



Richmond Park Recorder

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Introduction

Welcome to this long-awaited first issue of the Richmond Recorder under its "new" management. Cathryn Leftwich and I volunteered in some far away time to give Dave Williams a rest from his years at the helm. Cathryn has since moved on, but not until making a fine start to the composition of this edition.

THANK YOU to Dave for all his hard work. Hopefully this edition will carry forward the high standards established by Dave and his worthy predecessors.

In reality you won't see too much different from previous issues. It's true we enjoyed playing with the presentation format. But the content is necessarily the same – a combination of news and competition results that reflect the regular and special activities of The Club.

The most obvious change is the addition of a table of contents on the first page. This is so you can see what lies ahead should you choose to continue reading and I would imagine would be most useful to the Club Secretary when perusing back issues for facts to settle an argument.

I can think of two members who will be particularly pleased to know that the Quiz will not be disappearing. The bookies have called off all bets on the chances of John Sowter and Toby Hunt continuing their regular success.

A Special Report in this issue covers the Club's plans for the upcoming extraordinary year. Peter Harrington writes about the next contract round for the management of the golf courses which will result in monumental changes in the Club organisation and course management.

If this edition appears more voluminous than you were accustomed to, it is only that it has had to carry a year's worth of news and results. This was not the effect of a change in policy but of a slowness in getting the issue together. I apologise to all those who would prefer more frequent news. It is hoped future editions will appear more regularly.

Tim Meyer

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Member Updates

Welcome to the following members who have joined this year:

Paul Hopkins, Stuart Nash, Rod Hill, Adrian Saurin, David Lazarus, Steve Jones, Darren Summerfield, Tom Scarr, Alex Harrison, Dimitri Manthos, Michael Rossiter, Les Hobbs, Andy Furniss, Robin Mays, Chris Mulgrew, Ed Easton, Michael Westcott, Jason Loubser, Julian Ratnage, Lorenzo Guidi, Gurpal Sekhon and Veronica Mitchell.

We hope you all enjoy your golf at Richmond Park.

Upcoming Events

Apart from the regular Sunday fixtures (see separate section below) there are a number of events scheduled in the next couple of months that are well worth marking in your calendar.

Please watch the Club notice board for full details of all forthcoming events.

2004 Dinner/Dance

The Annual Dinner/Dance is the Club's main social function of the year. The evening includes dinner, trophy and prize presentation and dancing to a live band. And let's not forget the world class Tombola organised by the Ladies.

The next Dinner/Dance is Saturday 31st January once again at the Winning Post in Twickenham. Tickets can be reserved in advance and purchased from Dave Williams. The price is £30 inclusive of dinner and entertainment.

2004 AGM

The Club's Annual General Meeting will take place at 8.00pm on Wednesday 28th January at All Saints Church Hall, Park Avenue, East Sheen, London SW14.

Check the Club notice board for proposals to be put to the AGM. The deadline is 31st December if you wish to submit your own proposal.

Club Website

A reminder that The Club's web site contains news and results usually updated on a weekly basis. New features added this year are access to the weekly booking sheets and the Club Honours Boards.

www.richmondparkgolfclub.org.uk

Small News

The Club has had a card from Matt Mindham announcing the birth of Amy Louise on the 18th of July. We understand there are pictures galore on the web site www.pbase.com/lostmysnorkel. (*Ed. I suppose that's preferable to losing your putter.*)

Congratulations to Jeanette and Matt.

Ladies News

The Ladies of our club have had a very successful six months with some really significant handicap reductions resulting in wonderful competition results which sometimes brought spontaneous applause in the Club House after our games.

At the end of this memorable year and great summer, the following have had the most impressive reductions:

Kate Friswell	from 37 to 28	-24%
Lia Donath	from 22 to 17	-23%
Christine Brazier	from 36 to 28	-22%
Jini Beacham	from 38 to 30	-21%
Doreen Dolby	from 29 to 23	-21%
Gill Hibbs	from 30 to 24	-20%
Jan Oliver	from 29 to 24	-17%
Pia Langeland	from 30 to 25	-17%
Marian Stuart	from 28 to 23	-17%
Lena Kenny	from 29 to 25	-14%

There were many more reductions than those listed here, so congratulations to everyone and good luck in the months ahead in building on these achievements.

Sonia Inniss
November 2003

Technical Tip

Here's an easy way to hone your putting skills at home. Place a two-foot long board along your target line, and set up with the heel of your putter against the board. As you stroke the ball, keep the heel against the board all the way back and through. Just 15 minutes spent practising once or twice a week should soon show some improvement.

Ed note: Having tried this tip, I haven't yet noticed a change in my putting. But I am much better at planning wooden doors.

Special Report – RPGC Plans For The Future

RICHMOND PARK GOLF COURSES - PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The stage is set for a start to the process that will give rise to the most significant changes to the golf courses since they were constructed under the watchful eyes of John Henry Taylor and Fred Hawtree back in the early 1920's.

