

THE RICHMOND PARK RECORDER

A Periodical Newsletter for the Members of Richmond Park Golf Club

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Welcome to what *Michael Hinks-Edwards* rather rudely calls my organ. This issue should have been out weeks ago but this particular organ doesn't get out as often as I would like, blame old age. For first time readers the *Recorder* is an informal newsletter which is published (published sounds good don't you think) about four times a year to let members know what is going on in the club, to give you information on forthcoming competitions, results, social events and other items of general interest.

Let me first welcome new members *Jo Allen, Richard Resch, Martin Walsh, Walter McCann, Mike Sheridan, Geoff Forman, Vic Wadley, Arron Resch, Richard Foot, Peter Cunningham, John Turner and also Frederique Aitken and Peter Juson* who have rejoined after a short break. Good luck to you all for the rest of this season, and you have many happy years with R.P.G.C. I note that three of the above *Richard, Walter and Arron* are American, is our captain *Tim Meyer* planning his own squad for an assault on next years international competition ?

Congratulations are due to *Martin Wright* who has agreed to be **Vice Captain** following *Bob Lovejoy's* resignation from the committee for personal reasons earlier this year. Bob had been on the committee for a number of years and will be remembered for his individual approach during his time as booking officer. I'm sure that you will join me in wishing Martin all the best in his new position and of course thanking Bob for his past contribution.

This of course leaves a vacancy on the committee. (we could certainly do with some new blood) If you are interested please let a member of the committee know, they will let you know what's involved. You can of course wait for the notice to go up regarding proposals and nominations for the AGM and if, as expected there are more applications than vacancies, then a vote will be required to determine the lucky winner(s).

JOHN BENNETT IS CLUB CHAMPION

Graham Mills wins Junior Club Championship

Congratulations to *John Bennett* who is our new Club Champion for this year.

John had rounds of 73 and 82 to win the senior division by two strokes from *Geoff Seed* (77 and 80)

Graham Mills is our new Junior Club Champion (handicaps 16-28) Graham had rounds of 85 and 92 to pip *Olly Leon-Martin* again by 2 strokes.

Tony Archdale won the handicap section with *John Bennett* second.

TRACY GRABS A HANDFUL

Tracy Wright has won her fifth Ladies Club Championship on the trot, yes five, she has been club champion since 1996 a remarkable record.

LADIES SURPRISE THE MEN in BONTOR WIN

The ladies led by *Cathryn Leftwich* trounced the men 9 1/2 - 2 1/2 in the annual match play event.

"The men may have been surprised by our margin of victory, but we weren't " said Cathy. *Tim Meyer* captain of the men's team was not available for comment.

Don't forget, the **RECORDER** is your newsletter, if you want to contribute or you have some news you wish to share with the rest of the club, let me know.

Dave Williams

TEA BOYS OUTING GREAT SUCCESS

The Tea Boys Outing (so called because money raised a few years ago by brewing and selling tea/coffee in the club house, was put towards the cost on the day) was held at Traditions Golf Club near Woking in July.

The event was held over 27 holes and included a buffet lunch for forty club members and prizes.

The competition was won by **Tim Fox** which was just reward not only for some fine golf but also for doing most of the organisation.

Richard Tate finished second and **Gill Hibbs** won the ladies prize. Watch the notice board for details of next years event.

THERE WAS A YOUNG LADY FROM GLOUCESTER

Or in fact quite a few from Richmond Park who spent the weekend in the west country playing around with some specially invited men.

Yes the Ladies Weekend away at the Gloucester Hotel and Country Club was another great success. Thanks go to **Cynthia King** who organises these bi-annual events. For the record the Lockie Trophy was won by **Cathryn Leftwich** (lucky devil) with **Cynthia King** second and **Di Jackett** third, all three having the same score, 63 points. The mens event was won by **Phil Flanagan** with 77 points with **George Martin** runner up.

COMPETITIONS POSTPONED

We appear to have suffered more than usual this year from some very wet Sunday weather.

The Putney Park Open was rained off earlier this summer and then re-scheduled for September. Unfortunately the revised date given by Putney Park ,which was OK with the other clubs, clashed with our men's greensomes event the **Burgess Cups**. Dispite efforts from our captain **Tim Meyer** with Putney Park to find an alternative date, none was found. So reluctantly it was agreed the two competitions would be played on the same day.

