

THE RICHMOND PARK RECORDER

A Periodical Newsletter for the Members of Richmond Park Golf Club

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Never underestimate the power of the *Recorder*. In the last issue, I wrote a few words on our declining membership, how we needed new members to ensure that we maintained our allocation of games on a Sunday ect. ect. Well, the response has been remarkable. In the first month of the new season we have attracted no less than **eight** new members, two more than in the whole of last year. So it's a very warm welcome to **Jan Oliver, Lena Kenny, Pia Langland, Adrian Seakins, Richard Owen, Matt Mindham, Paul Baker and Sam Potts**. May I wish you all a happy and successful time at Richmond Park. However good the start, we must not get complacent, we will always need more members. I think a target of 24 is a realistic for this year, just 16 to go then, so get recruiting and don't forget

If you introduce a new member to the club you will receive a 50% refund on your annual subscription and if you introduce two or more new members in the year you will receive a full refund on your subs.

(This refund will be paid as soon as the new member has paid their joining fee and annual subscription.)

DINNER DANCE

Our annual Dinner Dance was held at our usual venue The Winning Post on Sat.19th. January. Some 115 members and guests enjoyed a great night. The evening got underway with an excellent four course meal. We then we heard speeches from **Geoff Seed**, our President, **Tim Meyer**, the outgoing Captain, **Martin Wright**, incoming Captain and **Cynthia King**, Lady Captain. Then followed the presentation of prizes for last seasons competitions. Thanks are due to **Tim Fox** and **Peter Harrington** for organising the prizes and engraving. We again had a live band to dance to, with a special guest appearance of 'Shakin Stevens'. The ladies sold **tombola** tickets and did such a good job, that we raised the grand sum of £883.91, a club record. (Will the person who paid in 9p short, please make themselves known to the Treasurer.)

Two special presentations were made during the evening. The first was to **Julie Smith** who has decided to retire from the committee, after X number of years as **Club Secretary**. Julie has done a splendid job for the club over the years. Not many people realise the amount of work involved in a club secretary's life. Phone calls to make, letters to write, records to keep, questions to answer and of course minutes of meetings to keep and distribute. All this and also the organisation of the annual Dinner and Dance. Well done Julie and thanks from all the club.

The second presentation was to **Tim Fox**, who is also retiring from the committee. Tim has been Booking Officer (he along with Peter Harrington devised our current system), Secretary, Vice Captain, Captain and lastly, Vice President. Tim also devised and introduced the Club Newsletter. Our thanks Tim.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SETS NEW RECORD

Our Annual General Meeting, held on 30th January, created a record that will, I believe stand for years. The meeting started a bit late at 20-15 and finished, with all business completed, at 20-45. YES JUST 30 MINUTES. The meeting was attended by 24 members, who were all apparently very happy with the running of the club. The main business of the evening was election of the new committee with **Martin Wright** confirmed as our new **Captain** and **Stewart Kendall** as **Vice Captain**, congratulations and good luck to both for the next two years. **Peter Harrington** will be taking over from Julie as club Secretary. There was one vacancy on the committee and **Paul Patching** was duly elected.

If you are among the 100 odd members, who could not make the meeting and you want to raise a point or ask a question, please seek out a member of the committee. They will answer questions on the spot or find a person who can. Or, if you prefer, they can ask your questions or put forward your idea to any committee meeting. A full list of the new committee is shown on a later page.

Dave Williams

COMPETITION RESULTS

MENS RESULTS

WINTER COMPETITION

This is run throughout the winter months, with the best three scores counting (at least one score from each course) the results from the individual rounds follow.

ROUND 1

- 1. Jon Cooper 45 pts.
- 2. George Martin 35 pts.

ROUND 2

- 1. Bill McSorley 36 pts.
- 2. Paul Appleton 35 pts.

ROUND 3

- 1. Dave Parkinson 44 pts.
- 2. Robert Urquhart 42 pts.

ROUND 4

- 1. Jon Cooper 41 pts.
- 2. Toby Hunt 40 pts.

ROUND 5

- 1. Robert Urquhart 38 pts.
- 2. Dave Williams 38 pts.

