

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



I hope you all had an excellent summer! Golf is certainly back in full swing (just like Series 3) with a bumper blog update.

A big thank you to everyone who joined the Divot Party on 28th August. It certainly gave me a real insight into the painstaking (back-breaking) work our Grounds Team carries out, and made everyone appreciate even more how fortunate we are to have such a dedicated team looking after our course.



Lastly, I'm absolutely delighted to report that the **'what a shot'** feature is back again courtesy of Martin Horswood nailing a 2 iron into a stiff breeze on the 17th for an ace!

Competitions and Events

Some summer knockout comps have now concluded ...

- Married Foursomes – many congratulations to Emma and Ben Angood who won by 1 against Jo and Justin Thesiger (The Men's Captain would like to make a public apology to the Lady Vice Captain for putting his drive into the net on 18th 😞).
- Senior Scratch Knockout – many congratulations to Peter Smith for a 1 up victory against Giles Sanderson.



Mixed Individual Stableford AM and PM – 17th August

Another near-perfect day for golf, with 23 players out on the course. Many congratulations to Moritz Lindhorst for posting the winning score of 42 points, closely followed by Vice Captain Bob Mitchell with 41. Former Captain (2009) John Randel secured third place with 38 points, while Michael Lever took fourth on countback with 37.

9 hole Pairs Mixed Scramble – 20th August

Another thoroughly enjoyable evening, rounded off with a great atmosphere in the bar afterwards. Congratulations to Catherine Emanuel and Shaun Feldon for securing top spot with a Nett 31 helped, of course, by Shaun's eagle on the 8th! Excellent performances too from Nicola Pearson and Paul Taylor, and Katy Preston and Ben Wilson, who both finished with a Nett 32. Nicola and Paul claimed second place on countback.

Captain and Pro – 24th August

My 14th match, partnered with Sam, was supposed to be against Terry Dillon and Keith Duncan. Unfortunately, Keith had pulled an all-nighter at work and then got called back in the morning, so the matchup changed. In the end, Terry and I took on Sam. It was a valiant effort from us – we only lost 2 and 1, despite Sam finishing 5 under! A big thank you to Terry for his generous contribution to my charity:

<https://www.fishhelp.org.uk/>



Bank Holiday Bowmaker – 25th August

This was such a fun event with everyone playing off the 'reds', teams of four with two scores counting. Congratulations to the winners on 96 points; Luke Templer, Alastair Wright, Jamie Letten and Nigel Wright. A very close second on 95 points was Alison and Graham Post, Kristoffer and Gunilla Huldtt. In third with 92 points was Craig Wallace, Mark Gradwell, Catherine Emanuel and Thomas Feldon.

Whale Cup vs Royal Mid Surrey – 30th August

I was very proud to be taking a team to defend the Whale Cup playing away at Royal Mid Surrey. Unfortunately, we came up short 2.5 – 3.5, but it was an excellent day with old friends and making new ones.



Captain and Pro – 31st August

My 15th match, partnered with Alistair, was against former Captain (2009) John Randel and Frank de Freitas. The challengers got off to the perfect start with a nett birdie on the 1st and 3rd. The Captain and Pro clawed it back to all square at the turn and it was deadlocked until John chipped in on the 16th from 58 yards to go one up. 17th was halved and the we managed to par the last to 'halve' the match. Great fun, really competitive golf, and thank you to John and Frank for their generous contribution to my charity [FiSH](https://www.fishhelp.org.uk/).



Salute the Services – 4th September

Now entering its 10th year under the expert guidance of Duncan Christie-Miller. This year the charity chosen was London Air Ambulance, which is completely privately funded and such a worthy cause. A huge thank you to Duncan for organising a very special and successful day. The 'Army' took the services top spot and Justin Thesiger won the individual.

George Gadd Challenge Cup – 6th September

A magnificent round of 4 under par (gross 67) / 6 under nett secured George Palmer this major title and a seat at the Men's Dinner on 21st November. Nick Wells claimed second place with a nett 69 on countback from Ben Wilson, while Tom Benbow finished fourth with a nett 70, also on countback. Congratulations as well to the Junior Division winners: Nicholas St John took first place on countback with a nett 70, narrowly ahead of Francis De Freitas, with Neil Lawson-Smith finishing third on a nett 75.

