

MATCH SECRETARY AND HANDICAP REPORT FOR 2017 AGM

Good Evening Ladies,

2017 has been another successful and eventful year for Swanston Ladies.

I think everyone would agree that it's not been one of our better summers weather wise however we did manage to play most of the competitions with only a few being cancelled.

The 9 hole Stableford competitions continue to be well supported however it would be nice to see a few more Ladies at our monthly medal competitions which have the lowest attendance figures. I know quite a few of the ladies prefer the Stableford format and this could well be one of the reasons.

Let me begin my report with the **Silver and Bronze Championships**.

The two qualifying competitions were held slightly later in the calendar than previous years but this seemed to work very well with both rounds having around 17 ladies playing.

Championship day saw the silver division final between Susie Williamson and Linda Tse with Linda the eventual winner in a closely fought match.

Linda will now go forward to represent Swanston in the Champion of Champions competition early next year.

In the bronze division, Louise Angus met Fiona Shepherd in the final and Louise was successful on the day and will see her name on the trophy for the first time.

Congratulations to Linda and Louise and commiserations to Susie and Fiona.

Unfortunately Louise won't be defending her title next year but we wish her well in the next chapter of her golfing career at Ratho Park and look forward to seeing her when she visits Swanston.

Thank you to all the ladies who braved the windy conditions and turned out to support both matches on the day.

Order of Merit

The winner of this year's Order of Merit is Susan Greenfield with 725 pts and the runner up is Margaret MacConnachie with 580pts. Well done to Susan and Margaret.

Moving on to the winner of the Ladies Nett Eclectic Competition which this year was a very close run battle between Susan and Margaret and indeed in the final counting medal in October, Margaret just managed to sneak past Susan and win by 1pt to take the prize with 51pts.

Many congratulations to Margaret on her win and well played both of you.

Home Competitions

Our Ladies Open Greensomes this year was held on Sunday 30th July and was a very successful day despite fewer numbers than we were hoping for but the visiting players were very complimentary about the course and all enjoyed themselves.

The winners for 2017 were ;

1st Kay Cuthbertson and Anne Brown of Deer Park

2nd Muriel Gilligan and Lisa MacPherson of Baberton

3rd Frances McFadzean and Lesley Duncan both Craigmillar Park

Winners of the Scratch prize were Coleen Derighetti and Jaci Moriarty from Lochend Ladies.

Well done to Kay and Muriel who, with their respective partners, kept the Swanston flag flying on the day.

Trophies

The Stableford Trophy in May was won by Nancy Arnott.

The Summer Cup in June was won by Linda Tse.

The Caerketton Trophy in July was won in spectacular fashion by Susie Williamson and included a hole in one on the 7th.

Well done Susie! A great achievement.

This year's 3 club competition was won by Susan Greenfield.

The Friendship Cup was won by Nancy Arnott and Joan Edgar.

The Bogey Competition was won by Margaret MacConnachie

The September Cup was won by Annette Wilson.

Congratulations and well done to all.

The Hareburn Cup this year was won by Sue Walker who played very well to beat Annette Wilson in the final.

Congratulations Sue.

This year's 5 over 12 competition was a very closely fought match between Louise Angus and Annette Wilson with Louise being the eventual winner.

Well done to Louise and while commiserations are due to Annette, I think she also deserves a "special well done" for reaching the final of these matchplay competitions.

Thanks also to Nan and Joan for all their hard work in organising the 5 over 12 competition. This is much appreciated by all those taking part.

Turning now to the award for the **most improved player** which this year goes to Margaret MacConnachie who has managed to reduce her handicap from 23.8 to 22.5.

Well done Margaret and well deserved.

Coronation Foursomes

Our Coronation Foursomes competition was held in April and the winning pair were Elizabeth Anderson and Andrea Johnstone.

The area finals were held at Turnhouse this year, and while we didn't manage a win, we had a very enjoyable day and finished with a respectable score in the end.

Away Competitions

Once again Swanston ladies have been very successful away from the club, winning prizes in the many open competitions that were held in 2017.

Most of these will have been reported in the monthly newsletters and so I won't list these individually but only say well done ladies and I look forward to hearing of many more wins next year

Once again I would like to say a special thank you to Liz Anderson who organises a great many of these open outings. All your time, effort and cajoling is much appreciated.

Lastly, turning to next year's **Morison Millar** competition which as you all know by now will be coming to Swanston.

At the moment, Kay Cuthbertson and myself are the only ones who are involved, Kay having attended the recent committee meeting with me.

The official handover from Royal Musselburgh will be in January and from then it will be down to us.

As Fiona has already said the plan is to enlist the help of as many people as we can at Swanston, not just the ladies, to ensure that the day runs like clockwork. With this in mind, I will be looking to set up a little sub-committee into the new year.

Something for everyone to think about.

Next year the goal for Swanston Golf Club and the perfect outcome following the Morrison Millar will be if we are able to improve the perception of many to our golf course; and at our next AGM we can report on a successful and memorable event at Swanston.