ROUND 6

- 1. Paul Patching 49 pts.
- 2. Jim Rutledge 39 pts.

ROUND 7

- 1. Matt Mindham 47 pts.
- 2. Jon Cooper 42 pts.

ROUND 8

- 1. Richard Owen 40 pts.
- 2. Geoff Foreman 38 pts.

And the winner is *Jon Cooper* with a score of 128 (45, 42 and 41) who won by 2 shots from *Paul Patching* who had scores of 49, 39 and 38

ECLECTIC WINNERS

- Dukes 1. Ian Smith 66 nett 61.5
- 2. Pat King 70 nett 62
- Princes 1. Jon Cooper 65 nett 60
- 2. Richard Tate 67 nett 61.5

NOTICE BOARD

Please remember to read the Notice Board every week. It's full of useful information on handicaps, results, forthcoming events, local rules and more.
Don't get left out- Read what it's all about

MENS RESULTS cont.

LISSAMON CUP (3 clubs and a putter)

- 1. Dave Williams 71
- 2. Phil Flanagan 74

DECEMBER MONTHLY MEDAL

- 1. Anthony Williams 69
- 2. Bill McSorley 70

CHRISTMAS HAMPER

- 1. Julie Smith 42 pts.
- 2. John Collender 41 pts.

PAIRS BETTER BALL

- 1. Peter Harrington & John Bennett 43 pts.
- 2. Toby Hunt & Jon Cooper 43 pts.

JANUARY MONTHLY MEDAL & MILLENNIUM JUG

- 1. John Brosnan 55
- 2. Robert Urquhart 61

PAIRS BETTER BALL

- 1. Doreen Dolby & Di Jackett 42 pts.
- 2. Cheryl Woodhouse & Pat King 41 pts.

FEBRUARY MONTHLY MEDAL

- 1. John Brosnan 58
- 2. Paul Patching 60

LADIES RESULTS

CHAMPAGNE CHASE

- 1. Sonia Inness 33 pts.
- 2. Maureen Slade 33 pts.

NOVEMBER MONTHLY MEDAL

- 1. Julie Smith 68
- 2. Doreen Dolby 76

DECEMBER MONTHLY MEDAL

- 1. Roz Lake 76
- 2. Di Jackett 77

JANUARY MONTHLY MEDAL

- 1. Lena Kenny 65
- 2. Marian Stuart 73

FEBRUARY MONTHLY MEDAL

- 1. Marian Stuart 60
- 2. Deb Lewis 69

COMMITTEE

Following the AGM, your new committee for the following year is:-

President	Geoff Seed
Vice President	Tim Meyer
Captain	Martin Wright
Vice Captain & Competition Secretary	Stewart Kendall
Secretary	Peter Harrington
Treasurer	Dave Williams
Handicap Secretary	Paul Grand
Booking Officer	Bill McSorley
Events Co-ordinator	Paul Patching
Member w/o portfolio	George Martin
Lady Captain	Cynthia King
Lady Vice Captain	Maureen Slade

The only new position is that of **Events Co-ordinator**. This role has been taken on by **Paul Patching** who will endeavor to arrange 'away day' golf matches, open to all members. Watch the **Notice Board** for details.

LADIES COMMITTEE

Captain	Cynthia King
Vice Captain	Maureen Slade
Secretary	Sonia Inniss
Handicap Secretary	Julie Smith
Members	Cheryl Woodhouse
	Doreen Dolby
	Deb Lewis
	Janet Fox

MOST IMPROVED GOLFERS

Congratulations to **Jon Cooper** and **Doreen Dolby**, who received special prizes at the Dinner and Dance for being the most improved golfers of last season. Jon reduced his handicap from 13 to 10 and Doreen reduced hers from 37 to 31. Well done to both.

WHO DON'T YOU KNOW ?

It has been put forward as an idea, that from time to time we mix up men and ladies in the same games. There would basically be a 'free for all' on a Sunday morning, with the booking officer mixing, perhaps, members who had not played together before. This would help members, especially new members, to get to know each other better. This proposal will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

THE FOUR AGES OF MAN ??

