

RICHMOND PARK GOLF CLUB



ANNUAL REPORT - 2010

Some years seem pretty ordinary and then there are years when major changes occur. By recent standards 2010 was pretty ordinary most of the time and just occasionally something notorious would occur. The year started as it ended – with snow. The bad weather started one weekend in November 2009 and the weather was dreadful most of the time all the way through to about the end of March. The 2009/2010 winter was the worst winter that I can recall and it is not surprising that golf courses up and down the country were largely deserted. The summer of 2010 seems like a blur now but it was exceptionally good by our normal standards, and then we had the unwanted onslaught of cold weather and snow again! We lost two consecutive weekends to the snow just before Christmas and this is unprecedented. Fortunately this is all behind us but the worrying feature is that our snow doesn't usually arrive until January or February.

At the beginning of 2010 all the talk concerned 'the election' and after 'the election' we had and, perhaps surprisingly, still have 'the coalition'. For many the election period was preordained to be the doom and gloom period of 2010, but then along came the World Cup in South Africa. On a much brighter note we did of course have the Ryder Cup and anybody who has spent some time in Wales will of course tell you that it can be wet, or more perhaps accurately termed - persistently wet. It is not for nothing that in the 1800's the City of Birmingham decided that the middle of Wales is where it would get its water supply from and the huge pipe that was built is still working today. The twists and turns of the Ryder Cup provided us with another nail-biting finish, and not for the first time the destiny of the Cup rested on the shoulders of the final pairing. With four days of play and hundreds of holes played the Europeans won by a whisker. In golf there are all sorts of 'what if' scenarios that can be played out, but one thing that we can be sure of is that if we stick to the rules we do not encounter unnecessary penalties. On the Saturday, Rickie Fowler incurred a penalty for playing the wrong ball and – in theory – if he hadn't done this the Cup would at present be over in the States. This just goes to show that success in golf requires concentration and adherence to the rules. More recently we have someone suspended on the European Tour for not marking and replacing correctly on the greens and my namesake has been disqualified for the consequences of a ball movement that he did not see. Unfortunately, the Rules are very much a case of black and white and we have to be careful that we do not accidentally trip ourselves up.

For the Club at the Park it was very much the case of 'business as usual' and when the weather brightened up we had some good attendances and some good scoring. As we will see below, the Club attracted new members and it was good to see some new weekly regulars.

So – let's see what happened in 2010:

Dinner-Dance and Annual Prize-giving

The 2009 dinner-dance was held on 30th January. We noticed that some of the 'regulars' were away and the attendance number was down significantly. We have always recognised that we face two conflicting issues. Firstly, it is quite natural for the new members to be a shade reticent to attend a social event for the first time where there may be just a small number of recognisable members, and secondly we have some members who have participated in the same format for so long that the appeal of 'the same' again is not so strong. With this in mind the Committee carried out a survey to see what every one felt comfortable with, and we decided upon both a change of venue and time.

The dinner-dance and award of prizes for 2010 was held at the Dukes Meadows driving range on Saturday 20th November. We have to say a very big thank you to Veronica Mitchell for her hard work dealing with the arrangements for the evening and for cajoling many doubters into attending. We found that the attendance number was still disappointingly low so the Committee will have another rethink but the reports from those that did attend have been very encouraging. One major difficulty that we encountered with the earlier date was the delivery of the keepsake prizes and it was unfortunate that we were unable to obtain all that we wanted in time for the evening.

Our list of 2010 prize winners is shown below and it is good to see some new names appearing on the list. The Club's primary event on the calendar is the scratch Club Championship and 2010 was another year with a series of tight finishes –

- The first round of the Championship is always played on the Prince's course. In the men's senior division the leader after the first round was Rory Partis on 74. He was followed by Paul Doran three shots adrift on 77, and a few shots behind we had Simon Beard and Graeme Syme both on 82. In the second round Rory wavered and he returned an 83. Paul put up a strong challenge and returned an 81 but this wasn't quite enough and Rory came in the winner with a total of 157 against Paul's 158.
- In the men's junior division for handicaps of 17 and above it was an equally close result. The first round leader was Mike Rowe on 86. Mike was followed on 87 by no less than Nigel Ward, Craig Froude, Tony Archdale and Greg Albertyn. One shot adrift on 88 was Steve Cross. In the second round Mike played to his handicap and posted a very creditable 84. Leading the challenge to Mike was Steve Cross who returned a score of 83. This was not quite good enough to force a play off and Mike took the Championship with a score of 170 and Steve was one shot adrift on 171.