A number of members have enquired about the future arrangements that are in hand and the purpose of this note is to provide a synopsis of current state of play with regard to the course arrangements and the impact that the plans will have on the Richmond Park Golf Club.

BACKGROUND

In the mid-1980's a proposal was made for a purpose-built golf clubhouse to be constructed in the vicinity of the Chohole Gate entrance to golf courses. Originally rejected, the proposal received official support in the 1990's and this provided the green light for the Royal Parks Agency to promote the new development plan which has been in progress for the last six years or so.

NEW FACILITIES

In summary, the new plans envisage the following changes:

- A golf clubhouse with all the usual facilities such as pro-shop, cafeteria, bar, function facilities, and changing rooms. In addition, it is envisaged that the clubhouse will contain an accommodation area for a resident general manager.
- New driving range. This will not be floodlit.
- A 6 hole par 3 'academy' course for beginners.
- Construction of new replacement holes using the land occupying the old nursery area behind the fence on the 9th on the Princes course. With current thinking, a minimum of 7 golf holes will have to be reworked or newly constructed.
- New road layout and main car park with entry to the courses from the A3, and a corresponding exit from the courses back on to the A3. The aim of this move is to reduce the volume of golf traffic using the Park's inner ring road.

TIMETABLE FOR CHANGE

According to information provided, the Royal Parks Agency will be issuing an invitation to tender and the publication date of this has been put back to January 2004. We have been informed that the tender assumes that the new courses management company takes over from GCM at the beginning of November 2004. This date is still valid despite the delay in the issue of the full tender package. Commencement of the new works will be subject to agreed planning and other consents being received from the Department of Culture, Media and Sport, three local authorities, two highways agencies and, probably, English Heritage. Given the number of consents required it is unlikely that development work will commence before late spring 2005. Understandably, once the development is under way there will be a huge disruption to the Princes and possibly the Dukes courses, and this will inevitably have an impact on both Club golfers and the golfing members of the public. The size of the development indicates that it could be 12 months or more from the start of the works until some degree of normality occurs.

RICHMOND PARK GOLF CLUB

RPGC is one of the five member clubs of the Association of Richmond Park Golf Clubs. The tender documentation being issued by the Royal Parks Agency will grant a continuation of our playing rights under the new operation. However, the documentation has been prepared on the basis that the new operator will be making arrangements with just one golf club and not the five clubs that we have at present. This does, therefore, presume that the clubs will have amalgamated before the new operator takes over in November 2004.

The matter of the amalgamation of the clubs is not new to those of us that have been involved with the management of the clubs over the last four years or so. In February 2000 a plan for amalgamation was agreed between the clubs and it is expected that the plan will be invoked in the near future.

The main features of the plan are as follows:

- A new Committee will be formed to oversee the establishment of an entirely new golf club. The Committee will comprise at least two representatives from each of the existing clubs.
- The five existing member clubs of the Association will dissolve on a given date, and the new club will start on the following day.
- Members of the ARPGC clubs will be entitled to be founder members of the new club.
- The first Committee of the new club will need to be formed at least 6 months prior to the club's commencement and it will form sub-committees to deal with the following topics:-
 - Preparation of Club Rules, and validation of the draft Constitution.
 - Preparation of new weekend and mid-week fixture programmes.
 - Preparation of budgets and financial plan for the new club.

Your RPGC Committee has already taken account of the probable changes in its planning for 2004. Firstly, it is assumed that the dissolution of the Club will be on Monday 30th August 2004, therefore the Club's normal fixture programme has been revised to ensure that all the main events are held before the dissolution date. Secondly, it is intended that the Club will hold a final dinner/dance during either September or October 2004. Thirdly, and subject to agreement at the Club's Annual General Meeting, the present Officers of the Committee will not retire or rotate but will remain in position through to the date of dissolution.

The timing of events is subject to a number of uncertainties, not least the co-operation of the other Association clubs with the amalgamation process. It follows, therefore, that it may become necessary to either accelerate or defer some of the intended actions but there is a degree of inevitability concerning the destiny of the five separately constituted clubs. It is intended that the transition to the new club will have the appearance of a seamless transfer where the normal Sunday routine will continue largely undisturbed. Members of the new club will of course have the ability to play at any time that the club manages to secure tee allocations, therefore members will be able to play in both mid-week and weekend fixtures under the new arrangement.

GCM operates a Saturday golf club, and at the appropriate time discussions will be commenced to explore the possibility of integrating the GCM members into the new amalgamated golf club.

Handicapped

Ruff Stuff

In the inaugural Ruffians Ryder Cup held in July, Richmond Park squeaked past Ludlow by the score of 8½-6½.

The event was organised jointly by myself and Michael Hinks-Edwards, a former RP regular before he decanted off to the shires.

Ten players lined up for each side. On Friday we played a Four Ball Better Ball match and on Saturday a singles. The Ludlow players were hosted at the homes of RP Members for their stay in SW London.

The event was considered a success and it looks like the match will continue next year, at Ludlow in Shropshire.