Mixed Individual Stableford PM – 7th September

Many congratulations to Anna Tingle for winning this one with an impressive 39 points from Jane Peel on 38, Michael Harrison on countback from Aisling Wilson with 36 points.

Captain and Pro – 12th September

My 16th match, partnered with Will, was against former Captain (2008) John Fooks and Russell Gooding. The Challengers went ahead early and kept moving ahead with some very steady golf that the Captain and Pro just couldn't match.

We shook hands on 14th after Russell hold out for a nett birdie from off the green. A comfortable victory for the Challengers who played very tidy golf.

Captain and Past Captains vs The Club - 13th September

I'm delighted to report that the Captain, Past Captains with the help of the Chair of Seniors; Nick Brown were victorious in this match 5 – 2. It was an excellent day and thank you for everyone who played.

Captain and Pro – 14th September

My 17th match, partnered with Ricky, was against Adam Musikant and Connor Hamilton. This was set to be a masterclass in scratch golf and it didn't disappoint.

The Captain and Pro took an early lead and managed to stay ahead although there was some spectacular shot making from the Challengers. Ricky's short game was sublime and the Captain and Pro managed to close out the match on 16th.

A huge thank you to Adam and Connor for playing and for their generous contribution to my charity [FiSH](#).



Scratch Section

Will Major competed in the European Speed Golf Championships in Finland on 13th and 14th August. An excellent first round with Will well placed in fifth position.

He finished overall 11th, which is a huge effort especially playing on a unfamiliar course. Many congratulations and we will make sure we acknowledge and celebrate Will's achievement at the Men's Dinner on 21st November.

Roehampton Club was very well represented at the British Speed Golf Championships on 7th September, with Will Major (defending champion), Tom Benbow, and Ben Walmsley competing.

Will finished as the third best-placed amateur, just ahead of Tom in fourth, while Ben secured third in the senior category. A great performance from all three!

Many congratulations to the Scratch team, Henry Dubiel, Shaun Feldon, Connor Hamilton, Scott Stanley and Alex Tonge, for beating Wentworth (convincingly) at Wentworth 4 and 1 in the Surrey Knockout semi finals. Excellent performance and now on to final set for 5th October against Banstead Downs.

Junior Section

Congratulations to the juniors who went out to play an 18 hole Stableford on 23rd August. An incredible score of 57 points from James Gradwell taking top spot followed by Harry Adamson with a really impressive 44 points and in third was Seb Gradwell with 42 points.

Junior Club Champs on 7th September with a strong field of 18 golfers. Many congratulations to Jonah Goode with a winning nett 70, from Zaal Owen second with a nett 71 and third placed Thomas Feldon with a nett 74.

Surrey and other Knockout Competitions

Surrey 5s

Amazing news, the team played away at Foxhills and beat Walton Heath Artisans 3 and 2 to clinch the East Division final!

Huge congratulations and now on to Finals Day on 5th October against the winner of the West Division.



Kelso-Hamilton

Wow, the boys have done it! Henry John drowning a 10 footer on the 18th to win the final of the East Division by one hole against Wimbledon Common.

Clearly Henry and Jack knew that perfecting their dance moves in the Ibiza clubs the week before, meant they were relaxed and ready for action.



A fantastic achievement, many congratulations! The last time Roehampton Club did this was 2012 with Former Captain Derek Mason (2012) and Simon Ball, so great to now have Jack and Henry in the Kelso Hamilton winners circle.

Upcoming Competitions and Events

- **Autumn Meeting** 20th and 21st September
- **Junior 18 hole Stableford** 27th September
- **9 hole Greensomes** 26th September at 4pm to then be back in the bar for the afternoon Ryder Cup session
- **Club Stableford** 28th September shotgun starting at 1pm to then be back in the bar for the Ryder Cup singles
- **Mixed Individual Stableford AM and PM** 4th October
- **Captain and Pro vs Challengers** 4th October
- **AGM and Captains Drive In** 11th October

Now for the penultimate time ... thank you for reading.

Please don't hesitate to share any suggestions for my last blog.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on our glorious course.

Justin Thesiger, Men's Golf Captain