



# Clandon Regis Golf Club

## Captains' Newsletter - Spring 2019

### Latest News

Firstly, a very warm welcome to all our new members. We hope that you enjoy playing the course, and also enjoy the 19<sup>th</sup>! There are plenty of medals, stablefords, and other competitions for you to enter, including mixed competitions usually held on Bank Holidays, 5 day members can play in these. The mixed competitions are very enjoyable, you don't need to sign up with a partner, as they are drawn so you find out on the day who you will be playing with.

For new men members who want to play so as to gain a handicap, there is a list in the men's locker room of members who will mark cards for you. You can also contact John Ward (contact details on the club's web site), who is on the men's committee and is responsible for new members. If any new member wants to raise any point or ask anything, please feel free to contact John, or Bruce Hobson the Men's Captain, or anyone else on the Men's Committee.

The club held a new members' golf day on 1 March, which was enjoyed by all competitors, judging by the positive feedback from members and guests. The club intends to hold another similar event, possibly towards the end of August, the idea being that members (women and men) who have joined over the last couple of years are invited to take part and to bring a guest who may be interested in CRGC. More details in the next newsletter (and by email). This is in addition to the Newcomers' Cup, a competi-



Mixed Am-Am Winners

tion open to women and men, which will take place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September. This Cup is a club competition, and new members may compete once within two years from the date on which they joined the Club.

The mixed Am-Am competition on Good Friday was won by Doug Littlewood, Simon Gear, Lesley Nickolds, and Diana Foster-Kemp.

The President's prize held on 6 May was won by Bruce Hobson and Jeannette Goulding.



Presidents Prize Winners

### The Course

Darren and his team have worked hard over the winter and the benefits are easy to see. The course is coming into tip top condition, leading up to the big events in the near future, such as Captains' Day and the Club Championships (see section on important dates below). In addition to the normal day-to-day maintenance, the green keeping team plan to carry out work on the fairway bunker on the 12<sup>th</sup> fairway to install a new type of lining to see whether it works on our course.

Many of you will know that some local courses suffered very badly in the drought last summer, and some fairways on other courses have not recovered at all. At CRGC the greens experts put down a water retention agent (the blue stuff you saw last summer) which meant that when it did eventually rain the water was retained and did not simply run off the course or evaporate. Thank you to the greens committee and the greenkeeping staff.

We would like to mention especially the ornamental pear trees lining the drive, which were spectacular this year (as was much of the blossom around the course), and thank Roger Lindsay for those trees.

### Reminders

A bit of a plea: please rake bunkers after you, and please repair pitch marks on greens (including any that you see as you play, not just your own!). Some members seem to believe that only balls coming from a height make pitch marks on greens, but this is not the case. A low ball is just as likely to make a pitch mark, so please check and repair even if you think your ball couldn't possibly have made a pitch mark. There is a right way and a wrong way to repair a pitch mark. The right way is shown on a short YouTube video: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ulw-TfUGTAQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ulw-TfUGTAQ). Please have a look at it.

Could everyone please remember to put their score into the computer, and then put the card into the box/relevant place as soon as you finish your round. Competitions cannot be closed (this is done by a member, it is not automatic) until all the scores are entered, including no returns. The members who close competitions are often held up by members not putting their scores into the computer and/or not putting the card in the relevant place.

## Future Events

Important dates for your diaries:

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May: Seniors' Mitchward Trophy round 1 (handicap limit 18)

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May & Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May: Ladies' Coronation Foursomes;

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May: Men's Collett Cup 36 holes – handicap limit 16; there is an 18 hole medal in parallel to the Collett Cup;

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May: Sutherland Trophies – Men & Ladies, 5 day members also welcome without paying a green fee.

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June: Captains' day: mixed; this is also open to 5 day members without paying a green fee;

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June: Seniors Mitchward Trophy round 2;

Tuesday 18 June: Ladies' Invitation Day;

Sunday 23 June: Super Six Final;

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July: Club Championships.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July: Captains' Charity day.

Saturday 27 July: a family summer party, with a 9 hole competition. More details by email.

In addition, of course, all sections continue to run their usual qualifying and non-qualifying competitions.

It is great to see so many members taking part in competitions. All three sections, Men's, Ladies' and Seniors, have extended tee times to cater for the increased numbers taking part. The Men's section has introduced additional stablefords (see below) so that members can take part in qualifiers. Weekend Men's competitions are generally full fields, as are the Ladies' Tuesday competitions. The Men's High Handicap group continues to flourish.

**Members are advised to check the Club's current on-line diary before arranging any fixtures.** The printed diary does not include the extended tee times, new additional fixtures or other events such as visiting societies that have been added since it went to print.

There will be a 9 hole mixed competition on Thursday 9 May, prior to the accumulator..