In conjunction with the scratch event the Club awards a Handicap Trophy for the best net score over the two rounds. Given the scores above it came as little surprise that the Handicap winner was Steve Cross. Steve's second round 83 was in fact the same score that was returned Rory in the senior's section. Steve's scores were a net 68 followed by a net 63, and he finished 5 shots clear of Mike Rowe who finished with a net 136.

- In 2009 Harriet Carr won the ladies' Championship with a commanding score of 162 for the two rounds, 15 shots ahead of Sheena Harrington in second place. For 2010 it was always going to be interesting to see if Harriet's domination could be dented. In the first round Harriet carded a 77 and Jayne returned an 84 which was just about within shouting distance. For the second round – on the Duke's course – Harriet shot 74 dropping just 3 shots to SSS. This was no match for Jayne who returned an 86. The final result therefore was that Harriet improved on 2009 to produce a combined score of 151 and Jayne collected the runner up spot with a score of 170.

The ladies also run handicap events in parallel with Club Championship. The ladies' Handicap Cup is for players with handicaps of 24 and less. In the first round the leader

by 4 shots was Jayne Maxwell with a net 66. In second place was Veronca with a net 70 and Harriet was in third spot with a net 72. In the second round both Jayne and Harriet scored under their handicaps with net 69's. Jayne was the clear winner of the Cup and Harriet moved into the runner up spot with just one stroke separating her from Veronica in third place.

For the ladies with handicaps of 25 and above the section has the Pembroke Cup. In the first round Sonia Inniss took the lead with a net 72 though she was closely followed by Alison who returned a net 73. In the second round Sonia's winning ways continued with a net 74 giving a total of 146. Alison could make any inroads into Sonia's score and her second round was a net 78 giving a final total of 151.

RPGC 2010 PRIZE LIST

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>WINNER</u>	<u>RUNNER-UP</u>
Senior Men's Club Championship	Rory Partis	Paul Doran
Ladies' Club Championship	Harriet Carr	Jayne Maxwell
Junior Men's Club Championship	Mike Rowe	Steve Cross
Men's Club Championship Handicap Trophy	Steve Cross	
Handicap Cup - handicaps 0-24	Jayne Maxwell	Harriet Carr
Pembroke Cup - handicaps 25-36	Sonia Inniss	Alison Chadwick
J H Taylor – matchplay 0-16	Richard Owen	Paul Grand
Two Courses Cup – matchplay 17+	Matt Mandelbaum	Tony McCullagh
Ladies' Challenge Cup	Alison Chadwick	Lia Donath
Men's Fourball – matchplay	Kerry Sargeant & Graeme Syme	Tim Meyer & Richard Owen
Ladies Double C Cup	Sheena Harrington & Julie Smith	Lia Donath & Jayne Maxwell
Mixed Foursomes – matchplay	Julie & Ian Smith	Jini Beacham & Toby Hunt
Ladies' Committee Cup	Sheena Harrington	Sonia Inniss
Grand Medal Trophy	Toby Hunt	
Silver Jubilee Trophy	Mike Rowe	Nigel Ward
Golden Jubilee Trophy	Nick Rogers	Paul Grand
Diamond Jubilee Trophy	Stewart Anderson	Nigel Ward
Platinum Jubilee Trophy	Ursula Sahli	Jon Cooper
Anniversary Cup	Nigel Ward	
President's Putter	Kate Emanuel	Rianda Markram
Captain's Prize	Richard Kenwood	Yuki Hiro Ushido
Lady Captain's Prize	Jayne Maxwell	Susan Smith
Richmond Park Golf Club Open	T Bertwistle (PP)	John Fordham
Trevor Allen Open	John Ahad	
J Q Robertson Trophy	Kate Emanuel	Lia Donath
Coronation Cup	Darrin Siiankowski	John Ritchie
Shaw Cup	John Ritchie	Nigel Ward
Spring Mixed Foursomes	Not played	
Autumn Mixed Foursomes - Handicap	Jayne Maxwell & Paul Grand	Alison Chadwick & Greg Albertyn
Autumn Mixed Foursomes - Scratch	Jayne Maxwell & Paul Grand	

