



SWANSTON LADIES' NEWSLETTER – **JULY 2018**

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Mid-Summer has been and gone, so make the most of the remaining light evenings! Upcoming competitions which will be played later in the day - or which you can choose to play in the evening – are: 9-hole Stableford on Thursday 12th; our July weekday Medal on Thursday 26th; and our Friendship Cup on Friday 3rd August (only 12 holes). *While this hot, dry weather continues, please keep trolleys off the aprons around the greens where the grass is being worn away (there is a notice about this on the website).*

Sadly, as you all know, Anne Renshaw died on 14th May after a long illness and several Swanston Ladies attended her funeral on 5th June. Anne will be very much missed but fondly remembered at Swanston for her poetry which hangs on the wall in the Templar Room and our Locker Room. Anne's husband, Eric, tells me that he plans to sell her golf clubs and trolley and once I have more details these will be posted on the noticeboard in case anyone is looking to purchase second-hand replacements.

It seems ages ago – in a different climate! Our **Ladies Open** set for Sunday 27th May could not go ahead because of thick fog. It was extremely disappointing. Also, we had hoped for a larger entry this year (because of the Morison Millar) but there were only 21 pairs on the tee sheet. Given the cash prizes amounted to £260 and the entry fees totalled £315, we had only just passed the point where the Open was viable. Whatever the prize pot, the Club felt that we required a minimum of 18 pairs playing or they were not going to give the go-ahead. The Committee decided not to re-arrange this year as we already had to prepare for the Morison Millar. Also, finding a suitable alternative date was always going to be difficult. Let's just hope that next year we are blessed with fine weather for our Open and we get a better uptake. On a brighter note, the Raffle that day raised £153 for the Eric Liddell Centre.

The results of our **Friendly** competitions, organised by Nan, are as follows:

- v- Lochend: Lochend won all three ties!
- v- Merchants: Swanston Ladies won with 2 wins and a draw
- v- Craigmillar Park: who can tell me the result? I can't find it anywhere!

NOTE: The final Friendly, on Wed 11th, against Carrickvale has been cancelled as they cannot raise a team. An alternative date may be fixed – will keep you posted. Even for Swanston Ladies it has been quite difficult finding 6 players available for each competition, so we may have to re-think Friendlies next year. Also we have to consider the cost implications of providing a meal for the players – not all the Clubs can manage that. Nevertheless, these are always enjoyable competitions.

The **Hareburn Trophy** matchplay competition is now at semi-final stage, with Rebecca -v- Norma and Muriel -v- Andrea to be played by the end of July.

And the “informal” **Nine Hole Challenge** has also reached its Second Stage quarter finals - Muriel -v- Annette; Fiona -v- Liz; Joan -v- Janice; and Andrea -v- Norma should complete their ties at least by mid-August but earlier if possible to allow time for the semi-finals before the end of August.

Winners of Competitions in May and June (and early July!) were as follows: Well done!

03/05/18	9-hole Stableford	Norma
05/05/18	Stableford	Fiona
12/05/18	Stableford Trophy	Susan G
19/05/18	Medal	Anne McDonald
31/05/18	Medal	Susan G
02/06/18	Summer Cup	Susan G
17/06/18	Stableford	Rebecca
21/06/18	9-hole Stableford	Fiona
23/06/18	Medal CCQ1	Fiona
28/06/18	Medal	Fiona
07/07/18	Stableford	Annette

Our **Putting Competition**, always an enjoyable event, took place on 15th June – on one of the few dull evenings that month! Twelve ladies took part, playing over the two putting greens plus the 9th green of the Templar and one Footgolf hole! Improvisation by Elizabeth - as she found the lower putting green had only 4 holes that evening. You would think that we might have managed several Holes-in-One into that giant Footgolf hole – but nobody managed to fire a ball straight into the bucket! Our Winner was Muriel, who was presented with the Putting Trophy (which goes back in the cabinet!) and a Rosebowl (which the winner keeps for a year). Sandwiches and sausage rolls were provided in the Brasserie after the game.

At Lady Captain’s Day on Saturday 9th June we played Bingo, Bango, Bongo again over 12 holes in beautiful weather. It seems to be a format that everyone enjoys. The theme was “Colourful” and attached is a great photo of 13 colourful golfing girls at the 1st tee. After the game, we gathered for afternoon tea in the Brasserie where former Captains, Kay Cuthbertson and Anna McBryne, joined us and prizes were presented.

WINNERS: *Bingo* = Nancy; ***Bango*** = Joan; and ***Bongo*** = Andrea.

