KENT v SLCS CHISLEHURST GOLF CLUB Monday 16th September 2024

We eventually manage to play our final SLCS final match of 2024. Luckily I was able to replace those players who had agreed to play on the original date, before the Kent Captain discovered she was double booked and were unable to play on the new date. We were a little late starting as the club pro who prepared the cards had based the handicaps on inaccurate information. I was very grateful to one of the Kent players for verbally checking their team's handicaps. Hopefully the second version of the cards was correct. I really appreciated the presence of Sara Brown, our Vice President who come along to see us take our first shots from the tee.

I was very happy to see more new players joining our ranks. While it was a bit daunting to see how far some of us had to travel on the day the motorways were very quiet. Chislehurst was an interesting if somewhat tricky course with seven par threes. The Kent team fielded at least six home players and as many of our team were giving a lot of shots it was a fine victory - the best of the year! The Kent Captain organised two nearest the pin one for us and one for Kent players on a different hole. Congratulations to Sally Cooper-Parry winning her prize.

Our first results didn't look too promising with two losses and a half but then the tide turned and we won the other five matches

The mansion, the former home of Napoleon Bonaparte's nephew, Napoleon III, is spectacular with a fantastic collection of silverware and elegant decorations. The pre-match bacon, sausage or egg rolls were very good, although the actual ordering caused some confusion at the time.

The Kent Captain generously provided a glass of fizz before our meal We enjoyed our evening meal of sea bass with potatoes and roasted fennel followed by panna cotta tart, in the amazing wood panelled dining room. There was plenty of chatter, and laughter although we were not allowed to mention the Solheim Cup on our table. Hopefully everyone enjoyed the day as much as my fourball

Judy Searle

Captain 2024

Players: Caroline Adderley, Sue Bower, Chris Braidwood, Sally Cooper-Parry, Lynne Farrow, Carol Green, Hazel Corstin, Judy James, Alex Jamison, Ritchye Ko, Carole MacKay, Anne-Marie Reading, Susan Sadler, Judy Searle, Sue Wakerley, Vicky Wheeler.

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