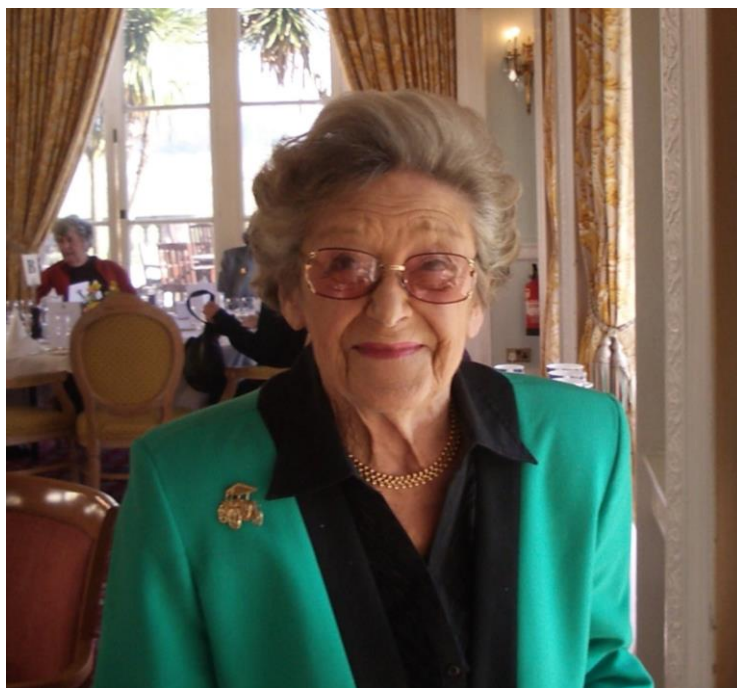


HISTORY OF THE SURREY LADY CAPTAINS' SOCIETY (SLCS)

1964

The Surrey Lady Captains' Society was founded by Joan Rothschild, a club golfer at Kingswood Golf Club with the approval of the Surrey County President, Molly Gourlay, who in 1930 was the instigator of the Curtis Cup. Our Society was born in early 1964 with membership being open to all past Lady Captains of Surrey Clubs limited to 250 members at an annual cost of £1 per annum. Joan was the first Captain, Molly the first President, Joan Laker was the Hon. Secretary and Alice Monk, the Hon. Treasurer. By July 1964 the SLCS was fully subscribed with a waiting list.



The Inaugural meeting of SLCS was held at Kingswood GC with 120 members playing at a cost of £2.10s.0d which included a 3 course lunch, 36 holes of golf and afternoon tea. The Founder's trophies were present by Joan Rothschild to be awarded at all future Autumn Meetings.



1965

The first Spring Meeting was held at Effingham GC with 120 members entered. The day was very hot and after 36 holes it was decided that future SLCS meetings would be 27 holes. The Members' Salvers were funded by the members for the winners of the Spring Meeting.

Winners of the 2021 post Covid Spring Meeting with their salvers.

Mrs A Gayford and Mrs E. Hessey with Gerry Ross, Captain SLCS 2020 & 2021

1968

The SLCS played their first annual match against the Surrey Golf Captains. These matches usually ended in defeat, the odd victory and a few halved matches. Recently the format was changed to two ladies and two gentlemen playing in a team competition.

1978 – 79

Friendly matches against other counties began. The first county match against Sussex in 1978 and a year later Hampshire was added. These matches are great fun played as 4 ball better ball against their past lady captains so all handicaps are welcome.

1986

A new division of membership was formed called the Evergreens; designed for ladies aged 65 and over who could play 18 holes in their own competition. Others who had ceased to play golf could become Life Social Members. The first Evergreens Meeting was played at Sunningdale Ladies GC and Alice Monk and Katie Thorne provided the trophies. At the 2013 AGM a resolution was passed that there would only be one category of playing membership. That year the last Evergreen Meeting was held at Malden GC. The Evergreen Trophies were renamed the Veterans' Trophies played for at the Summer Meeting for the best scoring pair aged 70 or over.



1992

The Society introduced a sweat shirt featuring a logo of a "Surrey with a fringe on top" vehicle. Records show that shirts, sweaters and hats were available. The shirts and sweaters continue to be available at Meetings or online via the website.

1996 -97

Friendly matches with Berkshire and Kent respectively were added to the annual calendar. In 2001 we played our first match against the Society of London Lady Golf Captains. This continues to be played as a friendly team of 4 ball better ball consisting of SLCS members and London Ladies when their Captain is from Surrey.