Burgess Cup - Greensomes	Richard Kenwood & Ron Linden	Graeme Syme & Nigel Ward
Summer Cup	Paul Doran	Jason Loubser
Top Dog Trophy	John Ritchie	
Ladies' Dowling Cup	Jayne Maxwell	
Lissaman Cup - 3 clubs + putter	Nick Rogers	Simon Mandelbaum
Barton Bowl - Play-off – top 8 against captain	Kate Emanuel	
Charity Cup	Cheryl Woodhouse	Graeme Syme
Spring Stableford Trophy	Nick Rogers	Toby Hunt
Winter Competition	Kerry Sargeant	Graeme Syme

Membership

I think that we can all give ourselves pat on the back for 2010 !

In the early stages of 2010 the weather was, to put it bluntly, just rubbish. Many members did not surface from hibernation until late March so it is not surprising that golf activity up and down the country was at a low ebb. I suspect that many New Year resolutions to join a golf club simply evaporated at an early stage with snow on the ground through to end January.

For the Club the early part of 2010 there was every indication that we would find the challenge to retain our membership number a very difficult task. To the end of June we enjoyed having 12 new members join the ranks, but at that stage we were mindful that membership interest tends to be stronger in the first half of each year when compared with the second half. Fortunately, the impetus changed for the second half of the year.

There is no denying that we have a good eclectic mix of members from all over the world and this provides us with a healthy membership whose variety of interests and experiences would be difficult to find elsewhere. The fact that everyone rolls up on a Sunday without the luxury of a clubhouse and smart facilities means that the membership is the key to a successful club, and over recent years we are fortunate that the Club has been able to progress at a measured pace.

So how did we compare in 2010?

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Men:									
Regular	97	89	78	62	69	69	73	78	67
Senior	4	7	7	7	8	6	7	7	6
Junior	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Honorary (playing)	5	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1
Total Men	<u>107</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>75</u>
Ladies:									
Regular	40	36	38	36	34	33	32	29	30
Senior	6	7	5	5	5	2	4	3	3
Honorary (playing)	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
Total Ladies	<u>47</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>33</u>
Total Membership	<u>154</u>	<u>141</u>	<u>130</u>	<u>112</u>	<u>118</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>117</u>	<u>119</u>	<u>108</u>
Joiners:									
New men	24	26	27	7	15	13	19	22	13
New ladies	9	5	6	4	5	4	4	1	7
Junior	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rejoiners – men	0	0	1	1	4	2	0	1	5
Rejoiners – ladies	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
Total	<u>34</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>26</u>
Leavers:	<u>21</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>13</u>	

From the analysis we can see that despite the slow start to the year we equalled our record year of 2008 with 34 new members. This means that in the last 26 weeks of the year we had 22 joiners.

It is very pleasing to see that since 2007 our membership trend has been up and over the last three years the Club has grown by 37%. Understandably, a larger club gives us a wider diversity of membership, our level of competition increases, and the overall result is that the Club becomes a lot healthier at all levels. We still have some way to go to reach the activity levels of the 1980's and on the basis of current average playing levels the Club can grow to 200 members before we start to encounter capacity issues. The new clubhouse project is mentioned below and perhaps it is a case of just wishful thinking but there must surely be likelihood of us being able to increase the membership level once the new facility is operational. With an enlarged membership the Club can in fact do more in terms of friendly fixtures, NAPGC and Surrey events and we can promote many more internal social occasions. This has to be our ultimate goal and although the enhancements will not happen overnight we have every chance of moving forward once the improvements have taken place at the Park.

Unfortunately it is a natural consequence of all club memberships that there are some retirements every year. The average annual rate of loss is 15% and it does of course mean that with an increasing membership we have to try that little bit harder to introduce new members just to keep the membership numbers stable. As everyone is well aware, the vast majority of prospective new members approach us without a handicap and with three qualifying rounds to gain a handicap it means that we have a huge number of qualifying rounds played with the Club through the year. Given that not all who start with us end up as

members the number of qualifying rounds has to be in the order of 120; that is, an average of more than 2 prospective members per week !

Despite the recent poor weather we already have considerable interest for 2011 which is a very good sign for our membership development.

