

Ladies' Golf Captain's Blog – 15th October 2026



And so, as I write my final newsletter, what fantastic and satisfying news I have to share!

Surrey Scratch Foursomes

Roehampton Club Ladies have finished the season on a glorious high, with a brilliant victory by Issy Simpson and Alice Pharo in the final of the Surrey Scratch Foursomes against Hankley Common at Royal Wimbledon, engraving Roehampton Club's name on this prestigious trophy for the very first time.



In a thrilling and hard-fought encounter, both teams produced some truly exceptional golf with more than four holes won with birdies. Although Roehampton Club were never behind, their experienced opponents dug deep and refused to give in, taking the match all the way to the 18th hole.

Issy demonstrated her customary magnificent ball-striking, while Alice's beautifully grooved swing produced a succession of pure, cleanly struck shots, consistently finding the target and standing firm under relentless pressure. Huge congratulations to Issy and Alice on a very well-deserved victory and to Nicki Fillingham, who has captained the Scratch Foursomes this year, masterminding a series of victories against Walton Heath, Cranleigh, Hindhead and Woodcote Park before the final. As substitutions are allowed in every round, I should mention that Nicki, herself, played alongside Issy in the first round against one of the toughest clubs in the draw, Walton Heath, where they won 7&6!



The beautiful trophy comprises four replica Surrey Championship trophies that belonged to the legendary English international golfer Molly Gourlay, who enjoyed great success during the 1920s and 1930s and competed in the inaugural Gold Cup in 1926.

I must also pay tribute to Andreina Townsend, who was battling away two holes behind in the final of the Spring Matchplay, having come through five rounds to earn her place at Surrey Finals Day. With Andreina having to give three shots, unfortunately the match did not go her way, but that takes nothing away from her outstanding achievement in reaching the final.

Passing on the Baton

I have already had the great pleasure and honour of pinning the Ladies' Captain's badge on my brilliant successor, Cathy Staveley, and I wish her every happiness and success in the year ahead.



What a wonderful journey this past year has been! It has been filled with fun, laughter, excitement and so many special memories, along with, of course, a fair amount of hard work and responsibility! I feel incredibly fortunate to have had this opportunity and am delighted to be handing over the reins with a big smile on my face. I now look forward to enjoying the year with a little less pressure and, hopefully, a lot more time to concentrate on getting my golf back into shape!!

However, my work isn't quite done as there has still been lots of important and fantastic golf to report on in the last month.



Autumn Meeting

We were blessed with gorgeous blue skies and sunshine for the Autumn Meeting; the perfect conditions for some brilliant scoring over the two medals on the 15th and 16th September and the foursomes the following week on 22nd September:

Nicki Fillingham secured the prestigious Burge Trophy for the best scratch aggregate with two impressively consistent rounds of 81, giving her an excellent score of 162. A fantastic achievement and thoroughly well deserved!

Meanwhile, Liz Dodds took the honours in the handicap category claiming the Symons Trophy for the best nett aggregate, following up a brilliant opening round of 69 with a 76 on the second day, giving her a superb total of 145.





Other highlights included Katy Preston winning the Pedersen Salver for the best aggregate scratch score across the Spring Meeting and the first day of the Autumn Meeting, while Clodagh Taylor claimed the Anna Cowan Trophy for the equivalent achievement in the handicap category.

Many congratulations to them both!

I am also delighted to report that Sue Latham returned the lowest nett score over the two days, with a fabulous round of 68 on the second day. A brilliant performance!

Congratulations to all our winners and indeed to everyone who took part.

[Click here for the full list of Autumn Meeting medal prize and trophy winners](#)

Autumn Meeting Foursomes

Very well done to Val and Anna on a fantastic round!

1st Val Patten and Anna tingle 38 points

2nd Caroline Leslie and Pippa Riddle 36 points

3rd Linda Hamilton and Susan Major 34 (countback)



Annual Meeting St Andrews Foursomes

And congratulations the Pippa and Judy on an incredible score!

1st Pippa Walker and Judy Gowing 46 points

2nd Catherine Cooper and Livi Mayell 45 points

3rd Jules Sanderson and Susan Sandler 40 points

Trophies for the Summer knockouts and ongoing competitions were presented over the Autumn and Annual meeting depending on availability.

Many congratulations to all the prize winners.

