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Apologies for the delay of 2 months between publication of the last paper and this one! I felt that there needed to be a bit of space between editions as I was struggling for stories after the first issue. The time has now dragged on longer than intended and there is stacks to report.

I'd like first to welcome the newest members to our ranks, Ron Whelan, Paul Wheatley and Steve Kelly, and hope their memberships with us will be long and happy.

Tim Fox

Clubhouse nearing completion



For the past two months, and at the height of the match season, we have been struggling with the temporary club room kindly provided by G.C.M. Whilst we appreciate this gesture on their part, it will clearly be a relief to be back in our old premises. I'm told this should be sometime this month and my investigations reveal renovations are now moving along at pace.

Clapham Calamity - as usual!

The 'B' side in the **Clapham Common Shield** lost to Leaside in the first round. The 'A' team did manage one win against another Leaside Team before coming unstuck against one from Hainault Forest. At least the Club Treasurer will be pleased!

Hawtree Team Marches on !

Though the '**B**' Team in the **Hawtree Trophy** were beaten in the first round by a strong team from **Basildon**, the '**A**' Team, I'm glad to report, has now reached the 3rd round.

The team comprising 5 mixed pairs recorded comprehensive wins of 4-1 and 4 1/2-1/2 over spirited and friendly opposition from **Hainault Forest** and **Falconwood**.

The team now meet **Cheshunt Golf Club** for a place in the fourth round.



Basildon Bullies

Not content with beating the **Hawtree 'B' Team**, the Ladies from Basildon overcame a spirited battle with our girls 3-2 in the **Whifewebbs Matchplay knockout**. Christine Stewart and Pam Fox were the gallant winners for Richmond.

Apology

The last issue referred to the Club Treasurer as Dave Williamson, sorry Dave, we know that you are not related to Kiwi!

Matt **Mindham** won the Winter Eclectic. We'll try and spell your name correctly when you next appear in the Winner's Circle.
(See Results !)

Ladies Invitation

Again a good turnout for this mixed event. The competition was won by Anne Barton and Peter Juson with Tim and Pam Fox the Runners Up. A well deserved drink was enjoyed afterwards at the Victoria.

Please remember, if you have won a trophy or are a runner up, you are expected to attend the Annual Dinner Dance to collect your prize. This will be held at the Winning Post on Saturday 24 th January 1998



Vacancy on the Committee

Following the recent resignation from one of the members, there is a slot to fill should anyone feel inclined to contribute to the club. Meetings are held monthly, second Wednesday.

If interested, please let your Captain know.



Men's Club Championship

This 36 hole event is divided in to 2 divisions; handicaps 0-16 compete for the **Senior Club Championship** and those 17 and above the **Junior**. Both events are played off **Scratch**.

After the first round, Neil Whitfield led the Seniors with a **69** - having gone out of bounds on the first hole! with Kerry Sargeant on 71 and John Bennett on 72.



A few words of wisdom

Have you disqualified yourself before you've tee'd off ?

It's easily done and easily avoided - make sure that your handicap is correctly recorded **before** you **start** to play and make sure that you sign your card when you've **finished** playing. Hardly a week goes by without someone falling into the Sunday Morning card trap!

Was your round so good that you want to keep the card and preserve it? Sorry, but **all** cards, no

matter how good or bad, must be returned to the box. **All** entries comprise part of the formula for evaluating the **Competition Standard Scratch (CSS)**, therefore we need the **lot**. At present the 'Secretary' to the Competition Secretary finds it a real bore trying to figure out the 'no returns' in the literal sense.

Summer Rules O.K!

At the last 2 meetings, the Committee discussed at great length the question of adopting 'winter rules'. The decision reached is that it is inappropriate at present to have 'pick & place', and accordingly, for the foreseeable future **'Summer Rules - O.K!'**. If you want to know why - come and ask !

Forthcoming Events

July

Saturday 5

Men's Invitation Postponed

Sunday 6 Monthly Medal and 5th round of the Grand Medal Trophy for men.

Sunday 13 Association Trophy

Entry is open to all 5 clubs and is made up of teams of 2 men.

Sunday 20 Centurion Open

Entry is open to all 4 Sunday Clubs, Ladies and Men.