Inter-Club Matches

For many clubs the inter-club matches are a major component of the event schedule. The facilities at the Park are not conducive to friendly matches which is why we have just a small number of matches, however we will have an opportunity to improve the situation once the new development has occurred.

Here is what happened in 2010:

Men vs Rickmansworth:

Sadly, another loss. The Club took the lead on home territory with a slim lead of 3½ - 2½. The second leg at tricky Ricky was just a bit too much for our team and we lost 6 – 0 giving an overall result to Ricky of 8½ - 3½.

Ladies vs Mitcham:

The Richmond ladies had retained the trophy for six years and it was to be expected that Mitcham do something pretty major to regain the trophy. The expected challenge did not materialise and the overall result was an 8 – 0 whitewash for the Richmond ladies.

Ladies vs. Amida (Twickenham):

Sadly, a loss at Amida. The format comprised three pairs of ladies and three pairs of men playing a 4-ball better ball format. Amida proved to be the stronger team on their home territory and won the ladies' matches with a score of 3 – 0 and also succeeded in winning the men's matches by 2 - 1.

N.A.P.G.C. Competitions

Clapham Common Shield (men) [Greensomes Stableford]

In the first round draw against Birchwood the Club contrived to lose convincingly with and away loss of 10 points and a home loss of 12 points.

Hawtree Trophy (mixed foursomes matchplay)

In the first round our team scored a convincing 4:1 win over Huntswood. Unfortunately this was not carried through to the second round when the team lost 5:0 to Wycombe Heights.

White Webbs (ladies singles matchplay)

The Club entered one team in 2010. The Club lost and at the time of writing this is as much as I can establish.

Internal Matches and Competitions

The Bontor

In 2010 it was the turn for the ladies to capture the trophy. The ladies won with the score of 9 to 7.

Ladies' Invitation

Tactics played a part when Kate Emanuel selected Greg Saunders from her home continent and the gamble worked – they won with a commanding score of 40 points. Alison Chadwick won with Kerry Sargeant in 2009 and they picked up the second spot,

Men's Invitation

This was not played in 2010.

The Lockie Trophy

For the Spring Ladies' Weekend Away the Club ventured to new territory – Hellidon Lakes near Daventry. The course proved to be a very picturesque. Despite the lakes it was a touch hilly and a good challenge, however there were some excellent scores recorded.

The winner of the Lockie Trophy was Di Jackett and in second place was Jayne Maxwell.

The Gill Hibbs Trophy

For the Autumn Ladies Weekend Away the Club ventured to another new facility, the Bicester Golf and Country Club. The course proved to be a good challenge and scoring was not at all easy. For the second year running Jayne Maxwell mastered the occasion and she returned home retaining the Gill Hibbs Trophy.

Individual Achievements

- In the Open competitions played at the Park in 2010 we had a few successes:
 - Ruskie Hall Open – our winner was John Morris.
 - Putney Park Open – in the runner up position was Nick Rogers.
 - Centurion Open – our winner was Jim Forgarty.
 - The Richmond Park Golf Club Open – in the runner up position was John Fordham.
 - Association Trophy – no placings.
 - Trevor Allen Open – our winner was John Ahad.
- There were in fact three hole in one scores achieved in 2010 – the first was John Morris in the Winter Competition on Valentine's Day at the 9th hole on the Duke's course, and he went on to win the day's event. The second hole in one doesn't feature in amongst the Club's results – it was achieved by Sonia Inniss on the course at Duke's Meadows. The third hole in one was achieved by Veronica Mitchell on the 3rd hole on the Duke's course on Sunday 21st November, the day after the Club's dinner-dance evening!
- In 2010 no honours were taken in the Bournemouth Open week.
- In the Kelso Hamilton (SCGU event) our pairing of John Morris and Richard Owen were successful in the first round again Mitcham. Unfortunately they came unstuck playing against a pairing from Epsom.

- For most of us birdies (and better !) are a rarity, but for some it must seem like second nature. For the second year running Kerry has topped the men's listing. Here are the results for 2010:
 - Kerry Sargeant 35, John Morris 31, Paul Doran 24, Toby Hunt 21.
 - Harriet Carr 10, Kate Emanuel 8, Veronica Mitchell 6, Jayne Maxwell 4.