Club Championship

Winner Issy Simpson (79, 82)

Runner Up Nicki Fillingham (86,78) on a countback from Alice Pharo (84, 80)

AM Gross - Kasandra Spalding (84)

PM Gross – Katy Preston (83)



Annual Medal

Nicki Fillingham gross 75, net 68

Silver Handicap Challenge Cup

Winner: Nicki Fillingham, runner-up Angie Atkins

36 Hole Event – Salver (best net) and Robey Trophy (best gross)

Winner: Nicki Fillingham for both (Net 74,76, gross 81, 83)



Bronze Handicap Challenge Cup

Winner Viv Harris, runner-up
Anna Tingle



Centenary Salver

Trish Boyington gross 78, net 68



Salmon Cup

Winner Henrietta O'Shea,
runner-up Jo Thesiger



Ladies Silver Knockout

Winner Andreina Townsend,
Runner-up Jane Peel

Summerside Cup Winner

Andreina Townsend 35 points



The Summer Goblet

Winner Lucinda Cormack, Runner-
up Therese Swanson



Copper knockout

Winner Stephanie Wood,
Runner-up Clodagh Taylor



Weekend Ladies 4BBB Knockout

Winners Kasandra Spalding and
Issy Simpson
Runners-up Kathleen Bacon and
Kate Emanuel



Senior Ladies Trophy

Vanessa Walker 39 points



George Gadd Trophy

Emma Angood net 69



Grannies' Vase

Jackie Beedle net 70



The eclectic

The eclectic Net –
Jinnie Featherstone
Witty – 46



The eclectic

The eclectic Scratch –
Katy Preston – 64



Over 70s Order of Merit

Bronze Winner of the
'Old Brigade trophy'
Annette Timms
Silver Winners (joint)
Lorna Robey and Trish
Boyington

The Innes Quaich

Following the success of our Over-70s event last year, we decided to introduce an Over-70s knockout, which got underway at the end of April with a very large entry of 24. I was delighted to donate a small quaich which I named 'The Innes Cup' as a small legacy of my captaincy in memory of two very special golfing people in my life.

The first is my golfing grannie, Margaret Innes, whom sadly I never met, but who was a talented Scottish county golfer. The second is my father, Innes Lloyd, who continued the family golfing tradition by giving us hickory-shafted clubs to play with as small children!



Dad was also one of the pioneering outside broadcast producers in the 1950s who helped bring golf to our television screens, at a time when many were convinced that the slow pace of the game and watching someone hit a stationary ball would never catch on with television audiences!

I was thrilled to learn that the inaugural winner of the trophy was Sue Latham, who rounded

off a brilliant summer of golf with her fabulous nett 68 in the Autumn Meeting. What makes this particularly special is that Sue and her husband, Mike, both worked in television and knew my father, so it all seems wonderfully fitting. Sue's infectious enthusiasm and positive spirit on and off the course, make her a fantastic role model for senior golf and an extremely worthy inaugural winner. Well done Sue!!



In my newsletter in May I mentioned that the ladies fund was donating some special commemorative 125 quaiches for designated medal competitions during the year, this was to replicate Tricia Culliford's similar idea in the centenary. I am delighted to announce the winners of these quaiches were as follows:

Weekend Spring Meeting

Gross Issy Simpson 72, Nett Henrietta O'Shea 69

Spring Meeting

Gross Trish Boyington 82, Net Andreina Townsend 69

Annual Medal

Nicki Fillingham Gross 75, Net 68

Centenary Salver

Trish Boyington Gross 78, Net 68

George Gadd

Emma Angood Gross 84, Net 69

Autumn Meeting

Gross Nicki Fillingham 81, Net Liz Dodds 69

In other news ...

Well Done to Alex Tonge and Issy Simpson for overcoming a competitive field to win The Elizabeth Price Mixed Open at Hankley Common for the second successive year with scores of 76 and 74 over the par 71. They will be back next year to try and make it three in a row, which has never been done before!



We thoroughly enjoyed our annual match against London University, played as always in a wonderfully friendly yet competitive spirit.

Roehampton Club had home advantage and the benefit of a few shots, but we were delighted to come away with a 3–1 victory.

There were some outstanding individual performances. Austin, the London University captain, secured their only point by playing flawless golf, recording an outstanding five birdies. My partner, Niels Verbeek, was equally impressive, with four birdies and a personal first — completing an entire round without a single score higher than four on his card!



