeks, so there's time to get those cards in before the Winter Knockouts begin.

Competition Payments

A quick reminder: please make sure you pre-pay for your competitions before you play. The Intelligent Golf system will now prevent you from entering your score unless payment has been made, so best to get it done early.

Congratulations to Charlotta Lyckeus for her sensational hole-in-one on the 13th during the Stableford on Tuesday 2nd September – how fantastic!

Competition Results:

Stableford

The Stableford on 19th August was a close one, with Cathy Staveley, Astrid Drayson and Tessa Ringrose all finishing on 39 points, with Cathy taking top spot, on countback.



In the non-qualifying 9-hole Stableford, Margaret Swain led the way with 20 points, followed by Jacky Simon and Patricia Nicholson who both came in with 13 points.

Mixed Pairs Scramble

On 20th August, the 9-hole mixed pairs scramble brought some exciting play. Catherine Emanuel and Shaun Feldon stormed ahead with 31 points, helped along by a brilliant eagle on the 8th. Hot on their heels were Nicola Pearson and Paul Taylor with 32 points, just edging out Katy Preston and Ben Wilson who also scored 32.

Bank Holiday Bowmaker

The Bank Holiday Bowmaker on Monday 25th August saw some superb team golf. The winners were Luke Templer, Alastair Wright, Jamie Letten and Nigel Wright, who pulled together 96 points. Just one point behind were Graham and Alison Post with Kristoffer and Gunilla Hultdt on 95, while Craig Wallace, Mark Gradwell, Catherine Emanuel and Thomas Feldon secured third with 92 points.

Tuesday Fun Competition

The 4BBB on Tuesday 26th August was full of friendly rivalry, with Jane Peel and Annette Timms coming out on top with 45 points. Caroline Fairnie and Siobain Rolston were just behind with 43 points on countback, pipping Gunilla Hultdt and Heather Webber who also scored 43.

On the same day, the Senior 70+ Ladies enjoyed their own 4BBB, with Sandra Fox and Patricia Nicholson winning on 16 points, while Lynda Dawson and Barbara Lord took second place on countback with 14 points.

Senior Ladies Trophy

The Stableford on 2nd September doubled up as the Senior Ladies Trophy, and it was Caroline Nettel who swept the board with 39 points, clinching both titles. Not far behind, Cathy Staveley, Tricia Culliford and Jo Thesiger all posted excellent rounds of 38 points.

Salute the Services

Thursday 4th September was a special day as we hosted our 'Salute the Services' event in support of London's Air Ambulance. Dr Cosmos gave a fascinating and inspiring talk about how this vital service brings the hospital to the patient, often by helicopter during daylight hours or rapid response cars at night.

With 43 players taking part, a tasty lunch, a lively auction led by Marc Newey, and seamless organisation by Duncan Christie-Miller, it was a day to remember. The Men's Captain scooped the top prize with a brilliant 42 points, while Lorna Robey won the straightest drive for the ladies and Helen Maguire took nearest the pin. Most importantly, we raised an impressive sum for this life-saving charity.



Mixed Stableford

On Sunday 7th September, the Mixed Stableford was won by Anna Tingle, who scored an impressive 39 points. Jane Peel followed with 38 points, while Michael Harrison and Aisling Wilson both finished strong on 36 points.

Junior Championships

Also, on 7th September, it was wonderful to see such good golf from our juniors. Congratulations to Jonah Goode who claimed the title with a nett 70 points, with Zaal Owen close behind on 71 points and Thomas Feldon in third with 74 points.

George Gadd and Grannies Vase

The George Gadd and Grannies Vase on 9th September saw some fine golf, with Siobain Rolston the only player to beat her handicap, finishing with a nett 69 points. Angela Atkins and Charlotta Lyckeus were next with nett 72 points, while the Granny's Vase went to Jane Peel, with a nett 75 points.

Lady Captain and Pro Finale – Thursday 11th September

We played a total of 14 Captain and Pro matches throughout my Captain's year – starting last November – and I had the pleasure of playing with five Pros: Ricky, Oscar, Sam, Will and Wes. We had a total of 9 wins and 5 losses.

Ricky and I teamed up for the Grand Finale to be challenged by all. Due to the adverse weather conditions only a 4-hole competition was played, but at least we were able to congregate and have a get together afterwards on our new terrace.

Ricky and I were unbeaten in this Grand Finale Challenge – with 9 points over 4 holes and unfortunately his eagle on the 6th could not be included as not everyone had played that hole. The winners on the day, were Caroline Nettel and Claudia Chan also on 9 points. They were closely followed by three groups on 8 points, and after countback, Tricia Morgan and Kathleen Bacon were declared the runners up.

Most importantly, the Captain and Pro matches raised £1,370 through your very kind and generous donations. Since then, I have also had an anonymous donation to match this figure, which is so fabulous! Many thanks for your incredible generosity. This raises the total to an incredible £2,740! These donations will make a tremendous contribution to my charity [FiSH](#).

Huge thanks to Ricky for supporting my charity by giving his own time and that of the other Pros. It has been enormous fun and a pleasure playing with everyone through the season and I thank you again for playing and for all your support.





Summerside Cup – Saturday 13th September

The competition was well attended with 23 entrants. It was so lovely to be able to welcome Liz Collins back on to our golf course after 10 months and see her thump one straight down the fairway, and start with a par. Congratulations to Siobain Rolston, who won the trophy with 38 points, followed by runner up Stephanie Williams on 37 points followed closely behind with Patricia Morgan and Kasandra Spalding both on 35 points.



Team Matches

Our **Centenary Bowl Team** unfortunately lost away to the Drift, but they'll be back in action for the return match on 19th September – good luck to all taking part.

The Hicks Team enjoyed a fantastic run this season but were narrowly knocked out in the semi-finals by the defending champions, Burhill. Reaching the last four is a tremendous achievement, and huge congratulations go to the team for their efforts. Special thanks to Captain Lorna Robey and to Issy Simpson, Alice Pharo, Jo Thesiger, Nicki Fillingham, Jane Peel, Lou Wills, Sian Bayliss and Ali Jacobs for their outstanding contribution.

The last **friendly match** of the season was played at Castle Royle, with thanks to Margaret Swain for stepping in at the last minute. We won 2 ½:1 ½.

Knockouts

Married KO -Winners; Emma and Ben Angood, Runners up; Jo and Justin Thesiger

Salmon Cup – Winner; Lucinda Cormack, runner up; Sandra Drum

Silver Salver – Winner; Sandra Drum, runner up; Jo Thesiger

Copper KO – Winner; Jenny Gaskin, runner up; Stephanie Wood

Mid- Week Mixed KO – Winner; Viv Harris, runner up; Cathy Staveley

Summer Goblet final: Caroline Nettel vs Andreina Townsend

Weekend Ladies 4BBB final: Jane Peel and Cathy Staveley vs Mary Barlow and Andreina Townsend

Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 7th October: AGM

We'll begin with a Shotgun St Andrew's Foursomes, followed by sandwiches, prize-giving, and the AGM at 2pm.

Saturday 11th October: Captains' Drive-In.

The day starts at 9am with the annual meeting, followed by the Drive-In at 11am and a 4BBB competition afterwards. Do come along and support our new captains, Jo and Bob.

Thank you all for making this summer such a memorable one for our section — I look forward to seeing you out on the course and celebrating more successes together in the weeks ahead.

Claire Martin, Ladies' Golf Captain