

ROYAL NORTH DEVON GOLF CLUB

LADIES SECTION



Dear Ladies

At last we have some news for the newsletter! Albeit a little sparse at the moment, I'm sure we will have more happenings to report as the year progresses.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Victoria for taking on the job of producing the newsletter, and also to thank all the committee members who have supported me during this difficult year so far. Many things have had to be reorganised, cancelled and squeezed in, which has made it a difficult and unprecedented year for all concerned.

The knockout competitions are all in progress, the fixtures in the diary are at last happening, and the bar and restaurant are now open. Alan and the staff have been under enormous pressure running around after all of us as the bell rings from every corner of the premises..... for that we thank them all!

I think we are all finally getting to grips with the new WHS! It has been quite a challenge, I know, but I'm sure that soon, (eventually !) it will become second nature to all of us.

Happy golfing.

Ruth



Then Captain's Handover was slightly unconventional this year, to say the least! It was captured outside the clubhouse, by Liz Cann on a very rainy day in December. This was done between the two lockdowns, on the Sunday of the Whisky Foursomes Competition. I do hope that the next handover will be carried out in the proper manner at the November AGM!



Past Ladies Captain's day

We were fortunate to have a lovely day, if a bit windy, for the Past Ladies Captains' Day. As not all the past captains were able to play this year, I was invited to make up the numbers, and enjoyed a lovely round of golf with Kate and Heather. Embarrassingly we were the winners, though I hasten to add that that was down to both Kate and Heather who played extremely well, and had little to do with my contribution!

Annodata match play

How wonderful it was to return after the latest Covid lockdown to inter-club competitive golf on Sunday, with the ladies match against Saunton in the Annodata Match Play Competition played at RND. It was a fiercely fought battle with an all square result at the end of the five matches. This meant a playoff which RND sadly lost. Thanks to all the supporters, caddies and most of all, the team members. The team members left to right are, Victoria Wheatley, Liz Bird, Liz McKay, Ruth Horn (non playing Ladies Captain), Tania Wickham and Denise Hood.



Summer Mixed Foursomes

The final was eventually played on 5 April 2021, a week after yet another lockdown. Sue, Christy, Andy and Denise had an enjoyable game despite the lack of practice! Sadly, only one pair could win and on that day Andy and Denise were the victors.

Ladies Gift

On retiring as Ladies Captain, I was presented with a lovely print of an original painting painted by Kate Brown of the Clubhouse. I was extremely pleased to receive this lovely gift, presented by our Lady Captain and promptly hung it up in my living room. Thank you, Denise Hood.



Handicaps and Competitions

The WHS system is still causing some puzzlement when it comes to adjusting our handicaps. It would seem that it is going to take some time before handicaps reflect our ability. Remember the more cards you submit the more accurate your handicap will be, a General Play card can be submitted at any time provided you register first.

When completing your card please ensure you have your Course Handicap in the H'cap box and your playing handicap in Strokes rec'd box. Put your playing partners name and handicap in box D and their scores in the Marker's Score Box D on the left hand side and your score in Box A and your card must be signed.

Should you be unable to play for any reason please be courteous and always let your playing partner know. Should it be at the last minute please also let our Secretary Val know as she may have someone to fill the slot.



First game of golf since Christmas for Lady captain Ruth, Margaret, Tania and Gill. Hairdressers hadn't opened yet so hats to hide lots of hair

Our 3 Ball Team Open Competition – A great success despite the weather !!



Our starter for the day Jeremy setting off Marian and her guests Sally and Roz at the Open all looking very happy despite the weather although this was one of the brighter parts of the day.

Jan and Paula selling plants and produce at the 3 ball Open. The weather was wet and windy so the planned tables outside didn't happen. However they were able to make good use of the ladies lounge observing social distancing and raised £245 for the Captains Charity. Great effort.



Denise, Trish and Jackie Aitken checking their cards very carefully after playing the 3 Ball Open they finished 3rd with 69 points.

Just a reminder of spring – lovely picture and article from Alex



Mossy Bottom Bunker

It was invigorating to be out there on the course on Sunday 25th April 2021 after weeks of no golf. The weather was sunny but very windy as is the norm at Westward Ho! These two little lambs, who I have named Shaun and Timmy, were sheltering in the bunker at the 10th green soaking up the lovely sunshine and waiting for mum to open the milk bar. Lately the weather has been un-cooperative with rain, wind and more rain. Hopefully, we can look forward to some better weather in the coming months when we can get out there and enjoy our golf and look for Shaun and Timmy.

Happy golfing AG.