Charity Fundraising for The Baked Bean

I was delighted to finish off my fundraising effort for the Baked Bean a couple of Captain and pro matches that we actually won!!



First of all, Alistair and I took on Emma Angood and Livi Mayell in a fiercely contested match, which saw us three down after just five holes! The slight problem was that our opponents were one under par gross at that stage and were also receiving quite a number of shots! Fortunately for us, the tide turned on the back nine, thanks to some inspired golf from Alistair, who produced no fewer than five birdies to secure a nail-biting one-hole victory on the 18th!

I also had the pleasure of partnering Ricky against Tricia Morgan and Melanie Schreyer. Tricia got off to a flying start with a wonderful gross birdie on the first, and I thought, here we go again! Fortunately, I made a decent start myself and was particularly pleased with a comfortable par four on the 3rd hole.

Tricia continued to belie her handicap with solid pars on the 4th, 5th and 6th holes, but then Ricky found his magic touch with brilliant birdies on the 9th, 10th, 11th and 15th and we managed to secure victory on the 15th. Another thoroughly enjoyable and hard-fought match!





My final event of the year was a finale that gave all those who had challenged us throughout the season one last chance to have a shot at beating the Captain and Pro!

Ricky and I set what we thought was a very respectable target of 41 points, only to find ourselves pushed down into sixth place out of ten pairs by some quite extraordinary scoring that followed!

The winners received a bottle of delicious Foxford English sparkling wine. Foxford is a small, family-run

vineyard established by Roehampton Club Members, Nick and Mary Hill in 2019, near Romsey in Hampshire's Test Valley foxfordvineyard.com/. They have generously donated various prizes throughout the year so wanted to give them a plug before Christmas!

Huge congratulations to Sara Morgan and Astrid Drayson, who produced an unbeatable 47 points, with a fabulous better-ball gross score of just two over par.

Tricia Morgan and Melanie Schreyer were also back in fine form, scoring an impressive 45 points to finish second on a countback from, Katy Preston and Kasandra Spalding, who were equally satisfied with their excellent two-over-par gross score.

I am absolutely delighted to say that the Captain and Pro matches made **£1,550** and quite flabbergasted that my overall total for the year is just under **£19,500** with the last few amounts yet to come in. A massive heartfelt thank you for all your generosity and support please do see part of an e-mail from the Izzy Ivezić, the CEO of The Baked Bean, who is unbelievably grateful!

'This year's partnership with Roehampton Club has been absolutely incredible for us. When we first met, I had only recently taken on my role and was beginning to build a more secure future for our wonderful charity.'

'I've worked with Beans for a long time, and I know just how special and wonderful a place it is. When others recognise this and choose to place their faith and support in us, it is incredibly moving.'

'I'm so pleased that we were able to organise events at the Club, giving Members the opportunity to meet the people who would directly benefit from their fundraising efforts.'

'Thank you so much for choosing to support us! Your generous donations will make a real difference to our students. The funds will help us purchase additional classroom resources, create a dedicated performance space next year, and contribute towards the social opportunities and activities we provide.'

'As I believe I mentioned before, we have a saying at our charity: 'Once a Bean, always a Bean!' I'm certain this wonderful friendship will continue for many years to come.'

The Fox Trophy

The day before Cathy took over the reins as Lady Captain, she hosted the annual gathering of Past Captains for the Fox Trophy. Fourteen ladies took part in the golf, with more joining to make us twenty-two for a wonderful lunch.

Patricia Morgan, captain in 2022 was delighted to win the Fox Trophy for the first time with an impressive 38 points and Fiona Pollard was runner-up on 34.

While Caroline Scallon joined Cathy in hosting the past captains' lunch, it was particularly lovely to welcome back Linda Hunter, whose captaincy dates back the furthest to 1985 and who was the first woman to serve on the Roehampton Club Board. After several years away, Linda (who I am sitting next to in the front row) travelled just over 100 miles from Tetbury to be with us, which made the occasion even more special.



And that leads me perfectly to my final goodbye, as I now join the ranks of Past Captains myself, in such distinguished company. A heartfelt thank you to you all for the incredible support, encouragement, kindness and warmth you have shown me throughout my year as Captain.

I hand over to a fantastic new Captain and loyal friend, with a smile on my face and a wonderful mixture of relief, reward, satisfaction and genuine contentment. Above all, I look back with enormous affection and gratitude on what has been a happy, memorable and historic year.

Jo Thesiger, Ladies' Golf Captain

