



## SWANSTON LADIES' NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2021

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Welcome to November's newsletter.

This is the last of my Newsletters to you all as my Captaincy finishes at the AGM on the 12<sup>th</sup> November when I hand over to Andrea. I hope you have enjoyed them. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to have been your Captain for the last 3 years, been a challenge at times especially with the Covid epidemic, but we have all got through it and managed to play some excellent golf during that time.

September was certainly a busy month for golf with the last of our competitions rolling over into October.

### **September Competitions**

There were wins for Margaret, 3-Club and Linda, September cup.

Zoe won, 18-hole stableford and Medal the last 2 competitions of our competitive year.

Swanston ladies were also in the winnings in the Mixed open with Norma, Zoe and Susan all winning prizes.

### **AGM**

This will be held on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm in the Templar Bar, followed by a dinner. If you haven't already booked to attend, please let me know asap.

### **Xmas Pud Scramble**

This fun scramble is held on the Templar course on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December, great excuse to dig out your most outlandish Xmas costume, tinsel, baubles and sparkles are the order for the day. Cuppa and mince pies afterwards are always welcome.

### **Open**

Ladies Open was extremely successful with a total of 32 teams (64 ladies) playing, Scratch winners were from Gullane and that the handicap trophy was won by a Swanston lady Zoe and ex Swanston lady Norma Coleman. Well done to all who played and all who helped to make the day a great success. Wee thank-you to the man upstairs from making the weather very pleasant as well.

### **Cpt V V.Cpt scramble**

18 ladies came to play in the fun scramble on the Templar course for the Captain V. Vice, Captain. Was delighted to welcome quite a few of the new Academy members who came along to play, it is always a good format for new players to play. The Vice Captain's team was victorious this year, cuppa and cake were very welcome after the game.

### **Lady Captain V. Gents Senior Caption**

After a delayed start due to the most horrible misty wet morning, the extreme hardiest of players did play the scramble, luckily the weather did clear up as the morning progresses. Unfortunately for the Lady Captain on this occasion the Gents substantially won. Thanks to all who contributed to the raffle £238 were raised for Marie Curie.

### **9-hole challenge**

Norma and Zoe were the finalist of this challenge with Norma coming out the winner, just in time for her name to go on the trophy as they went of for engraving the next day. 12 ladies were treated to a lovely afternoon tea after the match.

The winter challenge on the Templar has now been organised and all your partners and matches have been sent out to all the participants.

A huge thank-you to Nan and Joan for all their hard work organising both fun games.

### **Friendly**

We welcomed some extremely good golfers from Edinburgh University to Swanston on a lovely Wednesday afternoon, their highest handicap was 8 with one being +2. We certainly held our own, think the amount of shots the girls were giving away did help most teams around 26, we won one, lost two, one being on the 18<sup>th</sup>. We were unable to offer them our usual hospitality, but healthy bars and drinks supplied by Nan were most welcome before and during the match. Look forward to welcoming them again next year.

### **MCLGA**

On a lovely day, weather was kind to us again, Swanston welcomed for their Autumn competition the Midlothian County Ladies Golf Club, the winner was Andrea Johnstone, well done Andrea

### **Coronation Foursome Finals**

Andrea and I had the most amazing time for 2 days courtesy of the R&A at the finals of the Coronation Foursomes played on the Eden course at St. Andrews, we were absolutely delighted to be runners-up in this competition, missing out on winning by one point, 2 bunkers and water didn't help the score. The winners were a 15 and 21-year-old so two 'seniors' being runner ups weren't too bad.

### **Arran Challenge**

8 ladies visited Arran beginning October and had a lovely time and apart from a breeze the weather was extremely kind to us. The Shirskin course is, as per the name, a challenge, still beaten by the 3<sup>rd</sup> hole but fun. Booked for next year so must like 'the challenge' also the cheese.

### **Winter Golf**

Rollups are continuing a Wednesday morning at 10am please enter your name either via BRS or by phoning the shop. Any times not used will be returned on a Monday evening for general use. There are no competitions organised over the winter, but times are still available around 11.30 on a Saturday. The club will have Stableford competitions over the winter which we can all enter.

## **Outing to Gogarburn**

We did eventually get to our outing and apart from a little rain had a lovely day.

So that is it, been fun not sure where 3 years have gone but have thoroughly enjoyed my time.

*May your drive be straight and your ball fly far  
May your round be blessed by no less than a par.*

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