

## **JULY 2022 NEWSLETTER**

**Hello Ladies, welcome to our latest Newsletter. Here we are in the middle of July already and it looks like the real summer has started at last. I decided to stay out of the intense heat and finish this newsletter.**

**I hope you are all playing plenty of golf and for those of you who have handicaps, are managing to reduce them. Mine unfortunately keeps going up!**

**Our numbers are continuing to grow with quite a few new Academy Ladies since my last newsletter which is all very encouraging for the future.**

### **Lady Captain's Day**

**Our Lady Captain's day on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June was very well attended with 18 ladies playing and another two joining us for the tea afterwards. It was a beautiful day and some very good scoring. Thanks to everyone who supported the purple Jubilee theme. The overall Bingo Bango Bongo winner on the day was Academy member Kim Fellows so very well done to her.**



### **Putting Competition**

**Our annual putting competition was held on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June and we had another good turnout for this with 20 ladies taking part. After an initial panic of whether we would be able to hold this due to a heavy downpour of rain, it cleared up very nicely and we were able to go ahead. Congratulations to the runaway winner on the night, Sue Walker, who was presented with the Trophy and she received the Rose Bowl to keep for a year. Well done also to Sue Ferguson who was a worthy runner up.**

### **Club AGM**

**Thanks to the Ladies who came along to the Club AGM which was held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June . Unfortunately that was still not enough to boost the numbers to meet the required quorum and so, although the meeting went ahead , no voting decisions could be taken. There will now be an EGM held around September time.**

### **Friendlies**

**Since we last reported on the Friendlies we have played a home match against Kingsknowe on 10<sup>th</sup> May which we won 2-1.**

**Unfortunately our next away match against the Merchants on 24<sup>th</sup> May ended in a clean sweep for the home team!**

**Our third match was at Craigmillar Park on June 9<sup>th</sup> and the result was 2 wins and one draw in favour of the hosts.**

**Thanks to all the Ladies who played in the above matches and to Nan Gilhooly for all her organising. We have one final match in October against the University Ladies to come.**

### **Templar Course**

**A huge thank you to Fiona Shepherd who continues to provide a great support to all our Templar Ladies. There are now very successful roll ups and competitions held regularly on the Templar Course. Please see Fiona's report below;**

"We have now established regular Roll-ups on the Templar, currently on a Tuesday morning at 10am and a Thursday afternoon at 2pm each week; and also on some Saturday mornings at 11am. Numbers turning out do vary, as you would expect, but generally we have 6-12 ladies playing. This is very encouraging and has allowed us to introduce different formats to make the rounds more interesting. Those new to golf are learning from "the old hands" about the Rules of Golf, competitions, etc. It is great to see ladies gaining confidence in the game. There is also the social side - a visit to the Brasserie after our game! But unfortunately the Brasserie has often closed by the time we get there on a Thursday afternoon.

Two or three Academy Ladies have recently obtained their WHS golf handicap at Swanston; and we hope a few more will manage to get theirs during the summer months.

Any Academy Lady wishing to participate in a Roll-up, please add your name to the Templar tee sheet, ideally at least 24 hours beforehand. All levels of golfer welcome - and we help to turn beginners into confident golfers! We don't aim to teach you how to perfect your swing, etc - that's up to Adam and the other professionals at the driving range - but we offer friendly encouragement. As you will know, you can book a tee time up to 7 days in advance. I generally send out an e-mail with details of a draw, format, etc the evening beforehand. And we are happy for any full Swanston members to join us. If you just want to be kept in the loop, let me have your e-mail address so that I can include you in any mailings."

### **Friendship Cup**

**Our next event is the Friendship Cup on Friday 5th August which is an evening event open to members of the main course. We ask you to invite a lady from another club to play in a 12 hole Greensomes format for a lovely Trophy. We have four teams so far for this but ideally we really need more. It's a fun event so please think about signing up. There will be sandwiches and scones served in the Brasserie afterwards.**

## Club Championship

The qualifying for this year's Championship and Bronze Championship has now been held and the draw for the play offs made and this will be posted on the website shortly. Championship day is Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August and if any Ladies would like to come along on the day and support the players in the final matches we would love to see you.

## Jim McLeod Trophy

Our second charity event with the Senior Gents is the Jim McLeod Trophy and is in support of their chosen charity Marie Curie. The date is Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August and I hope we can show our support for this as usual. Look for a note coming out shortly.

## Ladies Greensomes Open Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September

Our annual Open Greensomes event is still a good few weeks away, nevertheless, can I ask all members who have a national handicap to think about entering this competition. We have ten pairs signed up so far but we need to have quite a few more. I will have a flyer available for anyone who can perhaps advertise this in other clubs. In addition to the prizes for the best scores, there are lots of hole prizes on the day as well as a raffle and some lovely refreshments. It was a great success in 2021 so hopefully we can have a repeat of that.

More about this in the coming weeks.

## Competition Winners

The competition winners since our last newsletter are ;

May

14<sup>th</sup> Ladies Medal    Zoe Norton

28<sup>th</sup> Summer Cup    Muriel Gilligan

June

**16<sup>th</sup> 9 Hole Stableford    Andrea Johnstone**

**18<sup>th</sup> Medal CCQI            Zoe Norton**

**25<sup>th</sup> 18 hole Stableford    Rebecca Bell**

**July**

**2<sup>nd</sup> 18 Hole Stableford    Zoe Norton**

**9<sup>th</sup> Medal CCQ2        Andrea Johnstone**

**14<sup>th</sup> Thursday Medal    Andrea Johnstone**

**17<sup>th</sup> 18 Hole Stableford    Zoe Norton**

**Congratulations to all the above winners.**

**I would also like to say a belated very well done to Muriel Gilligan who managed to win through to the semi finals of the Midlothian Ladies B Championship in May, a great achievement.**

**Also congratulations to Zoe Norton and partner Michael Bates who won the Swanston Open Mixed Greensomes event on 10<sup>th</sup> July with a very impressive score of Net 62.**

**As always please let me know of any away successes for my next newsletter.**

**Happy golfing!**

**Regards**

**Andrea**