Unified Handicaps

We're all the same now. The Unified Handicapping System comes into operation in February 2004. The Ladies handicapping system is being brought into line with the Men's. They will both follow the same set of rules, with Ladies subject to a maximum handicap of 36. I'll present more information soon about these changes.

Paul Grand
November 2003

NEW DEVELOPMENT PROJECT TEAM

A small local project team has been formed for the purpose of evaluating the tender and, if appropriate, the team will submit a bid for the contract to both operate the golf courses and undertake the required development at Richmond Park. Until the team has sight of the tender details it is not possible to give any clear indication as to the likelihood of a bid being submitted, and with stiff competition expected from existing multi-course operators the chances of the team's ultimate success is exceedingly remote.

There is, however, one positive advantage that the team has over the competition. The team's aim is to operate the courses on a 'not-for-profit' basis which means that gains will be reinvested back into both the courses and the golfing facilities for everyone's future benefit. This approach has received a warm reception from the Royal Parks management and this has been taken to be an encouraging sign to proceed.

CONCLUSION

In less than 12 months we can expect to see an amalgamation of the golf clubs, a new course operator, and plans submitted for the new development. It is to be expected that in a few years time the current layout and views of the golf courses will be changed for all time.

The Committee of RPGC is working to ensure that both the Club and the other clubs achieve the best arrangements for all our members for the future enjoyment of golf at Richmond Park.

If you should have any questions concerning the changes I will be happy to assist. More significantly, if you should have any information that you feel is pertinent to the forthcoming changes please let the Committee know, and finally, if you have information useful to the project team please let me know.

Peter Harrington

5 Oct 2003

Joke Of The Day

What's the difference between a bad golfer and a bad skydiver?

A bad golfer goes: WHACK... "Damn!"
A bad skydiver goes: "Damn"!... WHACK.

Local Rules

A new set of Local Rules for both courses was adopted by the Association of Richmond Park Golf Clubs on 14 August. The Local Rules needed to be reviewed to reflect numerous minor changes in the course and to ensure all the Clubs played by the same rules in joint competitions.

Peter Harrington followed this process through to its detailed conclusion. The result is a new set of local rules – one for each course. They are reproduced at the end of this newsletter for your convenience.

There is still quite a lot in common between the two sets of Local Rules. However, separate conditions for out of bounds, areas of GUR and paths are specifically identified.

For our Club the main change is the redesignation of the mound between the 12th and the 13th on the Dukes from GUR to 'in play'.

A Minute For The Secretary

Committee Change

Stewart Kendall steps down as a Committee member owing to family commitments. The Committee would like to thank Stewart for his valuable contributions during his time in office and looks forward to the time when Stewart is available to rejoin.

Best wishes to both Paul Patching who takes up the office of Vice Captain and Vic Wadley who assumes the position of Competitions Secretary.

We welcomed David Marsh onto the Committee starting in November.

Trophy Collection

It's the time of the year when we need to collect the Club's perpetual trophies in order to get them ready for the Annual Dinner Dance where they will be awarded to the latest winners. If you are in possession of a perpetual trophy, please hand it back to myself or Sheena as soon as you can in December.

Captain's Cardigan

Martin Wright is now in possession of a Captain's Cardigan. If you weren't sure who he was before, you do now.

Peter Harrington

November 2003

Club Matches

CLAPHAM COMMON SHIELD

Beckenham gained revenge for their defeat last year with a clear win this time, as the Club's endeavours in the Clapham Common Competition failed at the first hurdle.

The match on 10 May ended in an 18 point loss for the Club. Captain Martin Wright, says "It was a shame after progressing so far last year to be knocked out in the first round - but that's life".

HAWTREE

The Club once again entered two teams in the Hawtree competition.

The A Team won in the first round 3-2 at home to Huntswood. Tim & Pam Fox won at the first extra hole to decide the whole match.

There was a different story in the second round away at Stockwood Park in Luton on 21 June. The A Team found it a difficult match against a team of low handicappers and fell to a 4½-½ score.

The B Team's journey was only half as long. The visit to Wexham Park on 25 May resulted in a 3-2 loss.

ASSOCIATION CUP

In a reversal of last year's results, Putney Park won the Association Cup over RPGC. On a scorching 28th of June at the Park the overall score was 79-77.

The pairing of Peter Harrington and Toby Hunt scored 39 points whilst Phil Flanagan and Dave Williams scored 38 points.

That was enough to ensure the Club qualify for the Kelso Hamilton Shield competition next year.

KEYS TROPHY

The Club won the Keys Trophy with a total score of 281. Putney Park placed second with 284 and White Lodge finished with 291. The match was played on the Duke's course on 23 August.

For the Club Toby Hunt scored 66, Mark Bean 73, Tony Archdale 72 and Paul Grand 70.

Both RPGC and Putney Park qualify to enter a team in the SCGU Surrey Fives competition next year.

BOURNE VANNECK TROPHY

The Bourne-Vanneck Shield & Cup was played on Sunday 6th July at Tilgate Forest. The team comprised of Dave Parkinson, John Collender, Martin Wright & Richard Tate.