Our own **Silver Jubilee** event was also rained off in September and was rescheduled for October 22nd. with the Committee v Members match cancelled for this year.

The annual friendly match against **Harefield G.C.** was cancelled for the second year running, Harefield being unable to raise a team on the seemed agreed dates.

QUIZ KING WINS AGAIN

John Sowter won the quiz in the last issue of *The Recorder* with **Richard Tate** coming a very close second. Both scored 9/10 with John winning on the tie break question. Thanks to all those who returned entries. There is another quiz on the back page, who can stop John winning again ??

It could be you, Good luck.

ASSOCIATION BUSINESS

I had intended to report on the next Association meeting but although one was originally planned for September it has not yet taken place. The main areas for discussion are the possible merger of the clubs and the local rules. There is a draft constitution which has to be agreed upon before any merger can go ahead. The merger also depends on the possible take over of the courses by person or persons unknown at some time in the future, maybe, so it could be some way off yet.

The **local rules**, however are with us now and require constant review. It is essential that all clubs play to the same local rules. The existing rules have to be confirmed and any new ones agreed between clubs. Just one example, the cut paths, from which you can obtain relief, need to be defined.

JACK HOARE

It is with great sadness that I report the death of Jack Hoare. Jack was a member of the club for over 30 years and was made an honorary member about 10 years ago. He was renowned for having many sets of clubs which he kept in various bags, members probably did more business with Jack than with the pro shop. He will be sadly missed.

DRINKS ON PRESIDENT

Our President **Geoff Seed** said at the last committee meeting that he hadn't met many of our recent new members. Geoff , being partial to the odd pint himself, decided that the club should buy the new members a drink after golf on Sunday 15th October. Now if you are a recent new member and you weren't able to make the 15th. Geoff is the one with beard and glasses, I suggest you claim your pint at the earliest opportunity. Even if you were there on the 15th. still claim, it's worth a try.

RECORDER INTERVIEW

In the last issue I said that I hoped to interview a club member in each issue. After the last interview with **Martin Wright** he has become Vice Captain. Perhaps that explains why members reluctant to submit themselves to the interview for this issue, next time perhaps.

COMPETITION RESULTS - MEN

JUNE

Monthly Medal/Grand Medal Rd. 4

1. **Jurek Strelcyn** 67
2. **Pat King** 69

Club Championship Round 1(h/cap)

1. **John Bennett** 63
2. **Ben Thompson** 64

Club Championship Round 2(h/cap)

1. **Tony Archdale** 63
2. **Robert Urquhart** 66

R.P.G.C. Open

1. **Dave Cahill** 60
2. **Michael Hinks-Edwards** 63

JULY

Monthly Medal/Grand Medal Rd. 5

1. **Ian Smith** 67
2. **Dave Shedden** 67

Association Trophy

1. **Nigel Acres** 59
2. **Franco Rumanucci** 63

Centurion Open

1. **Dave Parkinson**
- =3. **Phil Flanagan**
Paul Patching

Captains Day

1. **Phil Flanagan** 62
2. **Leon Leonides** 65

Summer Cup

1. **Paul Appleton** 37 pts
2. **George Martin** 36 pts

AUGUST

Monthly Medal/Grand Medal Rd. 6

1. **Ian Smith** 61
2. **Ben Thompson** 64

Trevor Allen Open

1. **Ian Smith** 63
2. **Julie Smith** 64

Platinum Jubilee

1. **Dave Shedden** 59
2. **Ben Thompson** 61

AUGUST

J.Q. Robertson Trophy

1. **Tim Meyer** 40 pts
2. **Franco Romanucci** 40 pts

SEPTEMBER

Charity Cup

1. **Dave Parkinson** 62
2. **John Brosnan** 63

Monthly Medal/Grand Medal Rd. 7

1. **Ronnie McMillan** 66
2. **Dave Williams** 67

Burgess Cups

1. **John Brosnan & Pat King** 42 pts
2. **Olly Leon Martin & Tim Meyer** 41 pts

OCTOBER

Monthly Medal/Grand Medal Rd.8

1. **Dave Parkinson** 63
2. **John Bennett** 65

Lissamon Cup (Three Clubs & Putter)

1. **Tracy Wright** 68
2. **Kerry Sargeant** 68

GRAND MEDAL

1. **Ben Thompson** 335
2. **Jim Rutledge** 344
3. **Geoff Seed** 347

The Grand Medal is played over the eight rounds of the Summer Monthly Medals, with the best five rounds counting. Ben's best five rounds were 64, 64, 67, 68 and 72

MENS KNOCK OUT RESULTS

There are three men's knock out competitions, they run throughout the summer following qualifying rounds in March/April. So the finalists have battled through qualifying and four knock out stages to reach the finals Well done to all.

