



**RICHMOND PARK GOLF CLUB**

# **Captain's Log**

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Issue 1

## **New Look Committee**

### **Committee Meetings**

- **Meetings are held on a monthly basis**
- **Committee Members are responsible for the organisation and running of the club - use them to put your constructive points forward for discussion and possible implementation. If you don't make them aware of your unique ideas they may never be implemented.**

Following a smoothly run Annual General Meeting on 27th January 2005 and the Committee Meeting on 15th February the following club members fill the array of seats that constitute the Club's Committee:

President:	Julie Smith (also Ladies Handicap Secretary)
Vice President:	Tim Meyer
Vice President:	Martin Wright
Captain:	David Marsh
Ladies Captain:	Sheena Harrington
Vice Captain:	John Cooper
Ladies Vice Captain	Cheryl Woodhouse
Secretary:	Peter Harrington
Ladies Secretary	Sonia Inniss
Treasurer:	Dave Williams
Handicap Secretary:	Paul Grand
Members:	Geoff Foreman Vic Wadley Richard Owen

Full contact details of each member can be found by logging onto the Club's website at [www.richmondparkgolfclub.org.uk](http://www.richmondparkgolfclub.org.uk).

# March 2005

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Monthly Medal (Dukes) (Medal)
7	8 Committee Meeting	9	10	11	12	13 Men's Better Ball Qualifier (Princes)
14	15	16	17 St Patrick's Day	18 Ladies Away	19 Weekend in	20 Sandwich Sweep (Dukes)
21	22	23	24	25 Good Friday	26 Clocks go forward one hour at 0200	27 Mixed Foursomes Qualifier
28 Easter Bank Holiday Monday	29	30	31	<i>Ladies may have separate events to those listed above</i>		

## Committee Members' Movements

The Club Captain will be holidaying out of the country between 12 March - 27 March inclusive.

The President and Geoff Foreman are on holiday between 21 March and 28 March inclusive.

The Treasurer is away on holiday between 16 March and 20 March inclusive.



**Out until.....**

# Sunningdale Rule

Once you have mastered the Rules of Golf in all their rich diversity you may be tempted from time to time to flaunt your knowledge. In a single round of golf you might very well have the opportunity to take your fellow competitors to task half a dozen times for minor breaches of procedure. If you see a fellow competitor or an opponent about to follow a wrong procedure which will cost him a penalty stroke or two, then you are duty bound to warn him and put him on the right track. Be diplomatic about how you issue your warning. Adopt a spirit of helpfulness because a belligerent yell of "Are you accusing me of trying to cheat?" will ruin everybody's day. The expert rulesman should also avoid parading their piety when they are taking relief under the Rules. Commonly they will put on a sanctimonious voice when they say: "I say, would you mind taking a gander at my ball. I'm convinced it is in casual water but I'd appreciate your confirmation." What they are really saying is 'Observe the great rules expert making doubly sure that they do not gain an unfair advantage. Such meticulous behaviour represents sportsmanship at its best.' Sunningdale golf club, that bastion of golf's traditions, has an unofficial rule that if anyone asks (about taking free relief in particular) the answer has to be "NO". That is not a bad rule for us all to follow. If you are convinced that your are due relief from, say, ground under repair, inform your **marker** of your intentions and, if there is no dispute, go ahead and take it. If you believe a second opinion is needed, then that slight doubt must dictate your actions - play the ball as it lies.



## BALL CLEANING

Very few golfers are totally confident about their rights in the business of when the ball may be cleaned, other than when the ball is on the green and, in winter, when the 'pick & place' rule is in force and the ball is on the closely cut grass (usually the fairway). It will probably clarify the rule more clearly if you remember that if you are picking up your ball for any reason other than the two reasons already given, you can clean your ball if you are putting it back into play in a different position; you cannot clean (except on the green and 'pick & place') the ball if you are replacing it in its original position. It follows, therefore, that if your ball is coated in mud and lying in the rough, you can elect to declare it unplayable and as reward for forfeiting the penalty stroke, pick it up and clean it, then continue by dropping your ball elsewhere under the 'Unplayable Lie' Rule (28).



**"Don't even think about it until you have warmed your hands!!"**

**Have you paid you annual subscriptions yet? If not you need to do so before the Knockout Qualifying matches or you will not be allowed to take part**



# Competition's Page

## **KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS**

I have already drawn your attention to the payment of this year's annual subscription rates on page three of this publication; now I feel I should warn the 'not-so-well-informed' that late payment does have its consequences in terms of eligibility to participate in the singles and doubles knockout competitions. I am not on any sort of 'Witch Hunt' (yet!), but as a warning shot across the bows of a few members who have not yet crossed Dave Williams' palm with £45, only club members who have paid their annual subscriptions will be allowed to participate in the knockout qualifying competitions that take place on the 13th March (Men's Pairs); 27th March (Mixed Pairs); 3rd April (Singles KO).

It is, of course, quite permissible to put your name down to play without yet having paid your subscription and, providing you pay your subscription on the day of the Qualifying Competition, be deemed eligible to play for qualification. Furthermore, if have not paid your subscription before you tee-off you are quite permitted to play for the day's sweep money, but not be eligible to go forward to the knockout stages of that competition.

I hope that doesn't sound too autocratic - it isn't meant to be; but let's face facts - subscriptions are due on 1st February and £45 is not a huge sum likely to break the bank. My message is quite simple; Dave Williams does a brilliant job as our Treasurer, so let's help him by keeping our own administration tidy and timely - thank you.

## **INTER-CLUB KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS**

Sheena Harrington and I will soon begin seeking out potential winning teams for the various Inter-Club Knockout Competitions that take place in the warmer months. If you would like to be considered for such events (which will be promulgated as soon as we have the various dates), don't be backwards at coming forwards. More about these in next month's issue.

**I hope you find this first issue, of what I intend to be a monthly publication, useful in some way. I fully appreciate that I will not please all of the people all of the time, but if you have any strong objections to any of the content, please contact me accordingly.**

**Yours aye**

**David Marsh (Club Captain)**