

# THE RICHMOND PARK RECORDER

*A Periodical Newsletter for the Members of Richmond Park Golf Club*

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For the first time reader the **Recorder** is an informal newsletter which is issued 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. Don't forget, this 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.

First time readers this time will include **Justin Campbell-Harris**, **Terry Long** and **Derek Potts**. Justin and Terry are new members and Derek has rejoined after a short break. May I wish you all a happy and successful time at our club.

## AGM

The attendance at our recent AGM was pretty poor for the second year running with only 24 members attending, this figure included the committee members. This is your one public chance in the year to let the committee know how you feel about the running of the club and to vote members on or indeed off the committee. It's your club, your view counts, let us know how you feel. If you can't wait for next years meeting and you want to get something off your chest or have a suggestion, speak to any committee member, who will pass your comments on at the next committee meeting.

Congratulations to **Stewart Kendall** and **Bill McSorley** who were elected to the committee. At the following committee meeting Stewart and Bill (in a moment of madness) offered to take charge of the booking system, their offer was accepted without hesitation. Can I ask all members to co-operate with them by following the basic booking system rules:- (1) If you want to play in the following weeks, put your name on the relevant booking sheet, remember if your name is not on the sheet you could be unlucky and not get a game. (2) Arrive in good time for your game, at least 30 minutes before you are due to play. (3) On arrival, let the booking officer know you are there. (4) Be ready to go down to the pro shop when your game is called.

It was agreed that the **International Competition** the brainchild of **Stan Potts** and overseen by him since it's inception, should now be run by the committee. It was further agreed that the committee would seek the views of the membership before a final decision was made on any changes to the competition format. So if you have any ideas let your Competition Secretary **Martin Wright** know.

**Ian Smith** who is leaving the committee was presented with cut glass decanter and glasses in recognition of his many years of service. Ian has been **Treasurer, Secretary, Vice Captain, Captain, Handicap Secretary and was also for a while Chairman of the Richmond Park Association of Golf Clubs**. Apart from all this Ian is also regarded as our resident rules expert. Ian's wit and wisdom will be greatly missed on the committee and I'm sure we will call on he's experience from time to time in return for the usual consultancy fee (a large scotch should suffice). Ian said that the main reason he was leaving was to allow new blood to come forward onto the committee.

**Paul Grand** is taking over from Ian as **Handicap Secretary**. Good luck in your new position Paul. (I was going to say I'm sure you will do a grand job but I just couldn't bring myself to scribe such an obvious pun.)

*Dave Williams*

## COMMITTEE

Following the AGM your new committee for the coming year is:

<b>President</b>	<b>Geoff Seed</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Tim Fox</b>
<b>Captain</b>	<b>Tim Meyer</b>
<b>Vice Captain &amp; Competition Secretary</b>	<b>Martin Wright</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Julie Smith</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Dave Williams</b>
<i>Committee Members</i>	
<b>Handicap Secretary</b>	<b>Paul Grand</b>
<b>New Members/Social Booking Officer</b>	<b>Peter Harrington</b>
<b>Asst. Booking Officer</b>	<b>Stewart Kendall</b>
	<b>Bill McSorley</b>
	<b>George Martin</b>
<b>Lady Captain</b>	<b>Cathryn Leftwich</b>
<b>Lady Vice Captain</b>	<b>Cynthia King</b>
	<b>Tracy Wright</b>

## WINTER BLUES

Rain, floods, Dukes course closed, composite course, fewer tee times available and now foot & mouth, we only need a plague of locusts and our winter will be complete.

You have already received from **Julie Smith** a letter outlining the playing arrangements during this period. With the park closed we are unable to use the clubhouse or the restaurant. Qualifying rounds for the knockout competitions have been cancelled and you have received entry forms for these competitions.

We are using the Pro Shop as our club house, where **Stewart** and **Bill** will be booking games out and collecting entry and sweep money.

The situation looks like it will continue for the next few weeks, so the draw sheets for the **Knock-Out** competitions will be available in the pro shop on Sundays only. But so that you are aware of your opponent/s they are enclosed. *If you have not received a draw sheet, you missed the closing date for the draw. Tough luck !!!*

The situation is liable to change at a moments notice so keep in touch. You can phone **Julie Smith** 01784 885689 or **Martin Wright** 020 8646 0850 or the *pro shop* 020 8876 1785.

