



Ladies' Captain's Blog

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Another couple of weeks have flown by and so time for another update. After every one of these blogs I get a few ladies who write and say how much they enjoy them and how great it is to get so much information and so I shall be continuing with them. Just bung me in the trash if you don't like it!

Results of Mail on Sunday

In life you always have to look for the positives. The positive outcome from the Mail on Sunday Knockout competition against Princes Risborough is that I won't need to worry about it any more! Yes you guessed it, we didn't quite make it. After all my worries about the frost and where we were going to play, we did manage to play at Hazlemere but the home advantage was not enough to beat a very good team from Princes Risborough. My team put up a sterling effort against them but we only managed to get 1½ points out of 5. This result does not give a true impression of just how close the match was with one hole being lost on the last putt and another on the 17th. My thanks go to Ann Cox, Margaret Beal, Barbara Prole and especially to Xandra who stepped in to cover for Pippa who was not very well. Next year girls!

Results of the Silver Scratch Match

The results keep flooding in. The Silver Scratch team played another greensomes match in the league, this time against Datchet on Saturday. I say we played golf; it was more like ice hockey! The morning started according to my car's thermometer at -8 degrees, so blooming cold! The team consisted of the pairs - Ann Cox (Captain) and Xandra Morley, Christina Graham and Andrea Hunt and me with Maria Conner. We managed to win 2 of the matches with Christina and Andrea being pipped on the last hole, so another valiant effort by the team. Thanks girls I really appreciate you all turning out in the arctic conditions! The next one is away on 24th March against Aylesbury Park. Hopefully it will be somewhat warmer by then.

Mixed Texas Scramble – Sunday 11th March

Toni has now put up the list for the bunker fund Texas Scramble on 11th March. The sheet is already starting to fill up which is great, so get your names up there for another great fun day. Teams must include at least 1 lady. Since we changed to include teams being allowed to have more than one lady the numbers seem to have gone up considerably so I am really pleased we took this decision.

Food Glorious Food!

There are still spaces for the Valentine's Dinner on, surprise surprise, the 14th February! The next evening I would recommend is the Greek Night on 24th. In the past these have been a huge feast and very delicious and I have no doubt that Lisle will cook us up a treat. Book early for this one to avoid disappointment.

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My Charity

I'm still waiting on a date from the Thames Valley Adventure Playground for us to get a little work party up to help out for a few hours. I had another little nag at the manager today so I hope it will chivy him up to agree a date. I want to give a special thank you this week to Jean Carter, Hilary Shakespeare, Chris Spencer, Pam Wardrop, The Bridge Club, Linda Rodgers and a particular one to Maria Warnes who today filled the back of my car with loads of books, videos, games etc. All your contributions have been taken to the Playground and they are delighted with the efforts we are making. I am sure others have put a few items in the box too, so thanks to you all. I am still keen to have more loo rolls and batteries if any of you can help. With the spring approaching they will start to need things like paint brushes, teak oil, nails and screws.

Another Accident!

I had hoped that after my little 'incident' with the trolley in the bunker I would be able to put a joke at the end of this email, but I haven't had to look for one again as I have another tale of woe. They say things happen in threes so who knows what I will be reporting next time!

This time I shall tell you a tale of destruction. I took Garry to The Vale, near Cardiff on Tuesday and Wednesday for his birthday. If you have not been there I would highly recommend it. I think I have been banned, but I think you will all be OK! We played the Lakes Course on the Tuesday. It is a great course but a bit tight in places. We got to the 4th tee to find it a long par 5 with a very narrow approach to a dog leg left. Trees and bushes down the right and then a set of trees at the corner on the left at the elbow of the dog leg. Now I am normally a fairly straight driver but the fact that there was a green keeper in a digger at the corner digging out a ditch was a bit of an issue! Garry went first and I took a deep breath as he went out towards the left and the digger but managed to avoid it by going a bit further left, hitting a tree and somehow managing to get the ball to land in front of the digger and in a grand position. My turn next (I think I must have lost the last hole – not like me!!) Well talk about a magnet. I did a great drive and the ball was still flying at about 180 yards but unfortunately it was flying straight towards the digger. I screamed 'Fore on the Digger' but with his back towards us and the engine going there was no way he would have heard us. We thought it hit the orange metal at the bottom of the digger but when we got nearer to the scene the green keeper was out and on his phone! The worst part was it appears the ball didn't hit the metal but hit the glass and smashed a hole in the top left corner and the whole window had shattered.

What a lovely man he was. Despite being covered in glass and probably not far off having a heart attack when he must have jumped out of his skin with the impact, he said not to worry or let it spoil my game! The poor chap then put his gloves on and knocked out the whole window! It was blooming cold that day so he will not have thanked me for making his job even worse! I did have to go and report it when we came off the course. The funny thing was the next day when we went to play the Wales National course, it was ladies day and so I met quite a few ladies and they all seemed to know about my little mishap. Word travels fast.

That's all folks!

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