They came 11th overall, which was an achievement considering Richmond Park were in the last groups and played 10 minutes short of a 6 hour round.

SURREY 5's

Our team lost in the first round to a neighbouring club New Malden.

The individual results were:

Richard Tate (W), Rod Hill (W), Martin Goldsworthy (L), Anthony Williams (L) and Steve White (L).

KELSO-HAMILTON

Stewart Kendall and Bill McSorley once again represented the Club in this competition.

Information about their progress is scant. However there is a rumour chasing around that they managed to get through the first round and hit the stoppers in the second.

BONTOR TROPHY

Ladies Win, Men Second

The Ladies have been very coy at providing information about this fateful day. So it appears that enough has been said already.

AIRLINKS FRIENDLY

The Club relinquished the trophy with an overall score of 8-4.

The Club succumbed to a 6-0 drubbing away at Airlinks on the 16th of August.

The return match took place on 27th September with a 4-2 win for The Club.

RICKSMANSWORTH FRIENDLY

The Club won back the annual trophy by beating Rickmansworth 7-5 on aggregate.

The home match was played on the 2nd of August with the Club establishing a 4-2 lead.

The away match was drawn 3-3 on the 30th of August. The pairing of Michael Rossiter and David Marsh scored 51 points to run away with the sweep, helped in part by David's first ever eagle.

MITCHAM FRIENDLY

The ladies were beaten 4-0 at Mitcham and with a 2-2 draw at home the overall result is a loss of 6-2.

Ladies Autumn Weekend Away

19-21 SEPTEMBER 2003

The venue for this was The Abbey Golf and Country House Hotel near Redditch. Arrangements were made by Gill Hibbs and Christine Brazier and congratulations to them for a very successful and enjoyable weekend away.

Most people played on all three days, but as usual the competition was over two days. The course had it challenges – most notably the harmless looking rough around the greens, the hardness of the greens and their hidden contours.

Here are the results:

Saturday	Ladies	Di Jackett	33 points
Sunday	Ladies	Molly Hood	32 points
Overall	Ladies	Di Jackett	65 points
Runner up	Ladies	Molly Hood	64 points
Saturday Team Ball		Molly Hood, Christine Stewart, John Cooper	36 points
Saturday	Men	John Cooper	35 points
Sunday	Men	Tim Meyer	34 points
Overall	Men	John Cooper	62 points
Runner up	Men	Paul Grand	61 points
Sunday Team Ball		Tim Meyer, Peter Cunningham, Di Jackett, Sonia Inniss	33 points
Nearest the Pin	Ladies	Jan Oliver	
Nearest the Pin	Men	Arthur Dolby	
Most Birdies		Phil Flannagan	

A Cautionary Tale

Flying Home to Eire

Paddy and Mick were returning to their native land to play in the All Eire Champions Golf Tournament. Halfway across the Atlantic the pilot of their plane announced over the intercom: "Ladies and gentlemen. This is your captain speaking. I regret to say that we have lost the use of the outer starboard engine. But there is nothing to worry about. We still have three perfectly good engines which will get us to Shannon airport."

And an hour later the captain's voice was once again heard: "Ladies and gentlemen. It's the outer port engine that's gone this time. But nothing to worry about, we still have two good engines."

Another half hour passed and once again the captain came on the intercom: "Ladies and gentlemen. I do regret to announce that the inner starboard engine has gone ..."

"Begorrah, Mick," Paddy turned to his mate with a worried expression. "If we lose that fourth engine, we'll not only miss the tee off, we'll be up here all night!"

Competition Results 2003

For all those who missed the action, we include here all the results since the year start.

Date	Competition		Winner	Score	Runner-up	Score
5 Jan	<i>Course closed</i>					
12 Jan	<i>Course closed</i>					
19 Jan	Winter Comp Rd 5	M	D Marsh	41 pts	J Rutledge	38 pts
19 Jan	Eclectic Rd 2 [D]	L	A Gardner	32 pts	M Slade	31 pts
26 Jan	Pairs Better Ball	J	R Owen R Tate	48 pts	R Lovejoy M Wright	47 pts
2 Feb	<i>Course closed</i>					
9 Feb	Winter Comp Rd 6	M	J Cooper	39 pts	R Urquhart	39 pts
9 Feb	Monthly Medal & Eclectic Rd 3 [D]	L	M Slade	72 net	J Oliver	73 net
16 Feb	Winter Comp Rd 7	M	D Williams	41 pts	R Tate	40 pts
16 Feb	Monthly Medal (Jan) Eclectic Rd 3 [P]	L	M Hood	73 net	J Smith	75 net
23 Feb	Winter Comp Rd 8	M	T Hunt	41 pts	A Dolby	38 pts
23 Feb	Eclectic Rd 4 [D]	L	J Smith	34 pts	J Oliver	33 pts
2 Mar	Monthly Medal Grand Medal Rd 1	M	T Pickard	59 net	P Cunningham	60 net
2 Mar	Monthly Medal	L	J Oliver	69 net	M Hood	69 net
9 Mar	Qualifier for the men' pairs	M	D Marsh S Hunt	42 pts	R Hill S Nash	39 pts
9 Mar	Stableford	L	C Stewart	30 pts	C Leftwich	28 pts
16 Mar	Ladies W/end Away Lockie Trophy	L	M Stuart			
16 Mar	Stableford Sweep	M	R Hill	42 pts	J Strelcyn	35 pts
23 Mar	Qualifier for the mixed foursomes	J	M Slade D Williams	40 pts	C Brazier R Owen	39 pts
30 Mar	Better-ball medal	J	M Hood P Flanagan	58 net	R Lovejoy G Titzer	59 net
6 Apr	Monthly Medal	M	P Patching	65 net	R Tate	67 net
6 Apr	Monthly Medal	L	J Oliver	70 net	J Mulcahy	72 net
13 Apr	Coronation Cup	J	D Marsh	58 net	D Williams	65 net
13 Apr	Spring Meeting & Eclectic Rd 4 [P]	L	R Lake	68 net	G Hibbs	69 net
13 Apr	Princes Eclectic	L	J Smith	67.5 net	P Fox & R Lake	72.5 net

