

Ladies' Golf Captain's Blog – 16th October 2025



Since my last blog, there's been a definite shift in the air — autumn has truly arrived! The course looks glorious with the trees beginning to turn, and the light of the lower sun showing off the most beautiful colours. It really is one of the loveliest times of year to be out playing.

Autumn Meeting

Our Autumn Meeting was played over two medal rounds, followed by a Foursomes event the following week. We had 68 ladies take part in the first round and 51 the following day, which was a good turnout, especially as the forecast wasn't favourable for the second day, although the rain held off. The foursomes were even busier with 73 ladies taking part.

Afterwards, we gathered in the Polo Room for prize giving, where there was a lovely atmosphere. The Symons Trophy for the best nett score over the two days went to Lou Tierney with a very steady 143, while Jo Thesiger took home the Burge Trophy for the best scratch score with 161. The Foursomes winners was Claire Martin and Jo Thesiger, with 38 points.

The Bronze Scratch Championship is now underway too — this is a knockout between the eight lowest gross scores in the Bronze Division from Day 1 of the Autumn Meeting. Good luck to everyone in the draw.





Competitions and Results

We've had a busy few weeks of golf, with lots of great scoring and plenty of sunshine to enjoy. On 25th September, our 36-hole competition proved a real test of endurance and consistency. It was bright and crisp, perfect golfing weather. Tricia Morgan came out on top, winning the Pearson Salver with a nett level score, while Issy Simpson took the Robey Trophy with a gross score of +7.



The following day, Friday 26th, we had a 9-hole Stableford which was won by Angie Atkins with 18 points — very tidy scoring.

That same day, 32 players took part in the 9-hole Mixed Greensomes. Claire and Roy Martin were the winning partnership with 21 points, just pipping Jinnie Featherstone-Witty and Tim Russell who finished runners-up on 20. Everyone then headed to the bar to catch the first day of the Ryder Cup — the perfect way to finish the day.

The Junior 18-hole Stableford on the 27th saw Emily Butler take the honours with a wonderful 39 points, while Charles Greenwood was runner-up with 27.

On 30th September, we held both the Waltz and the Senior Ladies 70+ Waltz, which brought a great turnout and lots of fun. The Waltz was won by Gill Griffiths, Linda Hamilton and Catherine Cooper with an impressive 79 points, closely followed by Sandy MacCaw, Jo Bright and Jules Sanderson with 76pts. In the Senior Ladies' Waltz, Annie Tatham, Patricia Nicholson and Mel White just edged victory on countback with 30 pts, with Elizabeth McPhail, Vicki Ioannides and Wendy Dixon just behind, also on 30pts.



Fox Trophy

On Monday 6th October, the Past Lady Captains and I enjoyed the annual Fox Trophy, which was donated by Pat Fox, our Lady Captain back in 1966. It was a lovely day, and was organised by our Vice-Captain Jo Thesiger, and this year the weather couldn't have been better — blue skies and warm sunshine. Eleven played golf, with sixteen joining for a delicious lunch afterwards. The winner was Val Patten with 35 points, just ahead of Caroline Dewar, who took second on countback from Tricia Morgan, both on 34pts.

AGM and St Andrew's Foursomes

The following day, Tuesday 7th, we had a great turnout of 72 for the St Andrew's Foursomes. The scoring was fantastic — Kasandra Spalding and Henrietta O'Shea had a stunning round of 43 points to win, with Lorna Robey and Tricia Culliford close behind on 41points, and Polly Lewis and Anna Tingle also on 41points for third place.



Afterwards, we held our prize giving for the various summer competitions. Highlights included wins for Andreina Townsend in the Summer Goblet, Jenny Gaskin in the Copper Knockout, and Linda Hamilton and Jo Thesiger topping the Summer Eclectics for nett and gross respectively. Caroline Nettel won the Senior Ladies Trophy, Siobain Rolston did the double by winning both the Ladies George Gadd Trophy and the Summerside Cup, and the 36-hole Pearson Salver and Robey Trophy went to Patricia Morgan and Issy Simpson respectively. Finally, Issy was presented with her trophy as Club Champion — congratulations to all our trophy winners!

During the AGM, I had the great pleasure of pinning the Lady Captain's brooch onto Jo Thesiger to mark her official start as Captain. Jo will be fantastic in the role, supported by her Vice-Captain, Cathy Staveley.



Staff / Members Event

Friday 10th October, we enjoyed the annual Staff / Members event. 36 people took part. The format was best two out of three scores. I had the pleasure of playing with Oli Vargo, Ben Angood and Bob Mitchell the incoming Men's Captain. The winners on 47 points were Robert Whiu, James Dearman, Derek Downham and Judy Gowing. Nearest the pin on 7th was Sandy MacCaw. We all retired to the terrace for drinks, chips and brownies.

Teams

Sadly, our **Hicks** campaign has now come to an end. Thank you to everyone who played with such enthusiasm and team spirit throughout the season — it's been a great run, and you've done the club proud.

The Centenary Bowl Team have done brilliantly to reach the Final, they face Hankley Common at Burhill GC.

Both the **Pearson** and the **Derry** campaigns are now underway. Good luck to all in the forthcoming matches.

Other News

I'm delighted to share that Trish Johnson MBE has joined us as our Touring Professional on the Senior Tour. We're all looking forward to welcoming her to Roehampton Club and supporting her on the circuit.

Issy has been on outstanding form representing Surrey, who were crowned National Champions 2025 at Selby Golf Club. Issy won all five of her matches and holed the decisive putt to seal the victory. What an incredible achievement — we're so proud to have her flying the flag for Roehampton.



A huge congratulations to Issy Simpson and Alex Tonge, who won the Elizabeth Price Mixed Foursomes at Hankley Common – Well played.

At the Surrey Lady Captains' Society Autumn Meeting at Clandon Regis, there was more success: Lorna Robey and Viv Harris won with 39 points, while Tricia Culliford and Sarah Mortimer (Walton Heath) were runners-up, also with 39.



A Final Note

As I hand over to Jo Thesiger, I want to say a heartfelt thank you to the Club for giving me the wonderful opportunity to serve as **Ladies' Captain for the 2024/25 season**. It has been an honour and a privilege — and such a joy to share the year with so many of you both on and off the course.

My sincere thanks go to my fantastic committee for their tireless support and to Matt and Oli, who have both made the captain's role so much easier and more enjoyable.

And finally, thank you for reading my blogs throughout the year — it's been lovely to share the news, the laughter, and all the successes of our wonderful section with you.

I wish Jo every success for her captaincy and know she will lead the section brilliantly. I'm looking forward to being back out on the course and playing golf with many more of you in the year ahead.

With warmest wishes,

Claire Martin, Ladies' Golf Captain