

## MATCH SECRETARY AND HANDICAP REPORT AGM 2018

Good evening Ladies

2018 has been a successful and very eventful year for Swanston Ladies.

Think we can all agree that after snow in April it has been the most amazing summer, warmest we have had in a very long time, with only an odd competition having to be cancelled and unfortunately one of those was our Open which fell victim to the local Haar sitting around Swanston, yet 5 mins away it was a beautiful warm clear sunny day. This was such a shame given all the hard work that goes into organising it beforehand.

Throughout the year both the medal and stableford competitions have had a mixed number of attendees going from 3, on the most horrendous of days to 12 on the 1<sup>st</sup> Championship qualifier. Fiona and Susan have fought out the medals but Susan ending coming out top winning the very last one of the season making her 3 to Fiona's 2, Zoe, Andrea, Anne and myself bringing up the rear with one each.

The Stableford competition winners were much better balanced having Norma winning 2 and the other 6 all with different winners. The 9-hole stableford competition are proving to be very popular.

There has been over the season a club Stableford held on a Wednesday which up until the very last one none of the ladies had played in, but we kept the best till last with the club 9-hole stableford on 24<sup>th</sup> October, 5 ladies playing, but only 4 cards put in, and all 4 were in the top 5 with Joan winning with a great score of 18 points, Zoe 2<sup>nd</sup> also on 18, Nan with 17 and Fiona in 5<sup>th</sup> place with 16. Joan even managed a 2. Well done ladies. Hopefully this result will encourage more of us to play in them next year.

### **Silver and Bronze Championships**

Unfortunately, due to bad weather both gents and ladies pre-round matches had to be rearranged, with the finals due to be played on the Sunday. The silver finalists however were unable to play then, so their match was played on the Saturday with Muriel winning from Susan earning the title of Ladies Club Champion. Muriel will now go forward to represent Swanston in the Champion of Champions early 2019.

In the Bronze final on the most horrendous of days Zoe beat Fiona, so other new name onto the bronze trophy. Congratulation to Muriel and Zoe and commiserations to Susan and Fiona.

Thanks to the referees and all who came and supported the players throughout the week and on final's day.

### **Order of Merit and Eclectic**

The winner of this year's Order of Merit is Susan with a staggering 1480 points, Fiona came 2<sup>nd</sup> with 955 and a bit behind Zoe with 670.

The Eclectic was much closer fought with 3 people, Susan, Fiona and Andrea all having 49 points, but Susan came out as overall winner.

Well done to all.

### **Home Competition**

Normally this would be the report from our Open but as I said earlier this unfortunately had to be cancelled but we did have a very successful raffle which raised £153 for the Eric Liddell centre. Thank you to all who donated prizes.

### **Trophies**

Susan has cleaned up on the silverware this year winning the Stableford, Summer, September and 3-club trophies. Well done Susan

Bogey competition. Was a very close match with Zoe winning on countback beating Rebecca.

The Putting and Caerketton trophies were won by Muriel. Well done Muriel

The Harburn trophy was also won by Muriel beating Norma in the final. Well done to Muriel commiserations to Norma.

10 couples played in The Friendship cup which was won by Susan Randall, Carrickvale and me Elizabeth Anderson.

### **Janice Sutherland and Jim Mcleod Trophies**

In April, due to increment weather condition the Janice Sutherland trophy was played over 10 holes, 9 and then the 12<sup>th</sup>, this was won by the Gents Senior team. Raffle and entry monies raised £164 for the Eric Liddell centre.

In August the Jim McLeod Competition was won again by the Gents Senior team. £158 was raised for Marie Curie.

Thanks again to Stewart Kerr, seniors and all who contributed prizes and played. It is always a fun day.

### **Coronation Foursomes**

The Coronation foursome competition held in April, was once again won by Andrea and Elizabeth who then went on to play in the area finals at Ratho, not winning through to the next round but returning a very respectable score.

### **9 Hole Challenge**

Finalists Muriel and Norma. With Janice refereeing

The final of the 9 Hole Challenge was played on Monday 17th September and what a good game it turned out to be, a very tight match with Muriel winning 4 and 2,

7 of the ladies then had a very enjoyable lunch in the Brasserie finishing with tea/coffee and some of Muriel's delicious tablet and a wee traditional gift for taking part.

This has been the first year for the 9 Hole Challenge played in this format and despite the loss of numbers it has been successful and enjoyable. Let's hope it can be repeated in 2019.

Many thanks to Nan and Joan for organising it, also for organising the winter greensomes which were very successfully over the last winter on the Templar course, they have organised them again for this winter. If you haven't already signed up to play, please contact them asap.

### **Friendlies**

All friendlies were played at home this year, again thank you to Nan for organising.

Swanston lost against Lochend, we won against Merchants and Craigmillar. Carrickvale again was cancelled as they were unable to raise a team. No suitable dates could be arranged against the Edinburgh University ladies, so no match was played with them.

2019 provisional dates are now up on the notice boards, please check your diaries and enter your names on the list.

### **Most Improved Player**

The award for the most improved player this year goes to Anne McDonald who has managed to reduce her handicap by 1.04 followed closely by Fiona with 1.03. Well done to both.

### **Away games**

Once again Swanston ladies have played in many opens at other clubs, winning prizes for myself at Lochend and Gogarburn, Muriel at Niddrie Castle and Turnhouse, Margaret at Royal Musselburgh and Fiona, who had her first win away from home winning the stableford at Gifford with a very impressive score. Muriel and her team also won at Turnhouse in the Joanna Lamb charity scramble.

Andrea and myself have played with Gary and Tony in a couple of mixed opens, Andrea and Gary in the winning at Pumpherstoun and Tony and I in the mixed at Swanston.

Opens is a great way to play at other courses for not a lot of money but also to fly the Swanston Ladies Flag.

### **Midlothian Ladies – see separate report from Muriel**

Only 4 ladies joined this year Muriel, Margaret, Annette and Elizabeth, the fees of £25 for joining were paid by Swanston golf.

### **Morison Millar**

At last year's AGM this was the noted *"Next year the goal for Swanston Golf Club and the perfect outcome following the Morison 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."*

Thanks to Andrea, her team and the weather I am sure we can all agree that this goal was well and truly met. Well done to all.