## DINNER DANCE

The Winning Post was again the venue for our annual Dinner and Dance and presentation of prizes. The evening got underway with an excellent meal, Honeydew melon, Entrecote Steak Chasseur and Fresh Fruit Pavlova. Then followed the speeches **Tim Meyer** as Captain, who was in the USA, had e-mailed his speech to **Peter Harrington**. Peter gave the first 'virtual' speech in the history of the club, in his own inimitable style, jolly good it was too. **Geoff Seed** spoke in his usual polished manner, which included a joke about **Martin & Carol Goldsworthy** that I can't repeat because I've forgotten the punch line.

**Martin Wright** our Vice Captain, proposed the Ladies and Guests. Martin was very nervous before hand, I don't know why, he took to speech making like a duck takes to water on the Dukes course.

**Cathryn Leftwich** the Ladies Captain replied on behalf of the Ladies and Guests and was very pleased to mention the Ladies victory over the Men in the BONTOR Trophy.

The presentation of prizes followed, the only disappointment being that not all the prize winners where there to receive their prize. Their loss.

Mick Avery and his band provided the music and again proved very popular. In the interval the Tombola was drawn and thanks to the ladies we sold £669 worth of tickets.

A special thanks to **Julie Smith** who organised this event. Her job was not made any easier by the number of last minute additions and withdrawals. This plays havoc with the seating plan, not to mention the meals booked and paid for by the club and then not taken up.

## JOHN SOWTER

The committee have decided to make John an **Honorary Member** of the club from 2001 season. This is in recognition of John's long and loyal service to the club over more than 20 years. Congratulations John.

## EASTENDER ?

I went to a celebrity look a like party the other day and met a **Frank Butcher** who said to me, "No you can't have a pound of bloody sausages"

## COMPETITION RESULTS MEN

### OCTOBER

International Round 1		
1. <b>Kerry Sargeant</b>	63	
2. <b>Paul Patching</b>	63	
Silver Jubilee & International Rd. 2		
1. <b>Geoff Seed</b>	64	
2. <b>Peter Cunningham</b>	65	
Woods Irons or Only + Putter		
1. <b>Doreen Dolby</b>	43 pts	
2. <b>Paul Patching</b>	42 pts	

### NOVEMBER

Winter Competition Rd. 1		
1. <b>Richard Tate</b>	47 pts	
2. <b>Franco Romanucci</b>	45 pts	
Winter Competition Rd. 3		
1. <b>John Brosnan</b>	45 pts	
2. <b>Stewart Kendall</b>	44 pts	
Winter Competition Rd. 4		
1. <b>John Brosnan</b>	44 pts	
2. <b>Peter Harrington</b>	40 pts	

### DECEMBER

Medal		
1. <b>John Brosnan</b>	61	
2. <b>Geoff Seed</b>	61	
Christmas Hamper		
1. <b>Jim Rutledge</b>	38 pts	
2. <b>Richard Resch</b>	38 pts	
Winter Competition Rd. 2		
1. <b>John Brosnan</b>	42 pts	
2. <b>Eddie Weissman</b>	41 pts	

### JANUARY

Monthly Medal		
1. <b>Michael Hinks-Edwards</b>	64	
2. <b>Peter Harrington</b>	65	
Winter Competition Rd. 5		
1. <b>Peter Wade</b>	41 pts	
2. <b>Vic Wadley</b>	39 pts	
Winter Competition Rd. 6		
1. <b>Bill McSorley</b>	36 pts	
2. <b>Justin Campbell-Harris</b>	35 pts	

### JANUARY cont.

Three Sixes		
Stableford	<b>Doreen Dolby</b>	16 pts
Bogey	<b>Bill McSorley</b>	+ 4
Medal	<b>Pat King</b>	20

### FEBRUARY

Monthly Medal		
1. <b>Michael Hinks-Edwards</b>	62	
2. <b>John Brosnan</b>	63	
St. Valentine's Day Massacre		
1. <b>Peter Cunningham &amp; Dave Lawrance</b>	45 pts	
2. <b>Doreen Dolby &amp; Olly Leon-Martin</b>	44 pts	
Winter Competition Rd. 7		
1. <b>Michael Hinks-Edwards</b>	47 pts	
2. <b>Stewart Kendall</b>	41 pts	
Winter Competition Rd. 8		
1. <b>Graham Mills</b>	44 pts	
2. <b>Bill McSorley</b>	43 pts	

### MARCH

Monthly Medal & Grand Medal Rd. 1	Monthly
1. <b>Stewart Kendall</b>	60
2. <b>Bill McSorley</b>	63

### WINTER COMPETITION

The result of this year's winter competition is now known. **John Brosnan** had the narrowest of victories from **Michael Hinks-Edwards**. John scored 131 points his best three rounds from eight were 45, 44 and 42. Michael scored 47, 42 and 41. for a 130 total.

