

Ladies Club Committee Report for AGM Sunday 8th January 2023.

The Ladies Club Committee has pleasure in presenting its report for 2022. Our last AGM was held via Zoom as Covid was still a reality in January. There was an excellent attendance. It is good to be back in person with such a good turnout today.

Twelve meetings were held during the year, both via Zoom and in person in the Club. All committee members attended regularly.

The Committee would like to thank all those ladies in 2022 who generously committed to sponsoring the weekly competitions, the cups, memorial trophies and Past Captains' prize and thank you most sincerely to Geraldine Donegan who again acted as prize co-ordinator. Yet again all our main sponsors kindly agreed to sponsor this year along with some new sponsors. We thank them for this valued support. It is greatly appreciated.

We are delighted to report that a lot of exciting golf has been played. As well as the four major competitions, ten trophies were played for, as well as the Officers' prizes. Congratulations to all those who won. They are listed in the Hon Competition Secretary's report. Four people had a hole-in-one this year. Deirdre Smith, Rosemary Hayes, Ruth Hughes and Mary McCabe.

Lady Captain Oonagh's day was held over two days on 28th June and 2nd July. There was a good buzz around the club despite the fact that the awful weather in the morning made the first day tough. We hope she enjoyed the two days and that it was memorable for her. The prizes were really beautiful and the winner was Jennifer Gannon with Lucy McConnell as the runner-up. Congratulations too, to all the Tuesday and Saturday winners and the class winners.

Lady President Judy also had an enjoyable day in August and her prize was won by Jennifer Gannon with Deirdre Gray as the runner-up.

The Ladies club pays tribute to Deirdre Smith, Emily Murray, Kate Dwyer and Ellen O'Shaughnessy who played in various championships over the summer. Deirdre Smith won the 2022 Irish Ladies Senior Close Championship in Thurles on 1st July. Deirdre also won the Leinster Senior Women's Order of Merit. What a great year you have had Deirdre! Many congratulations. We commiserate with Ellen who lost the final of the Irish Girls U18 Plate but it was still a wonderful achievement.

Emily was selected to play for the winning Leinster Interprovincial team in August and she was named as the Leinster Regional Women's Order of Merit winner for 2022.

We wish Emily every success for her College years in USA which is an exciting and challenging time for her. Kate Dwyer won the Inter-Varsity Championship and she is the first woman to achieve this. We are very proud of all these achievements. Thank you.

The Sheila Walsh Trophy competition was played here on 12th July. There was a full time-sheet and it was very exciting when we again retained this beautiful trophy. The winners for Co Louth were Frances Stanley and Mary Upton. Everyone who played enjoyed the day. Many thanks to Tom and Maureen Walsh for their on-going sponsorship.

Well done, to all the teams who played their inter-club matches. It was a successful year as four teams reached the regional finals. On behalf of the Ladies Club, many thanks to all who volunteered to play on the teams whether finalists or not, their managers and the team co-ordinator, Jane McCabe.

The Winter programme began with the turkey competitions on Tuesday 19th October and the winter league on 2nd November. The winter league is a fun competition throughout the winter. The teams this year are named after country and western singers! Thank you to those who organise this competition.

Co Louth GC again hosted the Irish Women's Amateur Open Championship for the Clarrie Reddan & Philomena Garvey Trophy on Friday 6th to Sunday 8th May 2022. It was won by Lorna McClymont from Scotland.

The Girls' Amateur Open Championship which played at the same time and this was won by Katie Poots, Knock GC. A big thank you to all those who volunteered to ball spot over the three days. They were essential to the success of the championships. The volunteers were co-ordinated by our incoming Captain, Marie Maguire. After five years here in Co Louth, next year's Championship will be played in Woodbrook GC.

Carlos McDowell was Honorary Competitions Secretary this year. Details of the many competitions which were played are in Carlos's report. Thank you, Carlos and the competitions committee for your fantastic work each week on our behalf. Thank you to Lorraine for her help with the on-line booking and the purse payment system. Very many thanks to all involved in this busy section of the club.