Winning team at Malden 2024

**Alex Jamison, Chris Braidwood, and London Ladies Sally Fields & Jude MacKenzie
with captains Judy Searle and Alison Trinnick**



2000

A Mixed Invitation Meeting was introduced to be played at Worplesdon GC. Unfortunately the course was flooded and the following year at Reigate Hill also had to be cancelled. The first successful meeting was held at Tyrrells Wood. Bette Lansley, Captain in 2004, presented the Salvers for the winners of this event.



2003

Joan Rothschild founded the LOLAs (Little Old Ladies Association – brainchild of Joan Laker). The first luncheon was held for the over 80s to get together to relive the friendships and fun they shared playing golf all those years ago.

LOLAs together with Bill Deedes at Reigate Heath



The LOLAs continue to meet annually and Sara Brown, Honorary Vice President organises the lunch

The LOLAs lunch held at Walton Heath October 2023



2009

Pip Mumford, the Hon. Secretary, produced the first Member's handbook to contain details of the Committee, Rules of the Society, current & previous Officers as well as details of Meetings, Matches and Merchandise together with entry/order forms which could be cut out and posted with payment.

2010

The Summer Meeting was introduced by Mary Beard who presented the Captain's bowls for this event. The first meeting was held at West Byfleet GC.

Mary Beard presenting her trophies to Jenny Manser and Debbie Murray, winners at Bletchingley 2023



2011

The Joan Rothschild Memorial Trophy was held for the first time. This is played for by any current or past Committee member and honorary members and Surrey Women's Golf Captains. It is a 9 hole golf competition followed by a delicious tea to which eligible ladies who no longer play golf can attend.

2014

Our Golden Jubilee was celebrated by a special lunch at Sandown Park Race Course attended by 230 members. Pam Benka, 2013 President of England Golf, gave an interesting and amusing address about her year in office. The Surrey Golf Captains presented the SLCS with a replica Claret Jug to mark the occasion. This is competed for in a singles competition called the Golden Jubilee Claret Jug. Our first winner was Mrs Vicky Wheeler.



Ann Croft together with Pam Benka



**Tonie Quantrell, President presenting
Vicky Wheeler with the Golden Jubilee Claret Jug**

2015 -17

The first website was introduced. Members can read match reports online, apply for events and see who won the trophies. Later online payments via BACS were added which, thanks to the effort of our Treasurers, are now the preferred method of payment.

2018-2020

Under the captaincy of Vicky Wheeler, a new A6 version of the handbook was produced including a list of all members who agreed to have their names and contact details included. In 2018 Judy Searle introduced a new version of the website which has made the maintenance of the content much simpler.

Covid 19 had a huge impact on all our lives. Gerry Ross, Captain, kept the Committee focused to see what we could do for our members when golf play was suspended and many members were very isolated. When restrictions were lifted, we held a Summer Luncheon and the AGM was conducted via Zoom.

2021-2024

Confidence has gradually returned and we see increasing numbers at our meetings. In planning, we aim to involve all areas of Surrey and at the most reasonable prices; not easy in the current economic climate.

We continue to support the Surrey Junior players, the Charity Battleback (using golf to rehabilitate injured servicemen & women) and have recently introduced a Captain's Charity for the AGM which, in 2024, was for the Kent, Sussex and Surrey Air Ambulance Service.

Joyce Jarvis, Suzie Gordon and Gerry Ross manning the raffle at the 60th AGM



Vice Presidents Pat Stovold and Sara Brown with Lieutenant Colonel Tristan Crew from Battleback at the Mixed Invitation 2018

In March 2024 our 60th Diamond Anniversary AGM was held at Kingswood GC; back to where the first SLCS event was held. 160 ladies attended and we were treated to a delicious lunch. Our guest was Ann Gems, President of Surrey Women's Golf and Emma Carberry was our speaker entertaining us with her enthusiastic history of her life in golf, starting at the age of 4 and playing junior county golf before going to college in America where she started her professional career. She has since been involved in many aspects of the sport.

Ladies enjoying the AGM luncheon with mood green lighting provided by Kingswood and beautiful floral table arrangements provided by Suzie Gordon and her team.



2023 Captain Pat McNeil and 2024 Captaln Judy Searle who together with Gerry Ross, Tonie Quantrell and Susie Gordon organized the celebrations of our Diamond Jubilee.



The Surrey Lady Captains' Society continues to thrive with over 600 members and a Committee dedicated to provide enjoyable social golf as was envisaged over 60 years ago.