As part of the Lady Captain’s Day event, we organised a **Craft Fair** from 10am in the Foyer at Swanston. It was amazing how much (in terms of items for sale) members, family and friends provided at relatively short notice and many ladies, current and former members, helped out at the Sale. The proceeds were for the Marie Curie Hospice at Fairmilehead in memory of Anne Renshaw. At the sale we took in £640 (some of this was donations), and after refunding a percentage to several craft makers, we had raised the amazing total of £416 for the Hospice. Thank you for supporting this event – selling, buying, making, baking and helping.

The Ladies entered a team in the **Club Texas Scramble** on 30th June – Fiona, Joan, Linda, and Nan. We had a very enjoyable round, didn't hold anyone up, and came in with a nett score of 69.2 which we thought was pretty good. Unfortunately, it meant we were bottom of the scoresheet (nett 52.8 won). However, as Nan put it, we won the Ladies' Section!

And – **YES!** – Swanston put on a cracking show for the **Morison Millar**. Months and months of forward planning paid off. Huge support from the Ladies Section, Senior Gents and the Club Management; and Wylie and the Brasserie staff who did an amazing job feeding the huge number attending. We received many compliments on the organisation and the competitors enjoyed the event. Twice round 18 holes in a day is a challenge at the best of times and in the heat it must have been extra hard. But we were so grateful to have lovely weather that day. Our team of Muriel and Margaret, Susan and Zoe played well. Andrea and her colleagues on the Morison Millar committee will be very pleased to relax – job well done. And we at Swanston can give ourselves a big pat on the back and hold our heads up high. We did well! Mrs Meldrum, granddaughter of Mrs Morison Millar, presented the Trophy and prizes; and we showed her our 1931 Cup which was originally presented to the Club by Mrs MM and is now presented to our Ladies Silver Champion.

Some changes/additions/cancellations to the Fixtures List:

Tuesday 24th July – Club Forum (look out for confirmation on website nearer the date)

Sunday 26th August – Not Club Texas Scramble – Graeme Millar is organising some other competition to tie in with opening (hopefully) of Academy, etc.

Thursday 6th September – Captain -v- Vice Captain match on Templar – **CANCELLED** (neither myself nor Elizabeth will be in Edinburgh – and running out of daylight for later in month).

Tuesday 25th September – Ladies Meeting in Templar Room 7pm – to have a chance to raise and discuss any golfing matters ahead of the AGM in November (so we don't have to rush that meeting to avoid being late for Dinner!). More details later in August. Please try to come along to have your "say".

Friendship Cup Foursomes competition – Friday 3rd August at 5.30/6pm over 12 holes. Please find a partner – ideally from another Club – and **let me know if you will be playing. I will need your partner's name and handicap.** If you need to find a partner, you could contact our ex-members. Let me know if you need contact info. I have invited Louise Angus to be my partner. Each pair will pay £5 to the Club to play – like the Open but cheaper! After the game, dinner will be provided in the Brasserie (same menu as Friendlies – paid out of our Budget). We really need at least 6 pairs to get this off the ground, so please try to play.

Club Championships: After our July Medal, our Handicap Secretary will make the draw for the Championships in August. If you do not wish to be considered, please let Elizabeth know – otherwise we will assume that all names go forward. Clearly there is going to be a very small pool for the Silver Championship as Linda is unavailable and Susie is not fit to play. (In fact Susie has spoken to Mike Robson and put her membership of the main course on hold for the rest of this year but she hopes to play the Templar occasionally. We all hope Susie soon gets back to full fitness).

Jim MacLeod Memorial Trophy – Tuesday 28th August. Usual Texas Scramble format with a Raffle in aid of Marie Curie. More info nearer the date.

Fixtures:

JULY – Thursday 12th	9-hole Stableford
Sunday 15th	Caerketton Trophy (flag competition non-counting)
Saturday 21st	Medal – CCQ2
Thursday 26th	Medal
Saturday 28th	Bogey Competition
AUGUST – Friday 3rd	Friendship Cup 5.30pm (12 holes)
Thursday 9th	9-hole Stableford
Mon 13th, Thurs 16th	CC Quarter and Semi Finals
Saturday 18th	Championship Finals
Sunday 19th	Stableford
Saturday 25th	Medal
Tuesday 28th	Jim MacLeod Memorial Trophy with Seniors (early morning!)

Lady Captain's Day – Saturday 9th June 2018 – the “Colourful” Ladies



Swanston Ladies Team for Morison Millar Trophy Competition 2018:

Zoe Norton and Susan Greenfield; Muriel Gilligan and Margaret MacConnachie

Well done and well played. Twice round 18 holes in one day – in the heat – deserves a Medal! You look bonny in your Green Lamb polo tops with embroidered logo.