Michael sought me out after his fine round of 47 points in round 7 of the Winter Comp. and asked if I would be interested in an exclusive interview for the Recorder.

On behalf of you, our reader I respectfully declined Michael's kind invitation. There simply wasn't room in this issue. Nor would I subject you to a two page shot by shot account of a round of golf, unless of course it was mine.

## COMPETITION RESULTS LADIES

### NOVEMBER

Monthly Medal & Eclectic Rd.1

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| 1. <b>Linda Donath</b> | 73 |
| 2. <b>Ann Gardner</b>  | 75 |

### DECEMBER

Champagne Chase

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| 1. <b>Julie Smith</b> | 36 pts |
| 2. <b>Ros Lake</b>    | 35 pts |

Monthly Medal

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| 1. <b>Deb Lewis</b>        | 68 |
| 2. <b>Cathryn Leftwich</b> | 73 |

### JANUARY

Monthly Medal & Eclectic Rd. 2

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|------------------------|----|
| 1. <b>Doreen Dolby</b> | 73 |
| 2. <b>Julie Smith</b>  | 77 |

### FEBRUARY

Monthly Medal & Eclectic Rd. 3

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|-----------------------|----|
| 1. <b>Deb Lewis</b>   | 73 |
| 2. <b>Julie Smith</b> | 76 |

### IT'S THAT MAN AGAIN

No prizes for guessing who won last issues 'WHO WANTS TO WIN A TENNER' quiz'. Yes it was **John Sowter** again !! John won yet another £10. **Mike Sheridan** was second and won £5. Can anyone beat our 'Quiz King' Try your luck with the new quiz (attached) 20 questions to test your sporting and general knowledge.

### ASSOCIATION AGM

The main news coming out of this meeting was that the council have withdrawn their objections to the access to the park via Chohole gate. They have also given outline planning permission for a building on the proposed new club house site.

Local rules were discussed and it was agreed that a representative from each club would meet and agree these rules before the first of the 'opens' were played. The other Sunday clubs agreed to play all their games as four balls and not to exceed their games allocation, well they would, wouldn't they ! They also agreed to return cards and CSS ASAP after their opens.

## DRIVER PROBLEMS

A golfer arrived at the golf course and after sorting out his clubs found that his driver was missing. He thought he might have left it in the garage so he phoned home. A little girl answered and the man asked if she could bring mummy to the phone. "Mummy's upstairs with uncle Joe " said the little girl., "but we haven't got an uncle Joe" said the man. "Mummy's in the bedroom with uncle Joe" insisted the girl. The man said "darling, would you go upstairs, knock on the bedroom door, and tell mummy that daddy will be home in five minuets, I'll hold on" The little girl did as she was told and the the man could hear a lot of screaming and shouting. The girl returned to the phone "It's terrible" she said "What happened ?" asked the man "well when I gave mummy your message she screamed and jumped out of the side window and she's broken both her legs." "What about uncle Joe ?" "he jumped out of the back window into the swimming pool, you know the one you drained yesterday and he's dead" "Swimming pool ? said the man, "is that 01234....."

### OTHER NEWS

Russ Devin, Chairman of the Association, is going to raise the issue of the **Driving Range** being dangerous, with the Royal Parks.

We are thinking of holding a '**Summer Event**' and asking members of the other clubs to join in, watch the notice board for details.

