

## *Captain Crewe's Chronicles*

October started where September left off, with both the rain and the finals continuing. Dozens of flood warnings were in place across the country, whilst here in Clevedon the month began with the climax of the golfing season, and a week of finals dodging the rain. Linda Reynolds having reached three finals, but not being here on Finals Day, had to play her matches early. With one already under her belt at the end of September, there were two more to come for her.



First off on October 1<sup>st</sup> was the final of the Ross-Goobey, mixed Foursomes knockout, with the Reynolds and the Angells contesting the title. With Linda and Lauren in excellent form having both won significant competitions in the past week, would the outcome depend on the form of their husbands, Phil and Ron? After a match of high quality, the pairs were all square going up the 18<sup>th</sup>. They both sank the putt for 5 and were about to head off up the 19<sup>th</sup> when the Angells discovered the ball in the hole was not theirs!!! Oh no..... the match was lost to the Reynolds as the wrong ball had been played out of the rough by the Angells. That completed a double for Linda and Phil who won the title last year, and two out of two finals so far for Linda. Commiserations to Lauren and Ron who came so close!



Half an hour later, across the car park on the putting green, Sandy Hill and Sarah Martin were ready for the final of Paddy's Putter. Sarah, in her second final, was put under pressure by Sandy who went 4 up. However, with five single putts to Sandy's one, Sarah clawed her way back and was eventually victorious on the 37<sup>th</sup> hole!



The following day, Linda was up for her third final in 9 days as she and Sue Tasker contested the Floyd Cup (Handicaps under 24). Could Linda make it a hat trick, or would Sue frustrate her attempt? Sue got off to a flying start and went 4 up after 4 holes, but Linda rallied and eventually won the match 3 & 1, in a match where no holes were halved!



Wow.....!!

A hat trick! The Triple Crown!



**The Langford Ladle**  
**The Floyd Cup**  
**The Ross Goobey Trophy**

**BUT** not quite a Grand Slam as Linda didn't enter Paddy's Putter!

All in all, a remarkable season for Linda, both individually and as part of the Alliance teams. She thoroughly deserves that large glass of rosé..... and more I would suspect!

The Master Medaller, played alongside the medal competition on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, was yet another final. This time between everyone who had won a medal competition throughout the year. With this coveted title being contested by 14 ladies, the result couldn't have been closer. In the end we had four ladies on a nett score of 75, three of whom we eligible for the MM title. With the result decided on countback, Tracy Buckland was victorious over Heather Priestley and Vicki Sach. As Heather pointed out, this was the 'Vice Squad' in action!

Finally, the official Finals Day arrived on October 6<sup>th</sup>, and the final Ladies' final, the Ford Salver (Handicaps 25 – 36), was all set to be played with defending title holder Jacqui Toogood up against Jane Clark. On a beautiful autumnal day both were raring to go but unfortunately, after doing a few practice swings, Jane realised that her injured shoulder was not up to the job and conceded the match to Jacqui. Commiserations to both players for not being able to contest the title in a match, but well done to both for getting this far. No-one likes to win or lose in this manner.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the summer knockouts. You were a vital part of the journey for all our winners, and I hope you'll be back again for another crack at the titles next year!



With the final two Friendly Team matches cancelled on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> due to poor weather, the end of the season was quite a wash out, and the Ladies' Captain's attempts to get a photo of the team were thwarted!! Never mind, there's always the end of season lunch. Thanks to everyone who has participated and represented the Ladies' Section in any of these matches over the season.



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Phew..... all that in just six days!!



It continued to rain..... and the stableford competition on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> was cancelled. Then even more rain .....and the first Friday Roll Up was cancelled..... and the course was closed!

Winter wheels and the buggy ban came early ..... only half way through October!



What a wash out!  
Thanks to Carol K for the flooded bunker photos. Can you work out which ones?



Seniors captain, David Capon, presented me with flowers and unfortunately The Loving Spoon!

It stopped raining long enough for the annual Loving Spoon contest v the Seniors to get underway on Monday 14<sup>th</sup>. With 16 ladies prepared to take up the challenge, we faced our opponents in a 4BBB match. The format, playing off our own tees and card with full handicap, suited us, however after a couple of hours the rain was back and was relentless, making for really tough playing conditions. Unfortunately, we retained the Loving Spoon winning only 2 ½ matches to the Seniors 5 ½. Thank you to everyone who too part, and well done to our winning pairs of Sue Tasker and Jacqui Toogood, Heather Priestley and Andrea Bellamy, as well as Laureen Angell and Gaynor Richards who secured a half.