Lager, Aga, Saga and Gaga

DNA

We all use this acronym, but does anyone actually know what the letters stand for. ?
Answer at bottom of next page.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE

Your annual subscriptions were due on the **first of February**. The subs. remain at the same price as last year. £45.00 and £22.50 for Seniors and Juniors. If you have not yet paid, please send your cheque, made payable to **RPGC** to

David Williams
2 Woodgate House
South Bank
Surbiton KT6 6DQ

or see me any Sunday at the club.

Note: Entries for any of the Knockout competitions, will not be accepted, unless subscriptions have been paid. The first Qualifier, for the Mens Four Ball Better Ball Knockout, is on the 10th. March.

APOLOGIES TO JON AND RICHARD

In the last issue I said that **Jon Cooper** and **Richard Tate** had shared the **Handicap Prize** in the **Club Championship**. Well I was wrong, the winner was **Richard** who had the better last round, in the 36 hole competition. Sorry.

HANDICAPPING CHANGES

There has been a change to the mens handicapping system. Now in a **Qualifying Stroke Play** competition only, scores above **Nett Double Bogey**, will be reduced, **for handicapping purposes only** to **Nett Double Bogey**. The easiest way to explain this is to think 'stableford'. Scores will be reduced to the lowest score, where you would have scored a zero in a stableford competition. eg.

hole index 10 par 4, player scores an 9

For a handicap 9 player this would reduce to a 6

For a handicap 16 player this would reduce to a 7

For a handicap 28 player this would reduce to a 8

See Notice Board for full details or ask **Paul Grand**.

ASSOCIATION BUSINESS

At the recent Association of Richmond Park Golf Clubs AGM. We were informed, that there had been no progress, on the Tender, for a new company to take over the running of the golf courses. We were also told, "that G.C.M. would be in place, at least until the autumn of 2003"

There has been no progress on the amalgamation of the clubs, the majority wanted to adopt a 'wait and see' approach.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 3rd.

Monthly Medal & Grand Medal Round 1

The Grand Medal is run from March to October, with the best 5 rounds from from the 8 Monthly Medals counting towards the Grand Medal Trophy.

MARCH 10th.

Mens Four Ball Better Ball Qualifier

(better ball stableford)

The holders, plus the top 15 pairs from this qualifier go forward to the Match Play Knockout stage.

Ladies Captain V Secretary

MARCH 17th.

Sweep (TBA)

Ladies Weekend Away

MARCH 24th.

Mixed Foursomes Qualifier

Best 15 pairs plus holders go forward to the Match Play Knockout stage.

MARCH 31st.

Shaw Cup

APRIL 7th.

Monthly Medal & Grand Medal Round 2 & Qualifier for J.H. Taylor & Two Courses Cup

J.H. Taylor is for players with handicaps up to 16. Handicaps of 17-28 play in the Two Courses Cup. Best 15, plus holders go forward to Match Play Knockout stages of these competitions.

APRIL 14th.

Coronation Cup

Ladies Spring Meeting

APRIL 21st.

Presidents Putter

APRIL 27th. (Saturday)

Spring Mixed Foursomes

APRIL 28th.

Golden Jubilee

This is the first of the 4 Jubilee competitions counting towards the Anniversary Cup. The others are The Diamond, The Platinum and The Silver. The best 3 nett scores count.

EDITORS JOKE (With thanks to Jon Cooper)

Adam was in the Garden of Eden. It was a beautiful place, the grass was a lovely shade of green and very well kept, there was a stream running through with crystal clear water. The trees were full of fruit and the sun always shone, keeping the temperature at a very warm 75%. The wild life had to be seen to be believed. Butterflies were everywhere, rabbits were hopping about and the birds were singing and all had wonderful plumage. And then God paid a visit. "How's it going Adam" ? asks God. "Well OK" replied Adam. God had detected a hint of dissatisfaction in Adams tone and asked what was wrong. "Well" said Adam "all the animals seem to have partners and I am all alone" "Well" said God "I could make you a partner, she would be fair of face and have a pleasant disposition, she would have a soft voice and be able to converse in the ways of the world. She would look after your every need and tend to you if you fell ill." "That's great" said Adam "but I bet that would cost me an arm and a leg" "Yes" said God "it would" Adam thought for a moment and said, "what could I get for a rib"

QUIZ RESULT

John Sowter just failed to beat himself in the "Beat John Sowter" quiz in the last issue. The winner was *Toby Hunt*, scoring 10/10 to win by one point from John, with *Tim and Pam Fox* coming third. The latest quiz is on the last page, have a go, the winner will receive £10 and the runner up £5.

