

CAPTAIN'S NEWSLETTER APRIL & MAY 2018

Good morning ladies, here I am again writing my fourth newsletter to you all and I can't quite believe that I'm already halfway through my captain's year and dare I say it, no major problems so far!!!

Let's start with a quick report of the results for the last two months, April started bright and sunny and our first major competition of the year was the Crystal Challenge, played the same weekend as the men play their Masters tournament. A good field of 16 players teed off at the crack of dawn to avoid being held up by all those wayward men who followed on behind us. Everyone enjoyed a fine day of golf with Maria winning on 39 points, second was Viv on 38 points, tied with Keeley who unfortunately had insufficient cards to qualify for a prize, Alice was third. It was non stop tournaments from then on with the April weekend Stableford won by Jane on 36 points, the mid week Div. 1 game won by Alice with 33 points and Jean the Div 2 winner with 28 points. The weekend April medal was won by Keely with 73 points and the mid week Div 1 game was won by Viv with 79 points, Div 2 was won by Annie with 81 points. At the end of the month 28 ladies played in the Spring meeting, we had a lovely day followed by a very nice afternoon tea, where we were joined by more ladies who were unable to play on the day, then the presentation of the prizes won from the beginning of the year took place. On the day the winner was Jane with 72 points, Viv was second with 72 and Ali third with 73, the Scratch Plate winner was Maria who scored a great 82 resulting in a cut of to her handicap bringing her down to 7. Prizes followed the Spring theme with small, medium and large planters from Spadeworks for the first, second and third prizes, nearest the pin and longest drive were won by Viv and Lisa respectively and the front nine was won by Yvonne and the back nine by Dawn, all four winning hanging baskets. We then held a bring and buy sale where we raised £273 for our Young Lives Charity, there were so many things left at the end of the day that I am going to arrange a stall at a Boot Fair to get rid of the remaining items, I will let you know when we have decided on a date as we may need a few volunteers to man the stall, it could be an interesting day as it is not something many of us have done before! The May weekend medal was won by Dawn with 73 points and the midweek Div1 winner was Jo on 69 points and Div2 Linda with 75 points, Jo also won the Eileen's Putter competition scoring an amazing 25 putts. The weekend May Stableford competition was won by Kate with 35 points, well done Kate, I think this may be your first competition win, I hope the first of many, the mid week game Div1 winner was Hilary with 35 points, Fiona was the Div 2 winner also with 35 points.

Friendly games played include the St. Georges Day Waltz played with the seniors in April, as always a really fun day with the winning team consisting of Hilary, Judy, Brian and John, they all happily walked off with their bottles of wine. Two mixed tournaments were held in May, in the Richard Moore Trophy, our best performing lady was Alice with 37 points and this last weekend Dawn was part of the winning men's team in the Falmouth Trophy, with the girls team of Louise, Jo, Judie & honorary girl Max coming in third.

Mark Peddar has been running hourly training sessions for the ladies on a Tuesday after golf and also on Thursday evening, we have had a brief chat about the timing of these lessons and wondered if the Tuesday ladies would prefer to have a lesson on say a Monday morning. Tuesday lessons after a long hard round either in hot sun or pouring rain have not been as popular as originally hoped and Mark is very open to hearing when you would prefer to play. He is also running a once a month Thursday evening wine and 9, I have passed on your comments from the first lesson to Mark and he will bear these in mind for the forthcoming sessions. Going forward he would also like to find out if there is interest for a golf school/holiday break similar to the Portugal trip this year, the format would be run on a similar line with golf instruction in the morning followed by a round of golf with Mark observing and commenting after each round. This year the trip was in February but Mark is happy to run the trip at any time of the year, and to any country just let me know if you are interested.

Looking ahead for the next few weeks we have the Captain's Charity day next Saturday 9th June, Michael and I are praying for fine weather and hope you all enjoy the day, we will be buzzing around on our buggy keeping you all fed and watered. We are also hoping some of you will be bidding for items in our Charity

auction, I attach a copy of the major items so you can have a sneak preview of what's up for grabs, there will also be some great prizes included on the raffle table to, so be generous when buying your tickets. On Sunday the 24th June there is another mixed competition, the Alexander Cup which will kick off at 11.00, the previous night on the 23rd June we have our Summer Bar B Q , so we are allowing for those few slightly jaded golfers to have a little time to get over their hangovers!. Finally our next big comp is our Summer Meeting on the 14th July, it seems a long way away at the moment but it will be on us before we know it.

I think that's about it for now, do please let me know if there is anything that you would like to see happening in the next couple of months, Louise is working hard on arranging social events, our next Nine and Wine is on the 15th June, the date for the July Nine and Wine game has yet to be confirmed and she will also be arranging a mixed game for the August Bank Holiday, so keep an eye out for all upcoming events. I attach a couple of pictures of our winners, more photos of all our major competitions and social events are on the website, just go in to KHGCMembers.com and look in the ladies section at the gallery, there are some gorgeous photos of all you lovely ladies. Look forward to seeing you all out and about on the course over the next few weeks, I will try and play a few more games with the weekend ladies over the summer but at the moment I'm struggling a bit with a dodgy back. I hasten to add it was nothing I got up to on my Turkey trip, just a simple case of picking up a dropped towel from the floor, though possibly the adventures at the water park and bowling the night before it happened didn't help, I must remember I'm not as young as I used to be!!

Lindsay

This year's Crystal Challenge winners



Spring meeting winner





St. Georges Day Waltz winners



CAPTAINS' CHARITY DAY **on Saturday June 9, 2018**

Registration 8.30-9.30
Shotgun start 10.00
followed by Auction and Prize-giving

The following items will be available for Auction:

- ❖ *9-Hole playing lesson with Growing Golf*
- ❖ *4-ball at The London Club, International course (Sunday-Thurs)*
- ❖ *One year's Full Membership at David Lloyd Kings Hill (excl. tennis)*
- ❖ *4-ball at Royal Cinque Ports (Mon & Thurs, other days as 2 2-balls)*
- ❖ *2 prints of watercolours of the course by local artist and club member Peter Robson*
- ❖ *4-ball at Mannings Heath*
- ❖ *Gillingham FC – Director for the Day: 2 persons. Lunch or dinner in Boardroom, seats in Directors box*
- ❖ *4-ball at Lamberhurst*
- ❖ *Drive a Jaguar – use of an F-Pace for a weekend (min. age 28)*

If you cannot attend, but are interested in bidding for any of the above, please contact:

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