Date	Competition		Winner	Score	Runner-up	Score
13 Apr	Dukes Eclectic	L	J Smith	69.5nt	M Slade	70.5nt
20 Apr	3 x 6's Team	M	P Flanagan T Hunt K Langeland T Pickard	78 pts = 1st	A Dolby G Foreman P King V Wadley	78 pts = 1 st
20 Apr	Stableford	L	C Woodhouse	36 pts	L Kenny	32 pts
26 Apr	Spring Mixed Foursomes	J	L Donath T Pickard	32 pts	K Friswell D Marsh	29 pts
27 Apr	Diamond Jubilee	J	R Owen	64 net	T Wright	66 net
4 May	Silver Jubilee	J	P Patching	64 net	M Stuart	65 net
11 May	Ruskie Hall Open	J	T Wong [PPk]	61 net	S Wilkinson [RH]	61 net
11 May	May Monthly Medal	M	P Patching	64 net	D Winter	64 net
11 May	May Monthly Medal	L	C Brazier	61 net	C Stewart	68 net
18 May	Bogey Sweep	J	K Langeland	-2	T Scarr	-3
25 May	Shaw Cup	J	J Brosnan	42 pts	F Bacchus	39 pts
31 May	Ladies' Invite	J	J Smith I Smith	41 pts	S Harrington K Sargeant	38 pts
1 Jun	Putney Park Open	J	R Owen	64 net	R Lovejoy	65 net
1 Jun	Jun Monthly Medal	M	R Owen	64 net	R Lovejoy	65 net
1 Jun	Jun Monthly Medal	L				
8 Jun	Club Ch'ship Rd 1	M	F Romanucci	59 net	S Potts	62 net
8 Jun	Committee Cup Rd 1	L	G Hibbs	43 pts	C Goldsworthy	40 pts
14 Jun	Mitcham Away					
15 Jun	Club Ch'ship Rd 2	M	P King	61 net	M Bean	64 net
	Club Ch'ship Senior	M	D Summerfield	149 gr	R Tate	153 gr
	Club Ch'ship Junior	M	F Romanucci	167 gr	R Owen	188 gr
	Club Ch'ship H'Cap	M	F Romanucci	125 nt	A Saurin	127 nt
15 Jun	Committee Cup Rd 2	L	M Stuart	42 pts	G Hibbs	41 pts
22 Jun	Richmond Park Open	J	K Yamamoto [PP]	62 net	L Donath	63 net
28 Jun	Airlinks Away		Richmond Park	0	Airlinks	6
28 Jun	Association Cup	M	Putney Park	79 pts	Richmond Park	77 pts
29 Jun	President's Putter	J	S Nash	45 pts	M Stuart	44 pts
6 Jul	Monthly Medal	M	M Bean	62 net	T Pickard	63 net
6 Jul	Monthly Medal	L				
12 Jul	Men's Invite	J	A Haynes P King	49 pts	D Dolby T Pickard	47 pts
13 Jul	Association Trophy	J	R Barter [PP]	64 net	H Norville [RH]	66 net