BEFORE YOU PLAY

Let the Booking Officer know you have arrived, pay your entry and sweep monies, check the competition rules and be ready when called for your game. After your round, check your score, **sign your card** and put it in the green box. **Don't get Disqualified.**

DON'T GET LEFT OUT

If you want to play on a Sunday and haven't booked a game, you can phone our booking officer, *Bill McSorley* on **020 8655 5293** up to any Wednesday evening. If you have booked a game and find you can't play, again phone Bill, by Wednesday.

WHERE DID YOU GET THAT HAT ?

Properly from *Peter Harrington*, along with the club sweater, polo shirt and any number of other bits and bobble hats. Order now for your new summer outfit. All at very reasonable prices.

DNA

NATIONAL DYSLEXIA ASSOCIATION

THE RECORDER QUIZ

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1. 32 C on LE Room with a view
2. 50 S on AF Stripes as well
3. 4 RS on MB On right track
4. 1770 LVBB Make a note
5. 1987 PCWW Net result
6. 37 H on SB All alone
7. 1912 TS On the rocks
8. B of 35 F in WSF Potty game
9. 1955 CCIH Chris on Air
10. 4 G = 1P Wet measure
11. 147 SM = AIOW Island measurement
12. 5-4-3-2-1 MMHS Ready Steady Go
13. 1859 FOWS Black gold
14. 1616 WSD That's ruff
15. 2 P for C in B Cue clergyman
16. 3 W for RR in GN Coloured grog
17. 4 STZ in USA No time like the present
18. 9 S in TTT Don't get cross
19. 1 SP for NB in G One over
20. 1961 BWB East and West

Tie Break (if required)

For how much did Edward McLean buy the Hope Diamond in 1911 ?

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| 1. 32 C on LE | Room with a view | Capsules on London Eye |
| 2. 50 S on AF | Stripes as well | Stars on American Flag |
| 3. 4 RS on MB | On right track | Railway Stations on Monopoly Board |
| 4. 1770 LVBB | Make a note | Ludwig Van Beethoven Born |
| 5. 1987 PCWW | Net result | Pat Cash Wins Wimbledon |
| 6. 37 H on SB | All alone | Holes on Solitaire Board |
| 7. 1912 TS | On the rocks | Titanic Sinks |
| 8. B of 35 F in WSF | Potty game | Best of 35 Frames in World Snooker Final |
| 9. 1955 CCIH | Chris on Air | Christopher Cockerell Invents Hovercraft |
| 10. 4 G = 1P | Wet measure | Gills = 1 Pint |
| 11. 147 SM = AIOW | Island measurement | Square Miles Area Isle of Wight |
| 12. 5-4-3-2-1 MMHS | Ready Steady Go | Manfred Manns Hit Single |
| 13. 1859 FOWS | Black gold | First oil well sunk |
| 14. 1616 WSD | That's ruff | William Shakespeare Died |
| 15. 2 P for C in B | Cue clergyman | Points for a Cannon in Billiards |
| 16. 3 W for RR in GN | Coloured grog | Wins for Red Rum in Grand National |
| 17. 4 STZ in USA | No time like the present | Standard time zones in USA |
| 18. 9 S in TTT | Don't get cross | Squares in Tic tac toe |
| 19. 1 SP for NB in G | One over | Stableford point for Nett Bogey in Golf |
| 20. 1961 BWB | East and West | Berlin Wall Built |

Tie Break (if required)

For how much did Edward McLean buy the Hope Diamond in 1911 ? £60,000