The club is introducing a mixed 9 hole roll up at 5.00pm on Friday 14th June.

If these competitions are well supported then the club will hold more evening competitions in the summer months.

## Men's Section

The non-qualifiers held during the winter months were well supported, enabling members to play fun competitions without risking their handicaps, and we intend to continue these competitions next winter.

The season is in full swing. All competitions are very well attended, and additional tee times have been made available. Members are reminded that additional stablefords will also be held on 8 May, 19 June, 24 July, 7 August, 21 August, and 18 September. All are off the yellow tees, and are qualifiers. There is also an extension to the Barreldfield Trophy on 28 August, which is a medal off the white tees.

These dates are not in the printed diary, or the electronic version of the printed diary, so please check the club's diary on the web site (under "Members") when arranging matches.

The stablefords on 2 June, 13 July, 25 August and 15 September are Captain Bruce's Bonus Days. In addition to the normal prizes, the winner will win a luxury hamper, there will be a nearest the pin prize of a bottle of wine from Bruce's cellar, and after each competition there will be a lucky draw for competitors who are still in the clubhouse.

The Men's Open will take place on Saturday 3 August, with a handicap limit of 12. This is an important event for the club, so please encourage your friends to sign up, and if you are eligible please sign up yourself.

There are now links on the club's web site to the leaderboards for the Summer Order of Merit, and the Danny Cup. The links are under "Golf/Member's competition news" in the members' section.

The Celts v The Oppressors match was held on 31 March, and was as keenly contested as ever. It was a draw, so the Oppressors retain the title.

There have been impressive fields for the first two rounds of the Lynne Trophy for the seniors – about 90 competitors for each round, with 56 members already signed up 3 weeks before the next round.

The Tigers won the Taunton Jug, beating the Rabbits 7-0.

The Lombard Trophy was won by Lee Hilton.



Celt & Oppressor Team Captains

## Men's Section cont.



PH Hi Fi Winner

John Fitzpatrick won the PJ Hi-Fi competition, and has led the Waffrons team to victory in its first match, against Surbition.

Well done to all who took part in competitions so far, and congratulations to the winners.

We are pleased that the speed of play has improved. Thanks to all members for this, and please keep it up! Thanks also to Ian Mitchell for his starting some competitions and for marshalling. Anecdotal evidence is that playing ready golf, and leaving the flagstick in when putting has speeded up play, as well as the reduction to 3 minutes for a ball search. **Please take care when lifting a ball out of the hole when the flagstick is in the hole, to avoid damaging the hole.**

Gary Cooper has taken over the running of the men's high handicap group from David Littleboy. Many thanks to David for all his work in running the high handicap group, a flourishing part of the club. To celebrate taking over the high handicap group, Gary promptly won the Littleboy Trophy. Judging by some of the recent results in this group, Gary will be losing a few members from the high handicap group.

Many of you will know that Evan Cairns is leaving the club to move to the North of England. We want to record our great thanks to Evan for all he has done for the club and for the men's section. Among other roles he has been men's handicap secretary, men's captain, and gave great support to Nigel Smith during his captaincy. We will miss Evan, and he will always be welcome when he ventures back to warmer climes in Surrey.

## Ladies Section

The Pearson team did very well in this competition for clubs in Surrey, Kent, Hertfordshire and Middlesex. The team won their round robin stage, going through to the last 16 in the Surrey section of the competition. They then beat Kingswood to go into the quarter finals, where they finally met their match in an on-form team from Burhill.

Well done to Claire Charlier and her squad (Tracey Batterson, Joanne Burke, Hazel Corstin, Hasoon Curtis, Anne Davies, Shirley Farrell, Jeannette Goulding, Jody Graham, Amanda Harris, Terri Littlewood, Anne Mitchell, Lesley Nickolds, Julie Risley, Fiona Summerfield, Margaret Waghorn, Myril Ward and Phillippa Young.

The Pearson Potentials are doing well this season with one match still to play.

Clandon also acquitted themselves well in the Daily Mail Foursomes (Laura Hobson and Ann Behn), and the Ladies' London Foursomes Tournament (Amanda Harris and Laura Hobson).

The "Clandon Fours" team of Laura Hobson, Claire Charlier, Amanda Harris and Jody Graham retained the trophy for the third year running beating Chipstead and Camberley Heath. Well done.

The Club Summer Knock-out competitions are now well under way, and a very successful Spring Meeting was held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April thanks to the excellent organisation of Michelle Thornhill and Diana Rundell.

We have welcomed several new lady members so far this year, both established golfers who are already involved in competitions/matches and those are obtaining their handicaps for the first time. Sadly we had to say farewell to our Secretary, Shirley Farrell, who has returned to Ireland. Susan Gearing has taken over her role.

Enjoy your golf.

Linda and Bruce.