



## SWANSTON LADIES' NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2021

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Happy New year to you all, welcome to 2021, so glad to see the back of 2020, certainly a much different year than what was anticipating this time last year, but we have survived all the restrictions, managed to play lots of golf, albeit a slightly later start than normal and have stayed safe and healthy.

Unfortunately, the club suffered a devastating blow on Wednesday night when vandals set fire to the Driving range. This was awful for all concerned, it will be rebuilt but this will take time but the support from the local community and golfers has been amazing. There has been a GoFundMe page set up which so far has raised a phenomenal amount. More information on this will come out from the club in due course, but for this to happen at Swanston is heart breaking.

Hope you all had a lovely time over the festive season and did manage to see family and friends, whether in person or via some techie media. What a difference a year has made technology and communication wise and how we have all adapted, I have had quizzes, golf lessons, patchwork and sewing courses, even joined a choir all from the comfort of my settee.

What awaits us in 2021? Hopefully Covid vaccinations, less restriction but most of all lots of great golf, good weather and reduced handicaps, unfortunately mine seemed to go the wrong way.

**The Fixture list** – this has been sent to you all and is also on the Swanston web site. Stewart Kerr, as he has done previously, has created a fixture list showing only the Ladies competitions which has also been emailed to you. He will also print of a few copies which will be available in the shop.

Some important Dates for the diary:

Janice Sutherland trophy – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April

Ladies Open – Saturday 8th May,

Friendship Cup 6<sup>th</sup> Aug, get your partners booked now.

On Monday September 13<sup>th</sup> MCLGA will hold their autumn meeting, postponed from last year, at Swanston, volunteers will be required for the day.

**MCLGA:** Your membership for 2020 will be carried over into 2021, but hopefully many more of you will join, the membership renewal forms for 2021 are available on the MCLGA website. (see link below). Cost is £25. If you need more information, please contact Muriel Gilligan who is our MCLGA rep.

<https://mclga.com/join>

**Friendlies:** Nan, has been very busy over the past months organising our Friendlies for the coming year, dates are shown on our fixture list, details will be displayed on the noticeboard in the lady's locker room. If you are available to play, please add your name to the sheet or contact Nan directly – [pgilhooly@mac.com](mailto:pgilhooly@mac.com) or 07762 953282

**Winter games:** Wednesday; Fiona, Nan and Joan book times from 10am, if you want to play please enter your names into BRS. Fiona will advise what we will play either the day before or on the morning. Covid restrictions allowing, cuppa afterwards is always very welcome.

Saturday; 3 times are booked from 12 but these are not open for booking on BRS, either let the shop or myself know if you want to play by Thursday am. Times not booked will be returned for open bookings.

Course Conditions; due to essential work, we are starting on hole 5 and omitting 15 and 16. The new green on Hole 1 should be available to play when the season starts in April. A lot of work has also been done on the paths between the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> holes also the 6<sup>th</sup>. There is on-going work to the road going down to templar course which hopefully will help towards parking issues at the weekend.

**Winter Counting Competition.** Saturday Club Stableford competitions that can count towards your handicap have been introduced, these are shown, and bookable via BRS.

**Winter Greensome** on the Templar, organised by Nan and Joan, are well underway, hopefully you have managed to get a game or two played already and we get more in the coming months, weather permitting and Covid restrictions allowing.

**Arran Trip:** This was postponed for 2020 but has been rescheduled for the weekend of 3-5 October 2021.

**Gogarburn Outing:** Hopefully 4<sup>th</sup> time lucky and we might get our outing here in March, watch this space!

**Club Prize giving.** There will be no prize giving this year, but all winners names will be engraved onto their respective trophies.

**2020 AGM** Due to the Covid restriction there was no formal AGM, but all reports were sent to all members and delighted to welcome Maggie Smith to the committee and Andrea Johnston as Vice-Captain, who will take over the captaincy in 2022.

**Xmas Pud Scramble:** Delighted, given the weather a couple of days beforehand with the course being closed due to snow, that 15 suitably dressed ladies came to play in our yearly fun competition. Once again, some great costumes and great fun. Funds raised enabled 50 selection boxes to be given to the Broomhouse One-stop shop. Many thanks to all who contributed.

Stay safe and I look forward to seeing you all on the course over the coming year, enjoy and have a great season of golf.

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