2010 – a relatively quiet year at the Park? Well, on balance I think that the answer for this year has to be no.

(a) Development Plan

We were aware that during 2010 Glendale had been preparing a revised clubhouse plan for the Park. Glendale had informed us that there would be no change to the original concept of locating the new clubhouse in the vicinity of the 9th and 7th greens on the Prince's course. We had been informed that the plans had reduced the size of the clubhouse below the scope of consent required by the Mayor of London office. You may recall that it was the Mayor's office that had not given consent to the previous design submitted in 2007.

In May 2010 we were all given an opportunity to have a preview of the new plans and we were encouraged to provide comments. One of the main concerns was the amount of available car parking and we know that parking facilities have been increased in the latest plan.

We were made aware by Glendale that the intention would be to obtain unofficial approvals for the plans in advance of a formal submission. It has to be assumed that Glendale was satisfied with the condition of the plans because a formal application was made to Richmond Upon Thames Council in December 2010.

If we are realistic we have to assume that the development will now take place. From the Club's perspective the impact on the courses holds more importance and this is an area that will have to be scrutinised carefully.

(b) RPAGC (dec'd)

The records indicate that the Association commenced in 1965 with the purpose of being the main point of contact for the Park's five primary clubs. SCGU recognised the Association as the contact point and the Association's name was added to SCGU's membership list. The Association was given the authority to grant handicapping rights to its member clubs.

The EGU's new CDH system is not conducive to a group registration status and it became apparent at an early stage that the Association's membership of SCGU would have to be replaced by individual club memberships.

In the summer of 2010 the process for the Association's members clubs registering with SCGU had progressed to the stage where the responsibilities and aims of the Association had become redundant. On 1st August 2010 the Association was formally disbanded.

SCGU had indicated that Club membership would be awarded to RPGC, Putney Park and White Lodge. The three clubs have agreed to maintain a 'Liaison Group' in order to deal with internal club matters and to discuss issues with both Glendale and the Royal Parks Agency. The Liaison Group has not been active yet but will no doubt have work to do given that the new development at the Park is now under way.

(c) Handicapping (CDH), the SCGU and the EGU.

These three related topics have been moving in different directions with the aim of achieving an eventual convergence.

In the Report for 2009 I commented that the EGU's new CDH system for the central recording of club handicaps quite simply would not work for the Association's group arrangement. This necessitated the Club making an application in November 2009 to the SCGU for an individual club membership. It will come as no surprise to hear that the application process was not straightforward. Both the EGU and the NAPGC became involved in our cause and it was very pleasing to see our correct details appear on the SCGU's club membership list on the SCGU website in September 2010.

One important reason for gaining SCGU membership is that this is a prior necessity before the Club is permitted to obtain its own registration in the EGU CDH system, and significantly, registration in CDH is now one of the requirements for a club to have the authority to award member's handicaps. I am pleased to confirm that throughout the transition from the grouped SCGU membership to the individual club membership status the Club did indeed hold all the necessary authorities to award handicaps for the men. During the course of the year we were informed that in CDH the registration formerly in the name of the Association had been passed over to RPGC. With some judicious weeding on Paul's part and with the ladies names also on CDH it is good to know that we are fully operational without any residual historical consequences.

All county registered clubs are required to be affiliated to the EGU. In January 2011 the Club was advised by SCGU that RPGC's affiliation with the EGU had been in accordance with a 'provisional affiliation' rule and that the Club must take the appropriate steps to apply for full affiliation. The EGU's rules require the Club's constitution to contain specific provisions and the EGM called for 24th January 2011 will attend to the internal changes that are necessary.

Extra Curricular Activities

In 2010 we were yet again fortunate to have some additional activities:

We are grateful to Julie Smith for organising both the Spring and Autumn Weekends Away. For the spring weekend Julie took us to Hellidon Lakes near Daventry. The hotel was comfortable, and the course was very interesting and not surprisingly the lakes provided something of a challenge. For the autumn weekend Julie took us to the Bicester Golf and Country Club. This was another good modern hotel arrangement and the course provided a good test with some interesting contours on the greens. Both weekends were very successful and we managed to find some good weather.