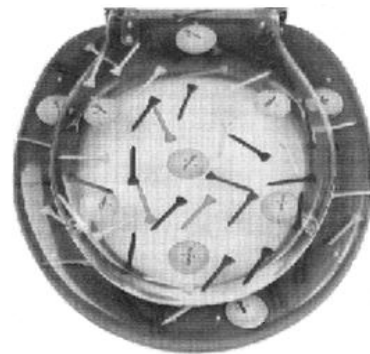
Date	Competition		Winner	Score	Runner-up	Score
20 Jul	Summer Cup	M	D Winter	43 pts	M Rossiter	42 pts
20 Jul	MacMillan Can/Rel	L				
27 Jul	Centurion Open	J	J Ali [Cent]	65 net	P Flanagan (Joint)	67 net
3 Aug	Captains' Day	J	A Harrison	61 net	S Inniss	62 net
9 Aug	Bontor	J	The Ladies		The Men	
10 Aug	Monthly Medal	M	P Grand	64 net	I Smith	66 net
10 Aug	Monthly Medal	L				
17 Aug	Trevor Allen Open	J	P Langeland	47 pts	K Langeland	45 pts
24 Aug	Golden Jubilee	J	P Patching	65 net	J Oliver	65 net
31 Aug	Platinum Jubilee	J	J Leon	63 net	T Hunt	63 net
31 Aug	Anniversary Cup	J	Tie: R Owen and J Smith	204 net		
7 Sep	Course Closed	J	Mother Nature	1 - 0		
13 Sep	Autumn Mixed Foursomes – H/Cap	J	C Woodhouse P Grand	65.5 net	C Leftwich T Pickard	66 net
13 Sep	Autumn Mixed Foursomes – Scratch	J	T Wright M Wright	83 gr		
14 Sep	Monthly Medal	M	P Patching	61 net	T Meyer	62 net
14 Sep	Monthly Medal	L	D Dolby	60 net	J Oliver	62 net
	Club Championship	L	T Wright	168 gr	J Smith	173 gr
	Handicap Cup	L	R Lake	140 net	P Fox	142 net
	Pembroke Cup	L	J Oliver	136 net	S Inniss	136 net
21 Sep	Sweep [Ladies away w/end]	J	E Easton	41 pts	P Patching	40 pts
28 Sep	J Q Robertson	J	F Bacchus	43 pts	R Owen	43 pts
5 Oct	Monthly Medal	M	D Parkinson	65 net	D Marsh	67 net
5 Oct	Monthly Medal	L	L Donath	67 net	M Hood	73 net
12 Oct	Burgess Cup	M	J Rutledge & R Owen	43 pts	M Wright & S Potts	40 pts
12 Oct	Autumn Meeting	L				
19 Oct	Charity Cup	J	Tom Scarr	41 pts	M Slade	40 pts
26 Oct	Lissaman Cup	J	B McSorley	64 net	D Williams	65 net
2 Nov	Monthly Medal	M	T Hunt	70 net	B McSorley	74 net
9 Nov	International Team	J	England	237 pts	Ireland	228
16 Nov	Winter Comp Rd 1	M	P Grand	37 pts	T Pickard	36 pts
30 Nov	Champagne Chase	S	G Foreman	41 pts	T Hunt	40 pts

Accumulator results during the year are as follows:

Date	Competition		Winner	Score	Runner-up	Score
2002/3	Winter Competition	M	Toby Hunt	121 pts	Tie: Dave Williams, Peter Harrington	118 pts
2002/3	Dukes Eclectic	M	Mark Bean	62 net	Stewart Kendall	62½ net
2002/3	Princes Eclectic	M	Tim Fox	63 net	Stewart Kendall	63½ net
2003	Anniversary Cup	M	Tie: Richard Owen, Julie Smith	204 net	N/a	
2003	Grand Medal	M	Paul Patching	322 net	Dave Winter	331 net
2003	Top Dog	M	David Marsh	30 pts	Fiesal Bacchus	28 pts
2003	JH Taylor	M	Toby Hunt		Anthony Williams	
2003	Two Courses Cup	M	David Marsh		John Sowter	
2003	Men's Fourball B-B	M	Dave Winter & Paul Appleton		Anthony Williams & Dave Williams	
2003	Mixed Foursomes	J	Martin & Tracy Wright		Tim & Pam Fox	

Gift Ideas**At your convenience**

Having problems trying to decide what to buy that golf mad person in your life, then look no further. This attractive Loo Seat was recently seen advertised in Women & Golf – a mere snip at £139.97. Just in case, the number to call is 08000 858090.

**Twilight Tracer**

If you spot any "UFB's" (unidentified flashing balls) during that twilight game of golf in the Park, they will probably be the revolutionary new Twilight Tracer golf ball, designed for use in poor light conditions. The flashing is the result of an inner core containing a lithium battery with about 80 hours' life and two red LED lights programmed to pulse at a rate of 7.2 per second for between five and six minutes. The lights are activated when the ball is struck. There is one slight drawback - they cost **£12.99 each**, but that does include a pouch and two tees!!