Handicaps were again tracked this year by Honorary Handicap Secretary Rosemary Hayes and her sub-committee. Rosemary and the committee continued to keep members up to date on the World Handicap System. We might grumble about it but we are all getting used to it. Many thanks Rosemary for your work, commitment and guidance.

The Social Committee were in action again. A barbecue was held in July, the Ecumenical Service took place in November, Father Christmas came and the Presidents' Mixed was cancelled due to the weather but the Carols and supper was held and as popular as before. New Year's Eve was enjoyed by all. Thank you to all concerned.

A new team was introduced under the leadership of Barbara Grant. They are the Meet and Greet people who are to be seen in the Club when there are overseas visitors. Thank you very much to them all, for being the friendly face of Co Louth!

The Bridge club is back to normal this year after two years of the pandemic when bridge was played on line via the BBO system. Not all members played. Carlos McDowell is President and bridge is played on Tuesday nights. Sadly a few members passed away during the past three years so membership now stands at 36. A full programme of games, including three majors and the annual game with Termonfeckin Bridge Club (for the Ann Duffy Trophy) is planned this season.

Unfortunately there were no Pilates or Art classes this year. Special Olympics has not resumed either.

2022 has been a busy year for our floral committee under the leadership of Marie McGurk. Thanks to all the ladies who participated in keeping our clubhouse cheerful. Their many talents are evident in the beautiful arrangements.

The Ladies Club committee would like to sincerely thank the General Manager, Liam Murphy and the office staff, Professional Scott Kirkpatrick and his team, Course Manager Wayne Murray and all the greens staff and Michael Devine, Rachel, Karen and **all** the staff in

the restaurant for their help throughout the year. We wish Liam every success in his new adventure and I would personally like to thank him for his help during my time in office.

Decisions made in 2022:

1. It was decided to use divisions and not categories in competitions.
2. It was decided not to accept the allocation of specific times for ladies on the weekend time sheets.
3. A rules sub-committee has been set-up to deal with any difficult decisions on competition days. The members of this committee are Oonagh Purfield, Rosemary Hayes, Sharon Grace, Jackie Quinn and Deirdre Gray.
4. In 18 hole competitions the first prize will be €50 and second €30. In 9 hole competitions first prize will be €30 and second €20.

Lady Membership over all categories now stands at 444 at the end of October 2022. Breakdown is as follows:

Hon	Life	Ord	Vet	Sen Life	Assoc	5 Day	O' Seas	Pav	Inter med	Stud	Jun
6	4	158	89	19	7	28	3	33	21	18	58

Lady President

Thank you, Judy for being our gracious President this year. You attended the presentations and regularly supported the teams as much as possible. Every good wish for 2023. We look forward to and welcome Margot Quinn as our new President and wish her an enjoyable year.

Lady Captain Oonagh.

Lady Captain Oonagh has had a busy year and we sincerely thank you for all your work throughout the year representing the Ladies Club. You have been involved in setting up the website and are active on social media. On a personal note, I have really enjoyed working with you and getting to know you better. You kept me on my toes! We extend a warm welcome to incoming Captain, Marie Maguire and new Vice Captain, Fleur McCloskey. We wish you both all the very best.

Finally, as I am finishing my term as Hon Secretary, I wish the next secretary, Miriam well. I have really enjoyed my time on the Committee and would recommend that ladies should get involved on a committee as it is a good way to get to know, not only the workings of the golf club, but many other members. I thank everyone who has helped and guided me along the way.

Please visit the Golf Ireland website where there is much information about all things golf. www.golfireland.ie

The Ladies Club committee wish everyone a healthy, happy and good New Year with fair weather for golf. Thank you.

Honorary Secretary: Sheelagh Bowers
 Proposed: Jane McCabe
 Seconded: Dorothy Collins