

## **NOVEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER**

**Hello ladies and welcome to our final newsletter of 2022.**

**We are now only weeks away from Christmas and I hope that many of you are still managing to play some golf with our Winter Greensomes up and running and the weekly roll ups on the main course and Templar continuing when the weather permits.**

### **Arran Challenge**

**This year's Arran challenge was enjoyed by eight of us including six ladies from Swanston. The weather was mixed and very windy but didn't stop us completing our three rounds over the lovely Shiskine course.**

**Always a very enjoyable few days despite the fact that we did not feature in the prizes this year. Looking forward to another visit in 2023.**

### **Captain's Challenge**

**We held our Captain's challenge competition on 2<sup>nd</sup> October on the Templar Course with 23 ladies taking part. Thankfully the weather held up and it was very enjoyable with my team just edging out Fiona's team in the end. We all then adjourned for some refreshments afterwards in the Brasserie.**

### **9 Hole Challenge**

**The final of this year's 9 Hole Challenge took place on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October between Elizabeth Carr and Norma Millar. It was a very windy day with a bit of rain but both ladies played very well and it was a close match in the end. Congratulations to Elizabeth who just edged out Norma to win. Afterwards eleven of us had a very enjoyable lunch in**

the Brasserie. Thanks to Nan and Joan for all their efforts in organising this.

### Ladies Friendly

Our last Friendly match of the year eventually went ahead on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October against the University girls.

It was a bit mixed weather wise but didn't stop us having a few close matches. In the end the score was tied with Swanston winning two matches and the University winning two.

Thanks to Nan for organising this and for all her work with the Friendlies this year. As I write this she is already busy sorting out the matches for 2023!

### Junior Success

It's really lovely to be able to include this in my newsletter for the first time.

Alannah Nichol, one of our Junior girls, has been flying the flag for Swanston in various events organised by Midlothian ladies.

Alannah only recently joined MCLGA and at the Spring meeting held at Deer Park she was the nett winner. She was also runner up in the Junior Autumn meeting and was chosen as reserve for Midlothian team in the Cuthbertson Cup in which Midlothian were the eventual winners.

Very well done Alannah and I am sure this is only the beginning of a wonderful future in golf. We look forward to hearing of more success in 2023.

### **AGM and Prizegiving**

Thank you to all the ladies who came along to our AGM and prizegiving this year, we had a really good turnout for this and was followed by a lovely dinner in the Brasserie.

For those who were unable to attend the meeting the Minutes have been sent out and will be appearing on the website as well very shortly.

Congratulations to all this year's winners especially our champions, Susan Greenfield and Margaret MacConnachie.

Also to Susan for winning this year's Order of Merit and Birdie Board. The Eclectic prize was won by Rebecca Bell and Sara Allan won the most improved player.

For those of you planning to play in competitions next year on the main course, please remember these additional challenges that run throughout the season and if you would like any information on them please let me know.

### **Christmas Pudding Charity Scramble**

Our final event of the year is taking place this Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December on the Templar course. We are hoping for good weather and look forward to seeing a few ladies getting into the Christmas mood with their outfits! Can Muriel outdo her winning backwards Snowman from last year? We shall see. I shall have a report on this in our January 2023 newsletter.

**I have received a newsletter from Oxfams Care Centre at Firrhill which we supported during the year in our Charity match with the Seniors and also in our raffle at the Open Greensomes. They are always very grateful to receive our donations. I have pinned the newsletter to the Ladies Noticeboard in the entrance and also in the locker room for anyone to read.**

**I think that is all the news for now so it just remains for me to wish everyone a very happy and peaceful Christmas and a good start to the New Year.**

**Regards**

**Andrea**