On 28th April Guralp took us off for a revisit to the Dummer Golf Course. We found some good weather and it was a very enjoyable to play the course without the huge gale that we had for our first visit. The winner on the day was Jayne Maxwell and Nick Rogers was the runner up.

On 30th September the Club enjoyed an away day at Ealing Golf Club. The Club was very fortunate to receive a bequest from Ros Lake to put towards an away day and we selected Ealing with the aim of having a course closer to home that would not be too difficult for everyone to reach. The heavens were on our side on the 30th because there was torrential rain both before and after this day. The day was a success with Paul Doran winning the men's group and Ian Smith taking the runner up prize. For the ladies Lia Donath was the winner and Anne Koychev was the runner up. Joining us on the day we had Ros's brother

Peter Horne and he emailed to say that he enjoyed being with us for the celebration of Ros and he commented that it was an occasion that she would have really enjoyed.

www.RichmondParkGolfClub.Org.Uk - The RPGC Website

Another year and another huge vote of thanks to Tim Meyer for providing the Club with the website service and acting as editor in chief.

The website has become a major part of the Club's infrastructure. We are able to maintain a chronological archive of our weekly activities and results and this means that we have a valuable source of information when we need to check on some historical items. Most of us use the website to check on the current live information such as the status of the booking sheets and without this information the Club's administration would undoubtedly suffer.

The website is very significant in promoting the Club to the outside world and we have many new members that have come our way as a consequence of the quality of the information provided.

We still have people connecting to the website from all over the world and in the summer I had to check in one place that I found to be somewhere in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. Our 'hit rate' has dropped just a fraction but we are still close to 1 million hits in 2010 with someone connecting every 35 seconds.

The Committee and helpers

2010 seemed to pass by in a bit of a flash. There were occasions when the admin didn't quite run like clockwork but we survived all the same and we live to tell the tale. The Club survives as a consequence of help and support from various quarters and it is fair to say that we can't really expect everything to be perfect all of the time.

At the beginning of 2010 we had Gurpal stepping into the first of his two year term as the Captain of the Club. Joining Gurpal we had Veronica as the Club's new Lady Captain and they both launched themselves into the year with huge enthusiasm. Of course, one of the tasks for both captains is to keep the two committees in order and we are grateful for this and their stewardship through the year.

In addition we have some further noticeable actions that are worthy of mention:

- Through 2010 Gurpal looked after the Club's bookings sheets that display to the order of play for each Sunday. This task is onerous because it requires a fairly constant update of the sheets through the course of each week. Invariably, just when we think that we have everything finalised along comes another change to upset the apple cart and dealing with the last minute changes can often be a nightmare. Clearly, without Gurpal's efforts our Sunday mornings would be a shambles.
- We are fortunate to have Nick Rogers in charge of the accounts, and we all know that keeping on top of things every week requires time.
- Every year I report that the person who works the hardest to keep the 'show on the road' is Paul Grand and 2010 was no exception. As Handicap Secretary Paul's primary task is to ensure that the men's handicaps are maintained. This involves processing the weekly score data and updating the CDH records, but in addition the task also involves the preparation of the results sheets, and the distribution of the sweep monies. On

Saturday's you will often see Paul dropping off the new booking sheet data and results information at the Park.

Absent Friends

On 27th April we heard the sad news that Ros Lake had passed away after a period of illness that had been with her for two years. Ros had been a regular and enthusiastic player, and a good friend of the Club for over 20 years. On numerous occasions Ros played for the Club in matches and she was a keen participant in all the Club's events including the weekends away. At Ros's funeral we were advised that she had made a bequest to the Club to be put towards a golf day and with fond memories of her we enjoyed our day at Ealing. The Ladies' Section desired that there should be a permanent reminder of Ros's contribution to the Club and the Section agreed to recognise the annual 'most improved golfer' in memory of Ros. Sonia Inniss very kindly donated a permanent Club memorial trophy to be awarded annually to the Club's most improved lady.

On 10th October we heard more sad news that Janet Fox had passed away. Janet too had succumbed after a period of illness. As a result of family and other commitments Janet had been an occasional player but she did enjoy her golf when the time allowed. She was a member of the Club for something in the order of 16 years and she was always exceedingly friendly and encouraging to everyone.

The Final Word

I hope that you all have a most enjoyable golfing year in 2011 and some success !!

Peter Harrington
Secretary
24th January 2011