

## Lady Captain's Notices on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023

What a lovely day for golf yesterday, reflected in the scores, congratulations to the winners below.

### Silver Division

<b>Winner</b>	<b>Sheila Brockett</b>	<b>nett 69</b>	<b>£10</b>
<b>Runner -up</b>	<b>Irene St George</b>	<b>nett 72</b>	<b>£9</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Gillian Hanson</b>	<b>nett 73</b>	<b>£7</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Kelli Seagrave</b>	<b>nett 74</b>	<b>£5</b>

### Bronze Division

<b>Winner</b>	<b>Carolyn Richmond</b>	<b>nett 69</b>	<b>£7</b>
<b>Runner -up</b>	<b>Penny Cook</b>	<b>nett 73</b>	<b>£4</b>

### 9 Hole

<b>Winner</b>	<b>Anne Capener</b>	<b>18 points</b>	<b>£4</b>
	<b>Taken on the back 3 from</b>		
	<b>Pat Eames</b>		<b>£2</b>

**The WINNER of the ANNIVERSARY TROPHY was Carolyn Richmond taken on the back 9 from Sheila Brockett.**

Carolyn was seen with a Cheshire cat smile dancing through the car park at 5.45pm, I think she was delighted with her win. Well done Carolyn.

The Monty Marshall Trophy, ladies Matchplay against The Seniors last Thursday was not very well supported but just avoided cancellation. The 4BBB Matchplay format sadly appeared to favour the seniors and they took the trophy by 3 games to 1.

Good luck to the 9-hole ladies on Friday when they play a match against Mid Herts (A).

The Ladies AGM is not until the 12<sup>th</sup> Dec but in preparation the nomination forms for the 2024 Lady Captain & Vice Captain are in the locker room. Also, we require one new committee member so any nominations you would like to make can be added to the appropriate form, also on the noticeboard in the locker room.

Next week on both Saturday & Tuesday is a qualifying Stableford drawn in divisions.

Both the Saturday Ladies competition and the Tuesday competition suffered issues which involved rules and etiquette around the subject of moving around the course. Being too fast and keen to get on with the game can be just as problematic as being too slow.

In general, higher handicap players will always take a little longer to play than lower handicap players but we can all make sure we do not take longer than is necessary.

I have found a **little-known club document (see below)** which I would like you to read at your leisure to ensure you are familiar with the topic **Pace of Play**.



## HARPENDEN COMMON GOLF CLUB PACE OF PLAY POLICY

Members, Guests and Visitors at Harpenden Common Golf Club are requested to observe Rule 5.6 in the Official Rules of Golf which encourages a **Prompt Pace of Play**.

Each player should recognise that their Pace of Play is likely to affect how long it will take other players to play their rounds, including both those in the player's own group and those in following groups. Players are encouraged to allow faster groups to play through.

### Pace of Play Recommendations

The player should play at a prompt pace throughout the round, including the time taken to:

- Prepare for and make each stroke.
- Move from one place to another between strokes.
- Move to the next teeing area after completing a hole.

A player should prepare in advance for the next stroke and be ready to play when it is their turn. When it is the player's turn to play:

- It is recommended that the player make the stroke in no more than 40 seconds after they are (or should be) able to play without interference or distraction, and
- The player should usually be able to play more quickly than that and is encouraged to do so.

### Expected Pace of Play on the Course

Harpenden Common Golf Club has taken timings produced by Hertfordshire Golf and the maximum expected Pace of Play for a 4-Ball in Stroke-Play should be no more than the below:

- **Holes 1-9:**               **2 Hours 5 Minutes**
- **Holes 10-18:**       **2 Hours 5 Minutes**
- **18 Hole Total:**       **4 Hours 10 Minutes**

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Mins	14	15	16	11	11	14	15	14	15	14	15	16	15	14	14	11	15	11

*NB: The above timings have been calculated to include other factors such as difficulty of hole and travelling times between Greens and Tees.*

Please note this is a maximum expected time and times should be reduced for 2/3-Balls and other formats such as Stableford and Better-Ball where it is expected that players pick up their balls if they are unable to score.

### Starting Times

To ensure Pace of Play is adhered to on days where Casual Golf and optional Competitions are being played, it is expected that players observe the required Starting Times published as below:

STARTING TIMES: MONDAY - FRIDAY			
1 <sup>ST</sup> TEE		10 <sup>TH</sup> TEE	
UP TO 9.30	3 & 4 BALLS	UP TO 9.30	2 & 3 BALLS
09.30 - 11.30	2 & 3 BALLS	09.30 - 11.30	3 & 4 BALLS
11.30 - 13.30	3 & 4 BALLS	11.30 - 13.30	2 & 3 BALLS
13.30 - 15.30	2 & 3 BALLS	13.30 - 15.30	3 & 4 BALLS
15.30 - 17.30	3 & 4 BALLS	15.30 - 17.30	2 & 3 BALLS
STARTING TIMES: SATURDAY & SUNDAY (+BANK HOLIDAYS)			
1 <sup>ST</sup> TEE		10 <sup>TH</sup> TEE	
NO RESTRICTIONS		NO RESTRICTIONS	

For Club Competitions that have allocated Tees Times, players are requested to be on their Tee 5 minutes before.

## We encourage 'Ready Golf: Playing out of Turn

Ready Golf is a term used in Stroke-play, which indicates that players should play when they are ready to do so, rather than strictly following the procedure of "farthest from the hole should play first" in the Rules of Golf.

- In Stroke-play, players may play Ready Golf in a safe and responsible way.
- In Match-play, players may agree that one of them will play out of turn to save time.
- Quite simply, Ready Golf is a common-sense approach to play the ball when ready:
  - *Dismiss all honours on the Tee.*
  - *Don't walk and wait for others before approaching your next shot and hitting.*
  - *Allow shorter hitters to play first if longer hitters are waiting.*
  - *Hit your shot before helping others to look for a lost ball.*
  - *Proceed to your ball as quickly as possible.*
  - *Play the ball as soon as it is safe to do so.*
  - *Mark your scores at the next tee except the first player who is teeing off.*



## Further Guidance and Tips to assist Pace of Play

- Keep up with the Group in front.
- Invite faster Groups to play through, especially if you are losing ground on the Group in front.
- When searching for a ball, you must take no longer than 3-minutes after you have begun the search.
- Plan your shot and select your club when approaching your ball.
- Only take one practice swing and prepare yourself while others are hitting.
- When in doubt, hit a provisional ball.
- If necessary, encourage your playing partners to maintain a good Pace of Play.
- Don't waste time even if starting after a gap in the field.
- Don't leave a Trolley, Buggy or Bag in front of the Green. Leave it to the side towards the next Tee.
- If safe to do so, encourage players on incorrect Fairways to play through.
- All players should watch other shots to help pinpoint the position of the ball.
- On the Green, study the line and slope etc. before it is your turn.
- Leave the Flagstick in the hole.
- If you cannot score in certain formats, please pick up.

All the Best,  
Jane  
Acting Lady Captain for October