



Welcome to the March Newsletter. January and February seem to have gone by in a flash, it is amazing how quickly the nights are drawing out and hopefully this is Spring on the way, the snowdrops and crocuses are certainly out in abundance.

Club Prize giving. This was held on Friday 1st February at 7.30pm in the Brasserie and it was lovely to see quite a few ladies. The mementos for the Trophy winners were some beautiful pieces of glass from Harmonies in Wood and were well received. The Caerketon trophy has been replaced by a stunning modern Glass trophy, see pictures below and Muriel Gilligan being the first recipient of it. This was funded by donation from Swanston Golf club, Muriel Gilligan and me, Elizabeth Anderson.

The Fixture list: Hope you all now have your 2019 fixtures list and have lots of the competitions booked into your diaries, hopefully will be an enjoyable and busy year of Golf.

Winter games: Despite some bad weather quite a few games have been played both on a Wednesday at 10am, usually on The Templar course, and on a Saturday in the Club Stableford or just having a fun bounce game. The ladies have 3 tee-times booked every Saturday from 11.30, so if you want to play, you can either play in the Club Stableford, just let the shop know when you get there, or just go out and have a few holes.

The Club Stableford is played every Saturday and Sunday and can be booked out with the ladies Saturday tee-times, via BRS.

Winter Greensome on the Templar, organised by Nan and Joan, are well underway, everyone by now should have placed at least 2 games, with their 3rd game being played before end of March.

Friendlies: The sheet with the dates for the Friendlies is on the noticeboard in the lady's locker room. If you haven't already done so, and are available to play, please add your name to the sheet or contact Nan directly – pgilhooly@mac.com or 07762 953282.

Tuesday 7th May -v- Lochend (A);
Wednesday 15th May -v- Merchants (A)
To be confirmed -v- Edinburgh Uni (H)
Thursday 6th June -v- Craigmillar (A)
Wednesday 10th July -v- Carrickvale (H)

Dates for the diaries: First match of the season for ladies;

18-hole stableford on Saturday 6th April.

Janice Sutherland, with seniors on Tuesday 9th

Official opening day, Captain v Vice Captain is Saturday 13th.

Coronation Foursomes; Sunday 28th April, winners of this competition go forward to a choice of finals, Thurs 22nd July, Edzell, Thurs 8th August at West Linton, or Wed 31st July Eastwood, East Renfrewshire.

Alex Erskine Interiors Centenary trophy. We have been invited to participate in the. This company will sponsor one of our medals, the winner and possibly the runner up will then go forward to the grand final, on an Edinburgh course still to be confirmed, to play in this one-off competition. This competition is only open to Edinburgh Ladies golf sections. More details will follow.

9-hole Challenge: you should have received an email with the details for this competition, if you would like to play please contact Joan or Nan.

MCLGA: If you haven't already joined and need more information, please contact Muriel Gilligan who is our MCLGA rep.

<https://mclga.com/membership-form/>

Chosen Charity for 2019: the charity for the coming year will be Oxfangs Care Dementia group, we have given to them before and although we never raise a huge amount of money, what we do makes a huge difference to this group.

Academy: Scott has finally moved into The Academy building, a few tweaks still to be done but if you are down that way please pop in and have a look as quite impressive. The driving bays are all in use and the new astro turf should be laid around April. Unfortunately, due to Scottish Water working the area doesn't look at its best but hopefully it shouldn't be too long until they are finished, and everything tidied up.

Arran Trip: This is now confirmed, 8 of us will be going to Arran from Sunday 29th September returning Tuesday 1st October, we will be playing 3 stableford games on the Shiskine Golf club. There is still availability if anyone else would like to join us, just let me know as soon as possible.

Course update: have lost a couple of the large pine trees behind the 7th green, one came down in a recent storm which loosened the 2nd which had to be removed. Over the coming months additional trees will be planted to the right of the new 7th tee and down the right-hand side of the 8th and 9th fairways. Heathers and shrubs will be planted at the back of the 6th green, replacing the gorse that was removed a few years ago. The green keepers would love more heather so if you are at the garden centre and feel like buying a few I am sure they would be much appreciated. The bunker at

the front of the 7th green has been rejigged and is much improved, I can actually get out of it now.

Planning Application: If you are on Swanston Golf's Facebook page, you might have seen this, but for those of you who haven't, this is a planning application for the area surrounding the golf course. Quite interesting!

[Cllr Scott Arthur - Working hard for Colinton, Oxgangs & Fairmilehead.](#)

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Hillend Leisure Limited have been in touch to say they plan to submit a planning application to develop land at Swanston Farm (111 Swanston Road, Edinburgh, EH10 7DS - Former Lothianburn Golf Course) in to an "outdoor mountain bike leisure development with associated hub building complex, located on land at Swanston Farm".

This will include a mountain bike trail centre, indoor and outdoor leisure, food and beverage, professional services suites, offices, retailing, short stay visitor accommodation and associated site access, parking, landscaping and other works.

A consultation event will be held at Swanston Golf Club, 111 Swanston Road, Edinburgh, EH10 7DS, between the hours of 2pm and 7pm on the 5th March 2019.

This is separate from the plan to redevelop the Dry Ski Slope.

Brasserie: Not sure if you are aware that if you eat in the restaurant as a Swanston member you are entitled to 10% of the food.

Committee meeting: Next committee meeting of 2019 is on Wednesday 9th May, if you have anything you would like us to discuss can you please let me know asap.

Prize Giving Photos