Ladies' Captain's Day Postponed

Sunday 27 The Captains' Day

Due to the inter club fixture for the Hawtree on the 20, **Charlie** and **Frederique** will be having their Captains' Days together - is this a first for the club?
Watch the Notice Board for details.

August

Saturday 2 Friendly Match Addington Home(Ladies)

Sunday 3 Summer Cup

Open to all Members.

& Cancer Relief MacMillan Fund (Ladies)

Saturday 9 Bontor

Last year the Ladies just beat the men in this individual Men v Ladies Match Play Competition - can they retain the trophy?
Watch the Board for the entry list if you wish to play.

The event is followed by the **quiz night**.

Sunday 10 Monthly Medal (Rnd 6 of GMT)

**Saturday 16 Airlinks Away Match (Men)
Mitcham Home Match (Ladies)**

Sunday 17 Trevor Allen Open

Entry for all

Saturday 23 Men's Invitation

If you would like to play in this mixed event, but haven't got a partner, speak to your CAPTAINS & they will try and find one for you.

Sunday 24 Platinum Jubilee

Entry for all

Saturday 30 Key's Trophy (Men)

Sunday 31 J Q Robertson Trophy

Entry for all

& Barton Bowl Play Off (Ladies)

Ladies' Weekend Away

This year the Spring Meeting was held at Hever Castle, Kent.

Although rather windy, the course certainly lived up to expectations, and, when finished, the hotel will match the high standard of the course.

Having spent Friday playing a barren course nearby, Edenbridge, it was a relief to find the lush fairways of Hever.

36 people entered the Competitions, with Tracy Wright winning the Lockie Trophy, with me runner up.

The Men's 'incidental' 36 hole competition was won by Jon Cooper and the other 'Bridesmaid' my husband, Tim.

The next weekend is planned for a revisit to Staverton.

If anyone can recommend a Course with adjoining hotel, for a reasonable price, please let me know.

Pamela Fox

Other Competition News

Kelso Hamilton Shield

The two men representing RPGC in this knock out competition were Charlie Cook and John Sowter.

Having won the first round at home to **Redhill & Reigate**, they unfortunately lost in the next round away to **Dulwich & Sydenham**.



Bournemouth Week

The Club was well represented in this prestigious event, enjoying it's 46th Year. There were 6 Male Members enduring the 72 hole 'slog'. With John 'Kiwi' Williamson starting the final round in second place. Unfortunately he finished 5th, his usual top ten place, which, with a field of 200 taking part is a major feat.

The Ed finished 21st, one back from last year.

Charlie Cook, Tim Meyer & Steve White made their debuts and had good 'day' results.

The Ladies also took part in the Open, with Anne Barton & Partner winning the Greensomes Scratch & Ros Lake winning the best 18 PM in the 36 hole Competition.

For those of you who may be interested in entering for next year the entry forms are issued at the beginning of January and are very quickly filled.

The competitions include individual strokeplay, pairs and mixed.



Surrey 5's

This team of 5 men, won the first round beating **Coulsdon Court** 4-1. Unfortunately, they lost in the next round to **Epsom Downs**.

ACE FOR GEORGE

Whilst playing in the Ruskie Hall Open, George Martin 'crisply' struck a Pitching Wedge which bounced one foot short of the 16th hole and then bounced straight in.

I was privileged to witness this feat whilst waiting to play my hooked tee shot to the 15th.

Well done George !!

Friendly Matches

The men have played a home match against **Airlinks**. Unfortunately, Charlie's team lost 4-2. Better luck in the away leg.

A mixed team of 16 played away at **Harefield** on Cup Final Day. To keep the record going, we lost.(5 1/2 - 2 1/2)

We'll try to do better in the Home fixture next year.

The Ladies played the first leg of the **Rich/Mich Match**. To lull the opposition in to a false sense of security, we lost and look forward to get revenge in the home fixture.

A new venue has been added to the Ladies' calendar, **Addington Court**, on 29 June. Good luck Ladies.

The Crossword

A very disappointing number of entries were received for Crossword no 2. Whilst not totally correct, the winning entry was submitted by George Martin, Julie & Ian Smith., who win the prize.

A copy of the correct solutions follows, together with the new crossword which has been compiled by George Martin. Remember, a super prize is on offer, so please let me have your answers a.s.a.p.
Ed.