



Sue's News

September 2009

New Ladies

We've been making a real effort recently to try and ensure that those ladies who are new to golf or to Bramley feel involved in the Ladies Section. Many thanks to all of you who have helped in this.

Annelies, who is our 'liaison' with new members asked Gary to run a clinic on etiquette and rules. About 10 ladies came to what was a superb session – I think we would all have found it a useful refresher to hear about where to put the flag when you lift it, exactly how to drop from a water hazard and so on! Gary very kindly

gave his time free, but suggested the ladies make a donation to my charity, G.U.T.S; so many thanks for those contributions to what is such a worthwhile cause. And huge thanks to Gary.

Janette has organised a number of Thursday morning roll-up sessions for new ladies to play 9 holes or more with experienced Bramley ladies, followed by coffee and a chat. The first two sessions have been a great success in giving our new members a chance to play the course, perhaps put in a card for handicap, and get to know other

members, old and new. I know they've been enjoyed by everyone and there is a list up on the notice-board for two more sessions in September and October.

It's so easy to forget how daunting it must be to join in when you are new to a Club. We hope we are showing we're a very friendly and welcoming Ladies Section. If, by any chance, you're a 'newish' member who has been missed out, please do get in touch with me and we'll make sure you're included in the next get-together.

Bobs & Ladies

The second Bobs & Ladies event this year takes place on Thursday 15th October. The list is now up on the notice board for you to sign and the draw will take

place shortly. This was the first event I was involved in last October as Lady Captain, and, because of a change of date for the Autumn event this year, this match will also be

my last, so I'll need to think of some banter for the Bobs! It is always a good-humoured, fun day, so do sign up to play with a sprightly Bob....

Handicaps

Just a reminder again that the most up-to-date and reliable way of checking your exact current handicap is to do so on the PSI machine at the club. The online service 'howdidido' is not always quick to post results, even though the Pro Shop submits these straight after a competition. The master handicap list in the lower ladies locker room will shortly be removed as it is impossible to keep it permanently updated but you will always find your most up to date handicap on the PSI machine.

Pearson Trophy

Marjorie Brown has very kindly again agreed to be the Organiser, Chief Coach and Scout for this popular Surrey competition! We're really grateful, Marjorie – you do a superb job and we know it's a lot of work. The 'Pearsons' is a matchplay competition, 7 players in a team, for handicaps 13 – 32. We'll know this month which four clubs Bramley will be playing, home and away, in the first round; matches can be arranged from November, some may be as late as March. Marjorie has put up a list for you to sign if you are at all interested in being part of the training squad. Don't forget – if you're playing well off a higher handicap, then you are really useful to the team! It's competitive but also fun, with the chance to play other lovely courses. So, do sign up.

Centenary Plate

Yet another great win for our team in their first match of the Semi-Finals of this Surrey scratch competition. Last week they beat Purley Downs at home and a win at the away match next week would see them into the Finals. Good luck,

Surrey Ladies Past Captains' Society

Thanks to all of you who kindly helped recently when 88 Past Lady Captains from golf clubs all over Surrey descended on Bramley for a Society Golf day. Gary's organisation for this is always second-to-none, but I offered the services of the Ladies Section to add one or two extra touches that ladies seem to appreciate. So, thanks to Shirley and Sue for the tubs of flowers you brought in that we again put out on some tees and yet again attracted so many comments. I acted as starter up on the 10th and every single group that came up to the tee said what a lovely touch that was. (How about something more permanent for a Ladies' Centenary project?!).

Thanks also to Shelagh and Janette for their stunning flower displays - including those strategically placed in the men's loos.... And thanks to all of you who helped in the clubhouse or acted as ball-spotters out on the course. The visitors were all so complimentary about their day at Bramley; many had not played here before and were asking about return visits with their husbands or details of our Opens, so a worthwhile effort by all..

Many thanks.

Club Championship

Thanks so much for all your emails and calls after the last Newsletter where I explained the Committee's proposal to trial a different format and date for the Club Championship next year. There was much support for the idea of running the championship as two rounds over two consecutive days, with a special celebratory meal and prizegiving on the second day. The change of date to the beginning of the summer holidays would allow our Junior girls to take part in our competition, as the Junior boys do in the Men's Championship. And it would also prevent the problems we had this year in June, when Lady Captain's Day was immediately followed by the Championship and then the Summer Invitation – an expensive month for the purse and the waistline! And most importantly, we hope this format will attract more entrants to the Championship itself, which the feedback certainly indicates.

Email Addresses

Audrey is just about to make available the list of lady members' email addresses and will have contacted you to make double-sure you are happy for your address to be available to other ladies. If you have any queries at all about this, do contact Audrey or me.

And finally...

I'm delighted to say that tickets are selling fast for our **Joint Captains' Farewell Party** on **Friday 9th October**. There obviously has to be a limit on numbers because of the space, so do make sure you buy your tickets at the bar before we're sold out! It's all very informal, so, if you've never been to a social event at the club, here's your chance. Paul and I would love to see as many of you there as possible for a great party to celebrate our year.