RICHMOND PARK GOLF CLUB

Captain's Log

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Annual General Meeting

The next Annual General Meeting is scheduled to take place on 25th January 2005, at the something Church Hall in East Sheen, starting at 1945.

All club members are encouraged to attend this important meeting for two reasons: first it is the one opportunity you have each year to express any concerns you have in the way the Club is being run to the Club's senior officials face to face. The meeting does not tend to run on for too long and you have a vote that counts too. Secondly, there is always a nice social drink and bits to eat afterwards too - free of charge!

New Look Committee?

I began my first Captain's Log by informing you of the new shaped Committee following the Jan 05 AGM. I shall begin this, my last log, by informing you of proposals for various posts for 2006, to be ratified, or otherwise, at next year's AGM on 25th January. After consultation with Peter Harrington and Jon Cooper, I have decided, in the best interest of the Club, to stand down as Club Captain next year, for reasons I will explain at the Dinner & Dance (nothing controversial I can assure you!).

President: Julie Smith (also Ladies Handicap

Secretary)

Vice President: Tim Meyer

Vice President: Martin Wright

Captain: Jon Cooper

Ladies Captain: Cheryl Woodhouse

Vice Captain: (to be declared)

Ladies Vice Captain Sheena Harrington

Secretary: Peter Harrington

Ladies Secretary Sonia Innis

Treasurer: Dave Williams

Handicap Secretary: Paul Grand

Members: Geoff Forman

Vic Wadley

Richard Owen

Julian Ratnage

David Marsh

December 2005

| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 Monthly Medal |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 Christmas Hamper (free for all) |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 Winter Comp Rd 3/ Ladies |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 Boxing Day Sweep | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |

ANNUAL DINNER & DANCE

This year's Annual Dinner & Dance takes place in the Winning Post (pub with a huge function room just by the last roundabout on the A316 before it becomes the M3) on Saturday 28th January at 1800. The reason for the early start is that not only do we eat a three course meal, but immediately afterwards the prizes are awarded for individual and pair achievements over the course of 2005. Once that, and the three customary speeches, are finished the dancing begins. During the live group's mid-evening break we have our tombola draw. The list below gives the names of those who have won a prize for presentation this year. As you can see there is a reasonably healthy smattering of different names to grace the rostrum. What would be wonderful is if all named attended to receive their prize and earned applause for their efforts; sadly we cannot accept video linkages, nor do we allow others to receive your prize on your behalf in front of all present. If you don't attend your name and achievement is not read out. So please, try and come along and drink the accolade that your efforts have earned. For thirty quid it's an excellent 'value-for-money' night too!!

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Annual Dinner & Dance - Prize Winners

| Competition | Winner | Runner-Up | Competition | Winner | Runner-Up |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Club Champion- ship (Senior) | Bruce Cuff | Ian Smith | Autumn Mixed Foursomes | Peter & Sheena Harrington | Martin & Tracy Wright |
| Ladies' Club Championship | Julie Smith | Tracy Wright | Autumn Mixed Scratch | Martin & Tracy Wright | N/A |
| Club Champion- ship (Junior) | Peter Cunningham | Geoff Foreman | Burgess Cup | Stan Potts & Lee Eden | Stuart Nash & Jim Fogarty |
| Club Champion- ship Handicap | Peter Harrington | N/A | Summer Cup | Adrian Wilder | Peter Cunningham |
| J H Taylor Shield | Dave Williams | Jon Cooper | Ladies Dowling Cup | Julie Smith | Veronica Mitchell |
| Two Courses Cup | John Ahad | Geoff Foreman | Ladies' Handicap Cup | Sheena Harrington | Cheryl Woodhouse |
| Ladies' Challenge Cup | Siobahan Clarke | Kate Marsh | Ladies Pembroke Cup | Jini Beacham | Pia Langeland |
| Men's Fourball (Match Play) | Bruce Cuff & Kerry Sargeant | Dave Lawrance & Rob Urquhart | Lissaman Cup | Ian Smith | John Bennett |
| Ladies' Committee Cup | Sheena Harrington | Julie Smith | Top Dog Trophy | Michael Rossiter | N/A |
| Grand Medal Tro- phy | Bruce Cuff | Paul Appleton | Barton Bowl | Veronica Mitchell | N/A |
| Silver Jubilee Tro- phy | Michael Rossiter | Sheena Harrington | Winter Competition | David Marsh | Steve Peacock |
| Golden Jubilee Trophy | Michael Rossiter | Veronica Mitchell | Charity Cup | Graeme Syme | John Sowter |
| Diamond Jubilee Trophy | John Ahad | Dave Winter | Mixed Foursomes (Match Play) | Paul Grand & Cheryl Woodhouse | Martin & Tracy Wright |
| Platinum Jubilee Trophy | David Marsh | John Sowter | | | |
| Anniversary Cup | Michael Rossiter | John Sowter | | | |
| President's Putter (Men) | Osman Chaudry | Vic Wadley | | | |
| President's Putter (Ladies) | Julie Smith | S Rennie | | | |
| Captain's Prize | Peter Harrington | Michael Rossiter | | | |
| Lady Captain's Prize | Julie Smith | Veronica Mitchell | | | |
| Richmond Park Golf Club Open | I Parkinson (Ruskie Hall) | J Schroeder (Putney Park) | | | |
| Trevor Allen Open | John Bennett | Jason Strong | | | |
| J Q Robertson Tro- phy | Jon Cooper | Michael Rossiter | | | |
| Coronation Cup | George Martin | Di Jacket | | | |
| Shaw Cup | Bill McSorley | Bruce Cuff | | | |
| Spring Mixed Foursomes | George Martin & Kate Marsh | Arthur & Doreen Dolby | | | |