Two days later the sun made an appearance and we were back for the Captain's v Past Captains Greensomes challenge match. 11 past captains, under the leadership of our longest serving past captain, Pat Chapman, squared up to the Ladies' Captain's & committee team with everyone else evening up the numbers. Having been A/S for the last two years, would this trend continue? With the result kept a secret until the end, suspense mounted as we awaited the completion of the last match, which went on to the bitter end. Finally, a convincing victory to the LC team of 7 ½ matches to 1 ½ was announced! It was a great match, played in good spirits in lovely weather. What more could we ask?





In an effort to beat the weather a party of 20, including Pro Ryan Crowley and his partner Sue, headed off to Portugal for the first overseas club trip for a number of years. Would you believe we got wetter there than we ever do at home as we didn't have adequate waterproofs to cope with the downpour on the second day. Having got soaked through to our underwear, the hairdryers were put to use drying out our knickers!! That didn't detract from what was a super trip, to play some lovely golf courses, in great company.

The 'Solheim' team, in the Solheim v Ryder bowmaker challenge. This contest saw the ladies, with a score of 235, narrowly defeated by the men who scored 237. But for the rain, which came down when most of the men were in the clubhouse, we would surely have won!



Meanwhile, back in Clevedon, the Friday Roll Up was once again a non-starter. Only poor Heather turned up to play, having got up too late to look at the forecast of yet more rain before dashing out! 🌧️



We faced another meteorological challenge on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, this time in the form of fog!! After two false starts and being summoned back to the clubhouse by the claxon, the competition was finally abandoned. This led to another problem..... a queue for the trolley cleaner due to the simultaneous evacuation of the course!!! What a pity as the rest of the day was glorious.



The final Friday in October came and once again, you guessed it..... rain prevented play in our Roll Up. Will we ever get started? 🌧️



LADIES' CAPTAIN'S FUN DAY – OCTOBER 30TH

Finally, on the last Wednesday of the month, with the weather cold but dry, our Halloween themed 10 hole competition got underway. With tricks and treats involved in the scoring, who could predict what the winning score would be?? What cruel witch decided the best score on some holes couldn't count?? Thanks to everyone for taking part, and special thanks to Captain Ben and Vicki for helping out and joining in fully in the spirit of the day.



Weird witches .....  
is this CGC or  
Hogwarts?



Our wonderful,  
(not wicked) witch  
Vicki served up  
warming potions  
at the haunted  
half way hovel.



Strange goings on as we seem to have acquired some  
new rather ghoulish members!

And the winning team was ..... Lauren Angell, Tracy Buckland and Jill Vowles with a grand total of 57 points. Clearly munching on that toffee at the HWH made all the difference to Lauren! Tracy made it two wins out of two at the LC Fun Days this year, and Jill, who acted as ghost player for two other teams, came good for her own team.



Second with 54 points – Elaine Morgan, Sandy Hill and Andrea Bellamy.



In third place with 52 points – Val Trounce, Susie Gibbins and Jacqui Toogood.



Coming up .....

**Friendly Team Lunch – November 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Seniors & Ladies Mixed Bowmaker – November 4<sup>th</sup>** - Teams now sorted, but reserves desperately needed.

**BDLGA AGM November 8<sup>th</sup>** – Sue B and Lauren will be presented with their Handicap Foursomes trophy.

**Club Autumn Dinner – November 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Alliance Team Lunch – November 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Social trip to the Royal Mint – November 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Club Forums – November 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>** – an opportunity to hear the development plans for the club.

**Club Presentation Evening – November 22<sup>nd</sup>** - come along and support your fellow ladies who will be receiving trophies.

Welcome to new member Kay Hill, who played in her first competition. No..... we don't behave like this every Wednesday, although a half way tippie during the winter months would be popular, I'm sure!

So..... October has come to an end and what a strange golfing month it has proved to be. We began the month with a frenzy of finals and ended with the Fun Day. In between we had two of our Wednesday comps cancelled, the Friday Roll Ups have yet to get started, and winter wheels and the buggy ban have come in unseasonably early, all due to RAIN, RAIN, more RAIN and FOG!! BUT as the Fun Day showed, the spirits of the Ladies' Section are still riding high.

Finally .....we send good wishes to Pauline Deal who is having a second knee replacement within ten months tomorrow – November 1<sup>st</sup>.