Senior Men's Golf Chair's Report – 19th November 2026

Grail

The Grail held on 28th October was played in reasonable conditions after the shotgun start.
The wind was strong and gusty at times which gave many of us the excuse we needed for our poor scores. Despite nearly 60 playing only three beat their handicap. Earl Knudsen won with 39 points, closely followed by Giles Clark with 38 points and Peter McGovern with 37 points – a gross score of 74. Sadly, Earl was not able to stay for the AGM to receive his prize so no picture.

AGM

The AGM was well attended. Minutes will be circulated in due course. Thank you for re-electing me as your Chair. We are in funds so we can pay for the wine at the Christmas lunch on 16th December. Those who played in our matches will need to have funds in their accounts as very few charges have been taken. This will not happen next year, I have been faithfully promised. As usual prizegiving took place during the AGM from the attached photographs you may well notice some serial winners. One winner mentioned that he already has a shelf of Roehampton Club tumblers.








Other results

On 21st October it poured so heavily that we called off the competition. The first two groups battled on for a few holes. David Bouch's team managed 9 holes and handed me a beautifully marked card; it was also the soggiest I have ever felt.

On 4th November in autumnal conditions with a cool easterly wind there was a high turnout for the four clubs and a putter competition. A strong trio on paper Quentin Robey, Duncan Christie-Miller and Tim Russell won scoring 75 points with Paul Roberts, Gilbert Ellacombe and David Bouch in second place with 73 points. It was very good to see two or three new players. As they are younger seniors, I hope to see them play with us regularly.

On 11th November, a drizzly morning without your Chair at home with a heavy cold, 26 contestants played in the yellow ball competition There was an astonishing winning score by Tim Russell, Ian Taylor- Restell and Don McKenzie with 108 points. Clive Nicholson, Paul Parkinson and David Bouch were second with 98 points. Danny Gesua and Paul Roberts got an adjusted 96 points to give them third place. Thank you, Gilbert, for supervising.

On 18th November, Clive Nicholson oversaw the Waltz. On a morning where the forecast had promised a downpour, the day remained relatively dry for the competition. On the final competition before the introduction of mandatory fairway mats, Quentin Robey, Gilbert Ellacombe and Tony Durrant prevailed with a score of 70. John Tyrwhitt, Raj Vara and Nigel Brown finished in second place with 68 points between them. Thank you, Clive, for supervising.

Forthcoming events

Another reminder, if I may, that the annual men's golf dinner takes place on 27th November. It is usually an excellent event. Gary Wolstenholme is the speaker. There is at least one seniors' table so far.

We are also fast approaching our Christmas event – lunch after 9 holes of golf on 16th December. We can celebrate drinking the wine purchased from competition funds saved up during the year. There will be an invitation shortly. The price for the competition and the three-course lunch with wine has been kept under £50 (just).

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