J.H. Taylor (Singles KO H/caps 0-15)

John Collender beat **Jon Cooper** in the final.

Two Courses Cup (Singles KO H/caps 16-28)

Roger Condie beat **Jim Rutledge** in the final

Four Ball Better Ball

Bob Lovejoy & Kerry Sargeant beat **John Collender & Martin Wright** in the final.

COMPETITION RESULTS

LADIES

MONTHLY MEDALS

JUNE

1. **Ann Gardener** 68
2. **Sheena Harrington** 71

JULY

1. **Ann Gardener** 69
2. **Ros Lake** 69

AUGUST

1. **Julie Smith** 70
2. **Cheryl Woodhouse** 71

SEPTEMBER

1. **Gill Hibbs** 72
2. **Cheryl Woodhouse** 76

OCTOBER

1. **Gill Hibbs** 74
2. **Maureen Slade** 74

Spring Meeting

1. **Christine Stewart** 72
2. **Ros Lake** 72

Autumn Meeting

1. **Gill Hibbs** 67
2. **Maureen Slade** 68

Club Championship

1. **Tracy Wright** 172
2. **Roz Lake** 179

Handicap Cup

1. **Ros Lake** 143
2. **Cheryl Woodhouse** 149

Barton Bowl

1. **Lia Donath** 37pts
2. **Pam Fox** 35pts

Pembroke Cup

Not awarded this year

MIXED

AUTUMN MIXED

1. **Stewart Kendall & Gill Hibbs**
 2. **Michael Hinks-Edwards & Ann Gardner**
- Scratch
Stewart Kendall & Gill Hibbs

MIXED KNOCK OUT

Jon Cooper & Di Jackett beat **Martin & Tracy Wright** in a very close final 1up

CLUB MATCHES

Last year we reached the area final in the **Clapham Common Shield**, this year we came down to earth losing to **Hoebriidge** in the second round.

In the **White Webbs** the ladies beat **Leeside** 3-2 away in the second round but then lost to **Hainault Forest** by the same score in the next.

The Ladies match against **Mitcham** was a very close run affair. We had a very convincing win at home 3 1/2 - 1/2 which was just as well because we lost 3-1 away to retain the trophy by just one point.

The **Dowling - MacDonald Shield** an annual match between us and **White Lodge** was revived this year after a gap of a few years. The match was played at **Traditions Golf Course** in Pyrford and resulted in a resounding win for Richmond Park, despite this **White Lodge** are happy to continue the event next year.

The ladies played **White Lodge** in the **Betty Hill Rose Bowl** and guess what, poor old White lodge lost again this time by 129 points to 126.

The annual **KEYS TROPHY** between the five Richmond Park clubs was won by Putney Park with **White Lodge** second and our team of **Tim Meyer, Ian Smith, Michael Hinks-Edwards** and **Richard Tate** a close third.

Congratulations to **Ben Thompson & Toby Hunt** and **Stewart Kendall & Nigel Acres** who came first in the **Association Cup** and ensured that we qualified for next years **Kelso Hamilton Cup**.

The men play two friendly matches a year on a home and away basis, these are against **AIRLINKS** and **RICKMANSWORTH**. The Airlinks match ended in a draw we lost 4 - 2 away and won by the same score at home (obviously). We therefore, as holders, retain the trophy for another year. The Rickmansworth result was not as good we lost 5 1/2 - 1/2 away and drew 3-3 at home.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

DINNER DANCE

This years annual Dinner Dance will be held at **THE WINNING POST** on the A316 Chertsey Road on **SATURDAY 27th JANUARY 2001**.

This is the clubs premier social event, the evening includes dinner, the odd speech, prize giving, tombola and dancing to a live band. The cost will be **£25.00 a ticket** the same as the last three years. Tickets, limited to **200**, will issued on a first come first served basis so don't delay order today from **Dave Williams or Julie Smith**. Please make cheques payable to **R.P.G.C.**

WINTER COMP.

