



Clandon Regis Golf Club

Captains' Newsletter - Autumn 2018

Captains' Drive In 2018



Sunday 7 October 2018 saw the 2017/2018 captains, Evan Cairns and Amanda Harris, finish their years as captains by putting out. We have to report that the outgoing captains were no more successful than their predecessors in their attempts to get anywhere near the hole on the 18th when putting out. Valiant efforts all round, though. The outgoing captains handed over a cheque for £10,527 in favour of Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY), their chosen charity. A Brilliant achievement.



The new captains, Bruce Hobson, Linda Elliott and Louis Lepere, drove off to start their years as captains using, as is traditional at CRGC, old wooden clubs. As is also traditional at CRGC, wooden lolly sticks were sold to members to mark where they thought the drives would end up. The captains soon found out who their real friends are....



The captains have selected BRIGHT, www.brightcancercare.com, a charity based locally in Guildford, as their charity for the year, and all proceeds from the sale of the lolly sticks, and other fund raising efforts on the day go to BRIGHT. £1,100 was raised on the day, a great start. There are other fund raising events during the year. Don't forget your season ticket to the captains' bunker at the 18th.

The drive in was followed by a mixed competition, played in a relaxed team format, with a big field. The winners were Lesley Nickolds, Simon Gear, Phil Hewitt and Malcolm Handyside. We are delighted that two new members were on the winning team.

The new captains wish all members a happy and successful golfing year.

Inter-club Golf in 2018



Congratulations go in particular to three CRGC teams who have done very well in challenging competitions. The ladies team which took part in the **Annodata Team Match Play** tournament reached the regional final, played at CRGC. They narrowly lost to Lambourne. The Annodata is a national team competition, with the final being played in Spain. The team won through 5 rounds to reach the regional final. The team was Anne Davies, Amanda Harris, Claire Charlier, Jeannette Goulding, Fiona Summerfield, Lesley Nickolds, Laura Hobson, Caroline Warren and Jody Graham.

The men's **Waffron** team, captained by John Fitzpatrick, won the competition. The 2018 team was Ed Keep, Doug Graham, Jono Hobson, Simon Daniell, Stephen Hobson, Roy Valentine, Tom Bartram, Nic Wadey, Colin MacKay, Darren Drinkwater, Jon Prideaux, Peter Leach, Ian Allen, Ronnie Epstein, Martin Cole, Keith Britton, Andy McDonald, Kris Steadman, Matt Kirk, Nino Pompili

They have gone from zero to hero in one season. Defending titles is always difficult...



A team of seniors, captained by Peter Leach, played in the **John Ling Trophy**, a Surrey competition, and reached the final at Farnham after battling through 5 rounds of knock out golf. Unfortunately they were beaten in the final by a team from Wentworth, losing 3.5 to 1.5. A great effort by the team.

The team over the 5 rounds and the final was, in addition to Peter Leach: Ian Allen; John Burleigh; Kevin Carmichael; Ronnie Epstein; Andrew Gordon; Brian McClellan; Mike Staunton; Barry Summerfield; Roy Valentine; Neil Crossman; Richard Hughes; Dennis King; Robert Davies; Tom Gillard; Doug Littlewood, and Peter Perryman.

Club House Events

The club emailed all members on 15 October giving [details of the main events](#) in the clubhouse up to Christmas. Some are already fully booked up, so members might want to do a bit of planning!

Major CRGC golf highlights 2018

Men's Champion: Ed Keep
Men's Handicap Champion: Tony Symmons
Seniors Scratch Champion: Kevin Carmichael
Junior Champion: Louis Lepere

Ladies' Champion: Amanda Harris
Ladies' Handicap Champion: Claire Charlier
Seniors Handicap Champion: Richard Grossman
Newcomers Cup: Nino Pompili.

Lots of other competitions were held, congratulations to all the winners, and to all who took part.

The Course

What a year 2108 has been - the so-called beast from the East, followed by saturation rainfall in late spring, followed by a long hot and dry summer. Still the green keeping staff, so ably led by Darren, kept the course in great condition.

What does the next three months have in store for the course? It's all weather dependent, but the Greens Committee are planning work for the next 3 months which will include work on drainage, the bunker on the 12th, and work on the steps between the 5th green and the 6th tee.

The course was assessed during 2018 for the purposes of establishing a course rating and a "slope rating". These are needed for the new handicapping system which will come into effect in 2020. More about this in subsequent newsletters.



Rules

The Rules are changing from 1 January 2019, and all golf clubs will have to do at least two things: firstly educate their members, and secondly re-write their local rules. Copies of the Players' Edition are available from the office.

The R&A's website <https://www.randa.org> has detailed explanations of the new rules, including videos, and you can download a player's version to your phone/computer.

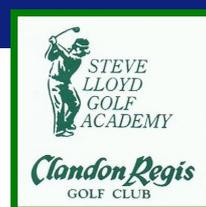
There will be a whole new vocabulary. For example, hazards are no longer hazards; they will be either "penalty areas" (no football jokes please), or bunkers. "Penalty areas" are areas marked with red or yellow posts or lines, or any areas so defined by the local rules. Bunkers are specially prepared areas of sand, but "bunker" does NOT include the wall or face consisting of soils, grass, stacked turf or artificial materials, soil or things growing in the bunker (eg grass), or sand that has spilled outside the edge of a prepared area. Lots of room for debate here, where there is a face with mostly soil but some sand.

There are other important changes, and we will be giving more detail in a future edition.

Pro Shop

It has been good to see Steve at the club recently, and we hope to see him more often as time goes on. We wish him all the best for his recovery.

The Pro shop will be making some special offers in the run up to Christmas, so keep your eye on the notices around the shop.



New Members

The club held a couple of very successful open days recently, leading to the recruitment of a number of new members. We believe the club will be holding more open days in the future, possibly early spring. Don't forget that if you introduce a full paying new member you will receive £200 as a bonus added to your swipe card. This is also applicable when taster members convert to full members with a payment of £1000 or more.

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our new members. If there is anything we can do to help you settle in, please let us know. We encourage you to join in our competitions. There is a wide range of abilities in the club, and competitions to suit, so whether you are a high handicapper or a single figure player, we hope you will enjoy your golf here, as well as the social side of the club.

This is our first newsletter. Our current plan is to publish a newsletter every quarter. We would welcome feedback – please email John Ward at lawyerward@btinternet.com, or speak to John or one of us.

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