



## RICHMOND PARK GOLF CLUB

# Captain's Log

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### Inter-Club Competitions

**The draws for the various competitions have been made but not all first round dates have been fixed. Sheena has all but confirmed the Hawtree 'A' Team's match for 8th May and has contacted prospective team members - similarly with Whitewebbs. Hawtree 'B' have drawn Huntswood (away) and in the Clapham Common we have drawn Basildon 'C'. I will be in touch with potential club representatives very soon to assess availability or otherwise.**

## Having Your Card Marked

We all do it every Sunday - wander along to the first tee with our allotted playing companions and then swap our scorecard with one of the others so you can mark their score and they can mark yours. Furthermore, whilst technically that is as far as our responsibilities go towards looking after a fellow competitor, in practice there are additional requirements that we should all take more seriously than at present. I apologise if this is teaching some of you to 'suck eggs', but for the 'not-so-educated' below are listed some fundamental responsibilities for markers:

1. Adopt the habit of counting the shots as the player's card you are marking makes them. Don't ask at the end of each hole 'What did you score there?'.
2. You are only required to record correctly the gross score at the end of each hole, not stapleford points, or correctly total the scores etc, although there is nothing wrong in doing that. But either way you should check scores hole-by-hole at the end of the game before signing the card.
3. It is good practice for players to check with their markers before marking/picking up a ball other than on the putting green; and taking free relief where due.
4. If you, as a marker, see a player who in your opinion is about to break the rules, advise them of your judgement. If there is a dispute that is irresolvable at the time the player must play two balls, recording both scores and the dispute will be resolved by the Committee. If the rules have already been broken then you must ensure the various penalty strokes are added to the score of that hole where applicable.

### **LADIES**

The first leg of the Spring Meeting takes place on 10th April; this will now form the first leg of the Committee Cup and is **Strokeplay**. The second leg occurs on 17th April and is a **Better-ball** event, which will be followed by the traditional get-together where prizes will be distributed along with eclectic bottles of wine.

The Whitewebbs 'A' team has drawn Portsmouth away, so we have switched A & B teams about. The 'B' Team has drawn Birdhills at home to be played on 21st May.

Keep an eye on the Notice Board for the Challenge Cup Draw

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1	2	3 Monthly Medal & Single KO Qualifiers
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Diamond Jubilee
11	12	13	14 Committee Meet-	15 A perfect your first competition	16 time to get round KO played	17 Sweep
18	19	20	21	22	23 Spring Mixed Foursomes	24 Coronation Cup (NAPGC Medal Quali-
25	26	27	28	29	30	

## CLUB WEBSITE

Communications are important. We are lucky enough to have one of the most comprehensive golf club websites in the UK and Tim Meyer does a sterling job in maintaining it for the benefit of all. There has been a recent overhaul surrounding its appearance and contents - have a good look if you've not already done so; you'll be amazed at what you might find. If you spot any glitches or have any thoughts as to how it can be improved further, contact Tim; he is always open to your suggestions.

# BOOKINGS & TIMINGS

You will all, no doubt, have noticed that on the booking sheets, where you place your names for forthcoming games, on the right-hand side, there is a list of timings for each game. These timings indicate when you should arrive at the Porto cabin in all respects ready to commence your game. In most cases this routine is being adhered to; however, there have been recent incidences when late arrival, and unannounced arrivals, (people who turn up on the off-chance that there is a slot for them) have caused the Booking Officer unnecessary headaches trying to balance people into games we've booked with Glendale. I know that start time for Game One can fluctuate through no fault of ours; similarly I appreciate that it can be frustrating when there are delays and there is a lot of 'hanging around', but better that than suffer the embarrassment of Glendale putting Jo Public out in the middle of our competition as nearly happened one weekend in March. So **please keep to your allotted time** (or let Vic Wadley know of any potential delay or email Paul Grand of known changes - he can tweak the list on the website as late as Friday night prior to the Sunday in question).

As for those who elect to make an appearance on the day unannounced, we're delighted that you have made the effort to turn up and support the club's event, but you must be prepared to be placed at the back of the field. This includes the ladies who will be asked to play in what will be a mixed group.

## Is It In or Is It Out?

I wonder if we all know when a ball is in bounds or out of bounds - when part of it is over the line; when all of it is over the line? Below is a list of common places where a ball comes to rest and can cause a shrugging of shoulders when deciding whether it is in or out that tells you when it's in:

- Out Of Bounds - the whole ball must cross the line.
- GUR - Part of the ball must cross the line
- Bunker/Water - Part of the ball must be in the bunker or water hazard
- Putting Green - Part of the ball must be on the green
- Holed Out - All of the ball must be below the lip of the cup.
- Rests Against a Water Hazard Post - It's in the water!!

**Spring Mixed  
Doubles.....  
Fancy a  
Blind Date  
on St  
Georges Day?  
Give John  
Cooper a call  
on 01932  
771151 and  
tell him you  
want to play  
in this social  
competition  
- you'll be  
allocated  
your playing  
partner on  
the day.  
Winners and  
Runners Up  
receive  
prizes at the  
Dinner &  
Dance.**



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## **KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS**

Congratulations to those who have successfully navigated the qualifying round to take part in the knockout stages of the doubles and mixed doubles competitions for this year. Tim Meyer will soon have the various draws available on the website for all to see. Please make a careful note of when each round is to be completed. Contact your opposition early so you can arrange an agreeable day to play your match before the cut-off date; and remember you don't have to play it on Sunday morning at Richmond Park. For the newer members, be aware that if you are playing your knockout match at the same time the Club has a different competition, you cannot compete in that competition too, so you don't have to pay £1 for a competition entry that day. Jon Cooper is the man to whom you should address all requests for an extension beyond the cut-off date in order that your game can be played. However, be warned that you'll notice there is no 'S' in his name for 'sympathetic' when it comes to lame excuses!! If the reason for delay was not life threatening, both couples are liable for elimination (the same applies for the two single knockout competitions too). So the message is quite simple - help others by getting your match finished on time and prevent the log-jam of fixtures that unnecessarily tend to occur at the end of the summer.

## **SOCIAL EVENTS**

The lack of a proper Club House, or even the old bar/restaurant we all used to love and know, makes a thriving social side to our club's activities most difficult to achieve. However, there are plenty of social events that occur throughout the year to which you are all encouraged to attend and get to know better other club members in a more relaxed environment. The Ladies have just seen their organisation of a weekend away at Sandwich be triumphant and are looking to organise another in the Autumn; more details to follow as they become known. Two other dates to block out in your diary now are 23 July (10 Pin Bowling at Ealing in the afternoon, followed by a BBQ kindly hosted by Peter and Sheena Harrington) and 4th May which is our first away day of the year, this time at Rusper (near Dorking) - contact Dave Williams or our website for details. Please make the effort to support these events - we've a great crowd in the club so a good time is pretty much guaranteed and as I say, it gives you a good opportunity to get to know other members from a different perspective other than on the golf course.

**Yours aye**

**David Marsh (Club Captain)**