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We teed off for a great cause!

It poured on both days on **Robbie John's Captain's Day** and Ladies Captain Carmen **White-Lawes Day**... but it rained pennies from heaven for the two charities they are supporting during their year as nearly **£4,500** was raised.

Robbie John's Captain's Day was a great success!

Nearly 150 club golfers took part in Robbie's golf day, with the early morning starters getting a drenching as those that followed made hay whilst the sun shined in the stableford points scoring event.

Winner was **Graham Hazel** who carded 42 points to collect the silver "quaich" from former **Ladies Captain Gill McDougall**, whose family donated the traditional Scottish drinking cup in memory of her father, Maurice Lesley, who was a member of the Leighton club for 68 years before his death three years ago at the age of 94.

Runner-up was **Graham Westlake-Triton** with 40 points, a shot clear of Carl McDougal, with Manny Barker fourth with 37 points. There were nearest-the-pin awards for Martin Flynn, Voja Savic, Graham Richmond and Peter Darwin; Stuart McLeod for the longest drive and to Richard Harris for being nearest the line.

Steve Light won the prize for being nearest the pin in two on the finishing hole while the team prize was won by Jim Wren, Colin McLeod and Graham Hazel with 71 points. Oonagh Russell won the Ladies 9-Hole Competition A much sought-after voucher for four people to play a round of golf at Royal Troon was won by **Marie Bigrave**. The prize had been donated by club member, Denis Leitch, in memory of his late great grandfather David Hutchison Leitch, who was one of Scotland's top amateur golfers of his time, and helped Robbie raise over **£3,800** in total for his charity, **Newlife**, which supports disabled children, providing equipment, grants, play and health services.



Graham Hazel receives the unique Captains' Day'quaich' trophy from donor Gill McDougall

Ladies Captain Carmen White-Lawes Day

Three days later, it rained persistently on Ladies Captain Carmen White-Lawes' Competition Day. The day was won by Club Marketing Director **Liz Bagshaw**, a former Ladies Captain who carded 34 points - and also won the nearest the pin prize on the 2nd hole for good measure. Niki Clark was runner-up with 31 points, and two clear of third placed Jenny Stafford. Patti Marriott carded the best front nine score with 17 points, with Christine Robinson topping the table on the back nine with 15 points.

Carmen's Captains' Day raised over **£500** which will be donated to the stroke unit at Luton and Dunstable Hospital at the end of Carmen's term of office in November.



Winner Liz Bagshaw (right) receives her trophy from Ladies Captain Carmen White-Lawes

Peter Myrants is on fire

Peter Myrants' Senior squad have not yet lost at home – but have yet to win away. Only skipper Myrants and Graham Pellow, and Martin Broadley and Terry Wright won for Leighton in a 5-2 defeat at Buckingham, with Tim Martin and Denis Leitch halving their match. And they went down 4-3 at John O'Gaunt, with wins by Keith Griffiths and Graham Robinson, and Tim Martin and Mike Turnock supported by halves by skipper Myrants and Gerry Ferris, John Bettle and Martin Broadley and Derek Read and Ian Rimmer.

However, Captain Myrants' home fortunes continued when he won the Seniors Tucker Cup with 43 points, beating Nigel Barnes by a shot. Denis Leitch, Derek Browning and Robbie John led a chasing pack with 40 points, one clear of David Roffe and Jeff Wood.

Simplify your short game

Three swings you can replicate

Do you lack confidence controlling distance with your pitch shots? Many, even most, of our golfers have one swing length for all pitch shots. They control their distance by accelerating or decelerating into the ball. That's a tough task and just adds to the challenge of the shot. It's very difficult to be precise.

Control distance with the length of your back-swing and follow-through. Work with three swing lengths using the clock face theory 9-3,11-1 and full swing. It will help you hit it closer more often through greater distance control.



Wedge	Swing length	Yardage	
60°	9 - 3	23yrd	
60°	11 - 1	64yrd	
60°	Full	92yrd	
55°	9 - 3	32yrd	
55°	11 - 1	98yrd	
55°	Full	108yrd	
50°	9 - 3	40yrd	
50°	11 - 1	110yrd	d
50°	Full	122yrd	
PW	9 - 3	43yrd	
PW	11 - 1	118yrd	
PW	Full	130yrd	

Now you should create a wedge chart. An accurate recording of the distance each wedge travels depending on the length of your swing. This will help you make better

decisions on the course. This will help you hit your distance target more often.

Fill the gaps

Integrating a 9-3 and 11-1 swing into your wedge game is critical to ensure you are never between clubs again. You will be shocked by the consistency and confidence you gain. It only takes one lesson.



Enjoy the journey



IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW OLD YOU ARE

AND BOY OR GIRL, WOMAN, OR MAN, IT'S THE SAME



BETTER IS GREAT

Better is more enjoyment. Better is more excitement. Better is more rewarding. Better is a look of surprise on your playing partner's face. Better is a challenge faced and an accomplishment made.



Start a journey

Golf is even more fun when it's a journey somewhere. It's more than playing. It's about growing and improving and mastering a new skill. Speak to us about our 'Play Nine Together' or 'Personal Assessment' and we'll show you a pathway to better.





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