The winter season is upon us and with it comes the **Winter Competition**. For new members this is played over eight rounds with the best three stableford scores to count. The three scores can not all be on the same course. It can pay to get some scores in early as later rounds can be postponed due to rain, snow etc.

ECLECTIC

A very popular event played in conjunction with the **Winter Comp.** is the **Eclectic**. The way it works is as follows. Your best score on **each hole** out of the possible four rounds on each course is counted, so go for those birdies. The person with the best net score (half your handicap on each course) on each course are the winners.

OTHER EVENTS OF NOTE

CHRISTMAS HAMPER

On the 10th December. The winner wins a magnificent hamper worth more than £50.00.

LADIES CHAMPAGNE CHASE

December 17th. Win your Xmas booze. There is also a mens prize !!

VALENTINES DAY MASSACRE

February 11th. Format to be decided.

WINTER GOLF ADVICE

Just two bits of advice from our new course green keeper, I. P. Freely.

1. If you feel thirsty
Don't eat the yellow snow.
2. If you feel hungry
Don't eat blackberries that are growing below waist height.

ANN BEATS THE ARMY

Ann Gardener played for the **NAPGC** against the **Army**. When I asked Ann how it went she said, well I can't tell you what she said, this is a family newsletter. Suffice it to say Ann and the **NAPGC** won by a rather large margin. Ann said that the course was close to an Army firing range, a bit too close at times. having bullets and shells whizzing over your head does not make for a relaxing round.

BUY EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS

Peter Harrington has informed me that he will shortly be sending off an order to our clothing supplier, Glenmuir. If you want to buy the person you love, (even if it's you) that special gift for Christmas, give your order to Peter ASAP

OUR OWN WEBSITE

Your committee being very modern and in touch with leading edge technology thought it could be fun to have our own Website. We wanted a name that was snappy and would be instantly recognisable as being our club. The best brains of the committee (I wasn't asked) were formed into a 'Think Tank' and they came up with, wait for it, **www.focalpointsys.co.uk/fps/golf**. All joking apart, I'm told by **George Martin** this is only the working name and that further work needs to be done. The name **www.Richmond Park Golf Club** and loads of variations have already been used, so it's not such an easy task finding a relevant name. Of course the name is only the start, once the site is up and running we need to decide what goes on it. Suggestions please to **George** or **Tim Meyer**

NOTICE BOARD

Please look at the notice board for details of all competitions, social events, handicaps and other items of interest.

**WHAT THE AVERAGE CLUB GOLFER
KNOWS ABOUT THE HANDICAPPING SYSTEM**

**WHAT THE AVERAGE CLUB GOLFER LOOKS
LIKE WHEN YOU TRY TO EXPLAIN IT TO HIM**

WHO WANTS TO WIN A TENNER ??

This works the same way as the TV programme except you can 'phone a friend' as often as you like, there is no '50/50' or 'ask the audience'. Just mark what you think is the correct answer, finish all questions, you might get lucky. Your score will be your last correct answer. The winner will be the person who gets the furthest. In the event that more than one gets to £1,000,000 then the tie break question will be used, so all please answer that. Answers to Dave Williams by Sun. 26th November.

£100

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- A. The sparrow B. The wren
C. The thrush D. Batman

£200

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£300

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£500

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£1,000

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C. Hoshea D. Samuel

£2,000

Which fictional sailor was captain of a ship called the Black Pig ?

- A. Black Jake B. Long John Silver
C. Captain Pugwash C. Popeye

£4,000

In which decade was slavery abolished in the British Empire ?

- A. 1790's B. 1800's
C. 1810's D. 1830's

£8,000

What nationality was Pope Adrian IV ?

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C. English D. Spanish

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£125,000

In Star Trek, what colour is Mr. Spock's blood. ?

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£250,000

In which year did a man first run 100 metres in under 10 seconds ?

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£1,000,000

Who wrote a book, *Nibbles and Me*, about her pet chipmunk ?

- A. Shirley Temple B. Mae West
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TIE BREAK

How many languages are spoken by at least 1,000,000 people ??

NAME -----

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2ND. MIKE SHERIDAN £8,000 £ 5.00

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