

MCLGA TEAM REPORT - 2017 AGM

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It saddens me to present this report, possibly for the last time. Bearing in mind that by having a team in Midlothian league, Swanston can be represented at county level.

I believe **winning the 2nd Division and the Thomson Trophy. An achievement which will be hard to surpass.** Unfortunately next season due to differing circumstances we will be unable to enter a team into the MCLGA Five-a-side league. The decline in membership has impacted on the Team. On saying this, all credit to the lady members we still fielded a FULL TEAM for every one of our matches.

This is very disappointing to have to withdraw from the league but firstly I would like to thank all the ladies who represented the Club by participating over these eight years for their dedication and commitment to the Swanston Ladies Team. Arranging the fixtures is not easy, so you could say it's a big relief for me. **But a very BIG THANK YOU to you all.**

Out of these seven years we unfortunately had the most disappointing season, finishing along with 2 other clubs with 4 points but bottom on games won. You will be able to read all match reports are online.

Last year was a commentator's nightmare I said "Going forward it has been great to see the improvement of many ladies in match play situation and I would be delighted to see our MCLGA Five a Side team continue in the future". Alas not to be for 2018.

MCLGA objective:

The policy for Midlothian County Ladies Golf Association (MCLGA) to be committed to supporting and developing county golf by providing training for junior girls and ladies - particularly those aspiring to play for the County team and for National or International Honours.

The Midlothian juniors continue to play a few competitions at Swanston, they have used the Templar since it opened. Unfortunately we are unable to recruit junior girls as they are mainly from other clubs, some are only members of Midlothian where they can be with other girls. This is a great way to encourage young girls to start playing golf.

Caris Irvine, Started here at Swanston Golf, still a junior now doing extremely well.

Midlothian members as individuals or team have done really well, please advise check website for all their results.

Being a MCLGA member you not only have the opportunity to meet new golfers, play in 3 meetings on courses for a reasonable green fee, summer and winter foursome competitions, knock out and possible league appearances and other competitions, you are also supporting national, county and golfers of the future. Annette can vouch for this, as she sees a difference in her own game.

As your Midlothian Rep for one more season, on behalf of Midlothian Ladies I would like to thank all Midlothian Lady members for their support this season and try encourage others to join next year. Then in 2019 let's hope you can once again enter a FIVE A SIDE TEAM and represent Swanston at this level.

So I urge you to continue your support for Midlothian.

Muriel Gilligan

MCLGA Rep