Fixtures

DECEMBER 2003

Date	Course	Men's Section	Format	Men's & Ladies	Ladies' Section	Format
7 th	P	Monthly Medal	M		Monthly Medal	M
14 th	D	Christmas Hamper	S	✓	Christmas Hamper	S
21 st	P	Winter Competition Rd 3	S		Eclectic Rd 2 [P]	S
28 th	D	tba	S		tba	S

JANUARY 2004

4 th	P	Monthly Medal (GM Rd 1)	M		Monthly Medal	M
11 th	D	Winter Competition Rd 4	S		Eclectic Rd 2 [D]	S
18 th	P	Winter Competition Rd 5	S		Eclectic Rd 3 [P]	S
25 th	D	Pairs Better-ball [mixed / non-mixed]	S	✓	Pairs Better-ball [mixed / non-mixed]	S
28 th	T	Annual General Meeting	polite	✓	Annual General Meeting	polite
31 st	M	Annual Dinner Dance	boogie	✓	Annual Dinner Dance	boogie

FEBRUARY 2004

1 st	P	Monthly Medal (GM Rd 2)	M		Monthly Medal	M
8 th	D	Winter Competition Rd 6	S		Eclectic Rd 3 [D]	S
15 th	P	Winter Competition Rd 7	S		Eclectic Rd 4 [P]	S
22 nd	D	Winter Competition Rd 8	S		Eclectic Rd 4 [D]	S
29 th	P	tba			tba	

MARCH 2004

7 th	D	Monthly Medal (GM Rd 3)	M		Monthly Medal	M
14 th	P	Qualifier for Men's Better Ball	S		Captain v Secretary	S
21 st	D	Sweep		✓	Ladies Weekend Away	
28 th	P	Qualifier for Mixed Foursomes	S	✓	Qualifier for Mixed Foursomes	S

APRIL 2004

4 th	D	Monthly Medal (GM Rd 4) Qualifier for the JH Taylor Shield and the Two Courses Cup	M		Monthly Medal	M
11 th	P	Coronation Cup [Top Dog Event]	M	✓	Coronation Cup / Spring Meeting	M
13 th	P (1924)	Ruby Tuesday RPGC 80 th Anniversary	A	✓	Ruby Tuesday RPGC 80 th Anniversary	A
18 th	D	Men's Bogey Competition	B		Spring Meeting - Foursomes	Fs
24 th	D	Spring Mixed Foursomes	Fs	✓	Spring Mixed Foursomes	Fs
25 th	P	Diamond Jubilee (NAPGC Qualifier)	M	✓	Diamond Jubilee (NAPGC Qualifier)	M

MAY 2004

2 nd	D	Monthly Medal (GM Rd 5)	M		Monthly Medal	M
9 th	P	Silver Jubilee Ruskie Hall Open	M	✓	Silver Jubilee Ruskie Hall Open	M
16 th	D	Golden Jubilee [Top Dog Event]	M	✓	Golden Jubilee	M
23 rd	P	Shaw Cup (NAPGC Qualifier) [Top Dog Event]	S	✓	Shaw Cup (NAPGC Qualifier)	S
29 th	D	Ladies Invitation	AG	✓	Ladies Invitation	AG

The Recorder Quiz

Can you beat our last winner *Julie Smith* and win £10? The runner up will receive £5.

Questions	Answers
1. Who assassinated Mahatma Gandhi?	
2. Who won the first Malaysian Grand Prix?	
3. After whom was Barcelona named?	
4. What is Turk Halil Mutlu's sport?	
5. Which American actor was born Ramon Estevez in 1940?	
6. What did Sir Arthur Wellesley have named after him?	
7. Which Bond villain is played by Joseph Wiseman?	
8. Which was the first suspension bridge in London?	
9. Who signed the 1918 armistice for the Allies?	
10. Who was the famous son of Jennie Jerome?	
11. Who preceded Sir Alex Ferguson as manager of Man.Utd.?	
12. What was the name of Rin Tin Tin's eleven year old master?	
13. Who wrote the book Men Without Ties?	
14. What is the motto of the Stock Exchange?	
15. Who founded the London Library?	
16. What is the largest enclosed public park in Europe?	
17. Who was the first man to jump 8 feet in the high jump?	
18. In which magazine was Oliver Twist serialised?	
19. How many Moons are there in our solar system?	
20. What did Shakespeare's father do for a living?	
TIE BREAK What year were the world's first Traffic Lights installed?	

Please return answers to Dave Williams by Sunday 11th January 2004.

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The following is an extract from the Surrey Comet of 13 June 1923, ably researched and transcribed by Paul Grand.

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And The Last Word Goes To...

... Julie, for this cartoon "PRIORITIES"



Here ... Take this ... I have to go back for my wife

Dukes Course - Local Rules

Adopted 14 August 2003

Out of Bounds

- Beyond the perimeter enclosing both courses. This includes the driving range and the fenced area surrounding the buildings containing the greenkeeping equipment between the 2nd on the Dukes Course and the 15th on the Princes Course.
- To the left of the white posts, or on or over the road beyond the white posts when playing the 1st hole.
- To the left of the white posts when playing the 7th hole.
- To the right of the white posts when playing the 4th, 10th, and 13th holes.

PENALTY FOR OUT OF BOUNDS:

Stroke and distance.

Water Hazards

- All ditches are water hazards unless determined as out of bounds.

Ground Under Repair

- All tees (except the one in play), temporary greens and areas within two club lengths of newly planted trees (either staked or marked with a tree-trunk guard) are areas of Ground Under Repair from which relief MUST be taken under Rule 25-1.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE:

Matchplay - Loss of hole. Stroke play - Two strokes.