Competition's Page

The Autumn Mixed Foursomes was finally resolved after the original competition had to be abandoned because of lightening. Peter & Sheena Harrington grabbed top spot from Martin & Tracy Wright; Martin & Tracy did, however, reverse matters when it came to the scratch trophy, beating the Harringtons by one shot. On the first Sunday of October, whilst the men fiddled around playing a Yellowball competition, the ladies were battling out the Second Round of the Committee Cup and the Barton Bowl. Sheena Harrington was the best of only three ladies who competed in both rounds of the Committee Cup, whilst the improving Veronica Mitchell took the Barton Bowl.

The final round of the Grand Medal competition was won by Martin Wright with an impressive nett 63, beating an equally eye-opening nett 63 scored by Julian Ratnage with a superior back nine. The completed Grand Medal table showed Bruce Cuff the winner with Paul Appleton taking second slot. Tracy Wright made it a family one-two by winning the ladies' Monthly Medal by one shot from Maureen Slade. The following Sunday the men competed for the Burgess Cup. This produced a win for that unlikely couple - Stan Potts & Lee Eden; I believe Stan's hole-in-one on the 14th had a significant bearing on matters!!

On 23rd October a new name graced the winner's enclosure for the first time; Graeme Syme. Graeme shot an excellent 40 points, four more than second placed John Sowter, to take the spoils. Indeed, having tasted victory for the first time with our Club, Graeme clearly liked the sensation because he clinched the first round of the Winter Competition a month later with 41 points, two more than Toby Stevenson. These performances have rightly earned Graeme a handicap reduction to 16.

During my enforced absence from the Park Ian Smith and John Bennett showed the more junior members of the Club how to play a good round of golf with only three clubs and a putter. Ian hit a magnificent nett 66 to win the Lissaman Cup from John who's nett 70 was not to be sniffed at either. However, the result that gave me most pleasure over the past two months was the winner of the Men's November Monthly Medal. Arthur Dolby, like any good magician, pulled a superb card from the hat with nett 61 written all over it. Kerry Sargeant played an excellent round too, finishing with a nett 64 - no mean feat playing off a handicap of 7. The Ladies equivalent witnessed a second successive Monthly Medal for Tracy Wright, who seems to be coming back into herself again of late. The Champagne Chases were won by Peter Harrington and Di Jacket scoring a nett 41 and 40 points respectively. Richard Owen made the best of 18 temporary holes in the 2nd Winter Competition with a super 46 points; although the shot of the day belonged to Tim Meyer, who scored a hole-in-one on the 10th.

Finally, in this my last Captain's Log, I would like to wish all of you an enjoyable Christmas & a very successful golfing New Year.