

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Hello Ladies, welcome to our September newsletter. It doesn't seem very long since I sent the July one out so it must mean the days and months are flying by!

Can't complain about our weather this year with very few events having to be cancelled or rescheduled although I hope by saying that I haven't put a curse on anything.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

I want to start off on a high note with this year's Club Championship, the finals this year were held on Saturday 13th August.

The weather was exceptionally hot and thanks to all the ladies who came along on the day to support the players, also Muriel for refereeing the Silver final.

The winner of this year's Championship was Susan Greenfield who beat Zoe Norton in the final. Very well done. This win was a long time coming and we were all delighted for Susan. Commiserations to Zoe and bump who fought well.

In the Bronze Championship final, Margaret MacConnachie came out the winner against Norma Millar. Congratulations to Margaret on her second win in this competition and commiserations to Norma who was playing in her very first championship and did herself proud.

FRIENDSHIP CUP

Thank you to all the ladies who came along to our Friendship Cup competition held on Friday 5th August.

We had 16 ladies taking part on a fairly dry, but windy evening and the winners of this year's trophy were Norma Millar and Joy McDougall. Congratulations to them and well played.

JIM MCLEOD TROPHY

This year's event with the Seniors had to be postponed in August due to bad weather (one of the very few bad days we have had) and was rescheduled for Tuesday 6th September.

This time it did go ahead with the Senior Captain's team winning so we didn't quite manage the double. It was a great day with a fantastic £270.00 being raised for Marie Curie.

Thanks to all the ladies who participated in this very enjoyable competition.

LADIES OPEN GREENSOMES

This year's Open Greensomes was held on 10th September and 27 pairs played in this year's competition which was a good turnout. The weather was again lovely and perfect for golf.

This year's winners of the Handicap Trophy were Catriona Duncan and Elaine Moffat from Merchants Golf Club, but who are also both Academy members at Swanston . Many congratulations to them and well played.

I would also like to say a special thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the three "R's" - registration, raffle and refreshments and helped the event run very smoothly. It was very much appreciated.

TEMPLAR LADIES

Our Academy numbers are continuing to rise and thank you to Fiona Shepherd who is very much involved in welcoming all the new ladies into the fold as well as organising the regular roll ups for current members. As we approach the end of the season and look forward (is that the right phrase?) to winter, we will again be running our popular Winter Greensomes event. Fiona has already sent an email about this so hopefully we will have quite a few ladies taking part in this fun competition.

PAR 3 TEMPLAR COMPETITION

On September 3rd we had the inaugural Par 3 Templar competition and quite a few of our ladies took part in this. Well done to all the winners and especially 1st prize winners, Ali Ross, Susan Greenfield, Sheena Moffat and Sara Allen. We look forward to supporting this event again next year.

COMPETITION RESULTS

August

18 th	9 Hole Stableford	Sara Allen
20 th	3 Club Competition	Susan Greenfield
27 th	Bogey Competition	Andrea Johnstone

September

3 rd	September Cup	Andrea Johnstone
8 th	9 Hole Stableford	Joan Edgar

17th Ladies Medal

Susan Greenfield

24th Ladies Medal

Sara Allen

Sara is clearly on a roll as she also played in the Wednesday Club Mixed Stableford yesterday (28th) and came first with 39pts. The only lady in the competition so very well done Sara!

ARRAN CHALLENGE

On 25th September, six of our ladies headed off to Arran for the annual Shiskine Challenge. This is played over 12 holes on the Shiskine course and last year one of our ladies, Nan Gilhooly, managed a very creditable 4th in the second class overall placings so we are hoping for a good outcome again. I will report back in my next newsletter how we all fared.

CAPTAINS CHALLENGE

This year's Captain's challenge replaces our usual Capt v Vice Capt match and is being held on Sunday 2nd October. We have 23 ladies taking part in this. Fingers crossed for good weather.

9 HOLE CHALLENGE

The final of this year's 9 hole Challenge competition is being held on Wednesday 12th October and is between Norma Millar and Elizabeth Carr.

Looking forward to hearing who is our winner for this year and good luck to both of you.

AGM

Our annual AGM and dinner will be held on Friday 4th November and I will be sending out a note about this very soon.

This year we will also be holding the ladies prizegiving after the meeting.

Please take a note of this date in your diaries.

That's all for now, I think. Happy golfing!

Andrea