- Tractor and machinery marks are ground under repair. Rule 25 applies as follows:
 - i. Through the green: If the ball lies through the green, the nearest point of relief shall be determined which is not in a hazard or on the putting green. The player shall lift the ball and drop it without penalty within one club-length of and not nearer the hole than the nearest point of relief, on a part of the course which avoids interference by the condition and is not in a hazard or on a putting green.
 - ii. On the putting green: If the ball lies on the putting green, the player shall lift the ball and place it without penalty at the nearest point of relief which is not in a hazard, or if complete relief is impossible, at the nearest position to where it lay which affords maximum available relief from the condition, but not nearer the hole nor in a hazard. The nearest point of relief or maximum available relief may be off the putting green.

Immovable Obstructions

- Cut paths are immovable obstructions. Rule 24 - 2 applies.

Areas designated as cut paths are as follows:

 - › To the right of the green on the 1st hole.
 - › To the right of the tee on the 2nd hole.
 - › The area to the left of the tee on the 3rd hole. The pathway between the green on the 3rd hole and the approach to the 14th hole. The pathway between the green on the 3rd hole and the green on the 4th hole of the Princes Course.
 - › To the right of the tee on the 4th hole and the made up area around the refreshment point.
 - › To the right of the tee on the 5th hole.
 - › New and old aprons to the ditch bridges on the 5th, 6th, 7th, 11th, 12th, and 13th holes.
 - › The pathway between the green on the 7th hole and the tee of the 11th hole.
 - › To the left of the rear tee and to the right of the forward tee on the 8th hole.
 - › The path to the right of the tee on the 9th hole.
 - › The path to the left of the forward tee on the 10th hole.
 - › The walkway to the right of the ditch on the 13th hole.
 - › The paths to the side, front and middle of the tee of the 16th hole.
 - › The path between the green on the 17th hole and the tee of the 18th hole.
 - › Any cut path so designated on the Princes Course which is not in an area that is out of bounds.
- The following are classified as immovable obstructions where Rule 24 - 2 applies:
 - › The paved path extending from the right of the tee on the 1st hole.
 - › The section of road that passes across the 1st and 18th holes.
 - › All bridges.
 - › Tree guards.
 - › Shelters.
 - › Benches and seats.
 - › Distance markers embedded in the fairways.
 - › Fixed sprinkler heads.
- Out of bounds marker posts are an integral part of the course for the hole to which they apply, but are immovable obstructions for other holes for which relief may be taken under Rule 24-2.

Other

- Stones in bunkers are moveable obstructions. Rule 24 - 1 applies.

Princes Course - Local Rules

Adopted 14 August 2003

Out of Bounds

- Beyond the perimeter of both courses. This includes the driving range and the fenced area surrounding the buildings containing the greenkeeping equipment between the 15th on the Princes Course and the 2nd on the Dukes Course.
- To the left of the white posts when playing the 4th hole.
- To the right of the white posts or beyond the ditch on the right when playing the 5th hole.
- To the right of the white posts or beyond the ditch on the right of the 7th hole when playing the 6th or 7th holes.
- To the right of the white posts when playing the 16th hole.
- On or over the road on the left of the 18th hole when playing either the 17th or 18th holes.

PENALTY FOR OUT OF BOUNDS:
Stroke and distance.

Water Hazards

- All ditches are water hazards
- The following are lateral water hazards:
 - The ditch on the right of the 5th hole.
 - The pond to the left of the 9th hole.
 - The pond between the 12th and the 14th holes.
 - The drainage ditch to the left of the 18th hole.

Ground Under Repair

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Areas designated as cut paths are as follows:
 - To the front and the right of the green on the 1st hole.
 - To the left of the tee and to the right of the green on the 2nd hole.
 - To the right of the green on the 3rd hole.
 - To the left of the temporary green and behind the main green on the 4th hole.
 - Behind the tee area and on the roadway to the right of the 5th hole.
 - The roadway that cuts across the 5th, 8th, 9th, and 11th holes.
 - New and old aprons to the ditch bridges on the 6th and 7th holes.
 - The path to the left of the tee area, and the path to the left of the greenside bunker on the 7th hole.
 - The pathway that is enclosed with railway sleepers around the tee areas of the 8th and 10th holes.
 - The made-up path between the 8th green and the 9th tee area.
 - The path leading to and between the ladies' and men's tees on the 13th hole.
 - The path between the 13th green and the 14th tee area.
 - The path to the right of the 15th tee area.
 - The path to the left of the 16th tee area.
 - The buggy slope from the 16th green to the 17th hole.
 - The path by the side of the driving range leading to the 1st hole.
 - Any cut path so designated on the Dukes Course which is not in an area that is out of bounds.
- The following are classified as immovable obstructions where Rule 24 – 2 applies:
 - The road to the left of the 9th hole, and where it crosses the 4th, 12th, 14th and 15th holes.
 - All bridges.
 - Tree guards.
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