

SWANSTON LADIES JANUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year to everyone, hope you all managed to enjoy the festive season within the current restrictions and, like myself, are looking forward to a better 2022. I seem to think that we probably said that this time last year but we have to be positive!

So far the weather has been fairly kind to us, the snow has stayed away and although very cold, hopefully some of you are taking advantage of that to play some winter golf and continue with our Greensomes competition on the Templar course.

Also on Wednesdays when weather permits there is a ladies 9 hole roll up for members of the main course at 10am usually followed by a very welcome hot drink afterwards.

Hopefully this year we can continue to grow the Ladies section and we are looking forward to welcoming some of our current Templar ladies as members of the main course.

The charity and fun events we held in 2021 were very well supported and it was encouraging to see the response from the Academy/Templar members in particular and hopefully this will continue in 2022.

The fixture list is now available on the website however Stewart Kerr has very kindly provided us with a Ladies only fixture list again which I have also attached to this email for your information so please take note of the competition dates and fun events for your shiny new diaries!

You will also notice that the club are continuing to have a Wednesday Club Stableford which is open to all members of the

main course. These weekly competitions are perfect for those wishing to enter more General Play scores.

A few dates below I will also draw your attention to;

J S Trophy Tuesday 19th April Charity event with the Senior Men

Lady Captain's Day Charity Event all welcome.

Putting Competition Friday 10th June all welcome

Friendship Cup Friday 5th August Partners from another club required.

Ladies Greensomes Open Saturday 10th September

Jim McLeod Trophy Tuesday 16th August Charity event with Senior Men

Midlothian Ladies Golf Association (MLGA)

Anyone wishing to join or find out more about this should contact our MLGA rep Muriel Gilligan who will be happy to help.

Membership fee for this year is still £25 and for existing members this should be paid via the Scottish Golf App or online at

<http://mlga.com> by 31 January 2022.

Friendly Matches

Nan Gilhooly has once again kindly agreed to organise our friendly matches against other clubs for this year.

The three dates already agreed are on the fixture list and a sheet is posted on the noticeboard in the locker room. If you are available and would like to put your name down for one or more of these

matches, please do add your name to the sheet or contact Nan to let her know at pgilhooly@mac.com.

Templar Competitions

You will have probably seen the letter from the Club Captain, Graeme Millar, sent out recently regarding a few competitions which are being planned for the Templar Course including introducing a Championship for 2022. Further details will be announced in the coming months but hopefully a few of our lady members will take the opportunity to play in some of these and gain some competitive experience.

Rules Evening

Following on from the above I am hoping to organise a Rules evening before the beginning of the season for those who would like to learn a bit more about golf etiquette and basic rules. Also, with the introduction of the new handicapping system and a few more recent rule changes, it would be beneficial to the more seasoned players as well. More details hopefully soon.

Arran Trip 2022

This year's trip to the Shiskine Challenge has been booked for September 25th- 27th and is being organised again by our ex Ladies Captain, Elizabeth Anderson. Details of this will follow in a separate email.

Ladies Prize Giving

I am hoping to have some news on whether it may be possible to hold a Ladies prizegiving for the winners of 2021 fairly soon.

AGM

Thanks to everyone who came along to this year's AGM in November. It was a very productive meeting and enjoyable social afterwards. The items raised at the meeting will be addressed at the first committee meeting and the decisions will be communicated to all the ladies before the start of the season.

Xmas Pudding Scramble

Seems quite a while ago now but here we all are getting ready to burn up the Templar Course on Sunday 5th December.



**That's everything from me so far. Next newsletter will be in March.
If anyone has any questions about any of the above please feel free
to contact me.**

Happy golfing (for those of us brave enough!)

Andrea Johnstone

Ladies Captain