The other Sunday clubs have asked if as many of our members as possible play in their 'Opens'

### FORTHCOMING COMPETITIONS

#### APRIL

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|-------------------|---|
| 8th               | Monthly Medal & Grand Medal Rd. 2<br>Ladies Monthly Medal |
| 15th.             | Coronation Cup  |
| <b>Sat. 21st.</b> | <b>Spring Mixed Foursomes</b>                             |
| 22nd.             | Presidents Putter<br>Ladies Spring Meeting                |
| 29th.             | Golden Jubilee  |

#### MAY

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| 6th               | Ruskie Hall Open (NAPGC Qual.)    |
| 13th.             | Monthly Medal & Grand Medal Rd. 3 |
| 20th.             | Diamond Jubilee                   |
| <b>Sat. 26th.</b> | <b>Ladies Invitation</b>          |
| 27th.             | Putney Park Open                  |

# SPRING QUIZ

Another chance to win £10 with £5 to the runner up. Don't forget to answer the 'tie break' question

## SPORTING

1. Which football league team play at Springfield Park ?
2. What did Bjorn Borg do four days before each major tennis championship ?
3. Who was appointed England cricket captain in April 1989 ?
4. What animals, apart from greyhounds, were raced at Romford greyhound stadium in 1937 ?
5. Who was runner up in the 1996 Toyota World Matchplay Championship ?
6. Who was world motor racing champion from 1954 to 1957 ?
7. Who was the first non British player to win the Wimbledon Mens Singles Championship in the 20th century ?
8. Between which two points was the first Oxford & Cambridge boat race rowed in 1829 ?
9. In which sport would you use the term 'flanconnade' ?
10. Which sport was played by Peanut Louie ?

## NON SPORTING

11. In which city was the first public performance of Handel's *Messiah* ?
12. How many seconds does it take sunlight to reach the earth ?
13. In which year did the navy lose it's rum ration ?
14. What was Cleopatra's real name ?
15. The Spanish Steps in Rome has how many steps ?
16. Which type of wood did Noah use to build his Ark ?
17. Who sang the theme song to *Rawhide* ?
18. Why was the Coronation of Edward VII delayed for six weeks ?
19. In the film *Casablanca* who played Sam, the piano player ?
20. Who did Lyndon Johnson beat in the 1964 US Presidential elections ?

## TIE BREAK

When QE2 sailed for the South Atlantic during the Falklands War how many *Mars Bars* was she carrying ??

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# SPRING QUIZ ANSWERS

## SPORTING

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| 1. Which football league team play at Springfield Park ?   | Wigan                          |
| 2. What did Bjorn Borg do four days before each major tennis championship ?                                  | Stop shaving                   |
| 3. Who was appointed England cricket captain in April 1989 ?   | David Gower                    |
| 4. What animals, apart from greyhounds, were raced at Romford greyhound stadium in 1937 ?                    | Cheetahs                       |
| 5. Who was runner up in the 1996 Toyota World Matchplay Championship ?                                       | Vijay Singh                    |
| 6. Who was world motor racing champion from 1954 to 1957 ?   | Juan Manual Fangio             |
| 7. Who was the first non British player to win the Wimbledon mens singles championship in the 20th century ? | Norman Brookes (Aus)           |
| 8. Between which two points was the first Oxford & Cambridge boat race rowed in 1829 ?                       | Hambledon Lock & Henley Bridge |
| 9. In which sport would you use the term 'flanconnade' ?   | Fencing                        |
| 10. Which sport was played by Peanut Louie ?   | Lawn Tennis                    |

## NON SPORTING

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| 11. In which city was the first public performance of Handel's <i>Messiah</i> ? | Dublin                                 |
| 12. How many seconds does it take sunlight to reach the earth ?                 | 492                                    |
| 13. In which year did the navy lose it's rum ration ?                           | 1973                                   |
| 14. What was Cleopatra's real name ?  | Auletes                                |
| 15. The Spanish Steps in Rome has how many steps ?                              | 138                                    |
| 16. Which type of wood did Noah use to build his Ark ?                          | Gopher                                 |
| 17. Who sang the theme song to <i>Rawhide</i> ?                                 | Frankie Laine                          |
| 18. Why was the Coronation of Edward V11 delayed for six weeks                  | He required an emergency appendectomy. |
| 19. In the film Casablanca who played Sam, the piano player ?                   | Dooley Wilson                          |
| 20. Who did Lyndon Johnson beat in the 1964 US Presidential elections ?         | Barry Goldwater                        |

## TIE BREAK

When QE2 sailed for the South Atlantic during the Falklands War how many *Mars Bars* was she carrying ??

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WINNER £10.00      JOHN SOWTER

SECOND £5.00      TOBY HUNT