

OFFICERS' REPORTS 2021

Hon. Competition Secretary's Report 2021

Thank you to Lady Captain Carmel, Vice-Captain Oonagh and members for all your support through the year.

Thank you to the Competitions Committee - Lucy McConnell, Anne Keane, Anne McClean, Jackie Quinn (our techie queen), Mary Joy, Niamh Darcy, Eileen Tully, Mags Brennan, Mary Upton, Mary Lennon and Bettina Jeffers. Their dedication & support over the year is highly appreciated. A well-deserved thank you to you all.

The Winter League Team is Jane McCabe, Sharon Caine, Mairead Duffy, Anne McClean and Susie McCulloch. Thank you for all your hard work over the winter months, sorting out the teams. There is great interest in this competition.

Yet again, we started the year 2021 with a major golf lockdown. Social golf commenced in late April and competitive golf on 18th May, starting with the "Play in Pink" competition in aid of Breast Cancer Research. A 3 person team event, 75 people played 18 holes with 23 playing 9 holes. All the fees went as a donation to the Research Fund.

The other charities that the Lady's Club normally support annually were not played this year, but donations were sent to their funds.

18 hole competitions:	21
Average number of players	66 (consistent with previous years)
Voucher prizes 3 classes	
9 hole competitions	21
Average number of players	27 (major increase compared to previous years)
Voucher prizes 1st & 2nd	

The Winter League Competition commenced on 2nd November. Eight teams are competing & the average number of players has been 83 so far (thanks to good weather).

This competition has been kindly sponsored by Approved Leinster Windows.

Cup Winners

Athlumney Cup	Vicki Smyth
Patricia Copas Cup	Rosemary Howell
PGA Tankard	Rosemary Hayes
Peter Lyons Cup	Anne Walsh
Queensboro Cup	Dorothy Collins
Mother & Daughter Cup	Deirdre and Catherine Gray
Golfer of the Year	Mary Lennon
GI Silver Medal H/C <20	Rosemary Howell
GI Bronze Medal H/C >	Catherine Gray

The Sheila Walsh Trophy was played in Laytown/Bettystown on Thursday 29th July which is the annual team event against L&B golf club. The great news was that Co Louth GC were victorious and the trophy now sits proudly in the Trophy Cabinet in the clubhouse.

The other cups were not competed for this year, as the 18 hole season did not commence till late May.

We would like to thank all the donors who kindly gave prizes for 2021. The vouchers have been very well received. A big "thank you" to Geraldine Donegan for coordinating all these ladies and all the vouchers arrived ahead of time.

The Donor book will be in circulation in the locker room for next year 2022.

Carlos McDowell
Hon Competitions Secretary

Handicap Secretary's Report 2021

Another year is drawing to a close and yet again we have had many new experiences to deal with, during what one could only describe as a turbulent year for all.

The wearing of masks and washing of hands became as routine as brushing our teeth and keeping a 2 metre distance is now, a well-practiced habit!

The golf courses of Ireland reopened their doors on 26th April to a collective sigh from golfers nationwide. A little piece of normality, had now returned to our daily lives. Qualifying competitions or as the World Handicapping System's (WHS) new terminology now describes them, Acceptable Score Competitions began on 25th May. The WHS was now up and running, since its initial inception on 2nd November, 2020. All handicaps have been converted to Handicap Indexes. Your Handicap Index is portable and can be used throughout the world. You also have a Course Handicap and a Playing Handicap. The Course Handicap is determined by the course and tees you are playing and the Playing Handicap is determined by the type of competition you are playing in e.g. singles, fourball, foursomes etc. One of the most significant changes to take place within the new handicap system is the ability to enter and submit scores through the Golf Ireland app and also through our own ClubNet app. This has proved of great assistance, particularly for those who preferred not to enter the clubhouse and use the club computer terminal. These apps also enable you to check your handicap and scores on your phone or tablet, always ensuring that you are aware of what your current handicap index is at all times.

There was also the introduction of General Play scores, where you can decide to return a score for your handicap, outside a competition setting. You must register your intent to play before you go out and then submit your score when your round is completed. This gives the player another opportunity to work on reducing their handicap. You must have a marker with you with a current handicap index, to verify your score.

The WHS is still in its infancy in this country and many golfers are still trying to get to grips with the new system. It is a fair system based on scoring averages and does reflect the players ability more accurately. An established scoring record of 20 scores or more, will give a fair reflection on how your game is progressing.

My thanks to our small, compact and efficient handicap committee of Christine Carolan, Anne Marie Daly and Jane McCabe for their input and assistance throughout the year. Enjoy your golf through the winter months and we all look forward to sunnier and safer days to come in 2022. Stay safe everyone.

Rosemary Hayes
Handicap Secretary.

Junior Report 2021

With a later than usual start to the year, the Junior committee still managed to accumulate in excess of 600 hours of volunteering. This does not include meetings and coffee breaks. The season started with casual golf and culminated with scenes such as the juniors singing for their hot chocolate at the tea caddy. We welcomed 42 new junior members into the category and 35 into the minor category.

It has been a very active year, which would not have been possible without the gracious support of Hibernia Steel, The Friends of Brain Matthews, Dulux Ireland, The Golf Bag, Kellogg's Ireland, Tesco, Coca Cola Ireland, Forge Field Farm, **Mahers Totalhealth Chemist and Pharmaher Healthcare Ltd.** A big thanks to all of the above.

Also, a special thanks to Committee members Susan, Jackie, Jenny and Cathryn for their dedication to junior golf.

It was a very exciting year and Catherine Gray, Emily Murray and Ellen O'Shaughnessy were a joy to watch. They gave us many finger biting finishes, and they are great role models for our younger juniors who had great days spectating. The girls captured another Leinster title and were competitive as usual in all their endeavours. We could not be prouder of these girls and their Team Captain Deirdre Gray.

We also qualified for the All-Ireland final in the Golf Sixes, which was played in Portmarnock Golf Club in October. We finished a respectable 3rd place and these juniors have a very bright future. The junior girls on the team were Anna McDonnell, Niamh Kearney, Leah McHugh and sub Rebecca Purcell under the stewardship of Team Captain Ian McDonnell.

We were one of the only clubs in Leinster with three juniors competing in the Interprovincial matches, with Emily and Ellen representing Leinster. Gavin also represented the club. Emily has been an amazing Junior Captain. She would volunteer whenever she was available and all the junior girls benefited greatly. She has inspired more than she appreciates and I am certain that next year's Junior Captain, Eimear Hughes, will emulate this commitment.

In collaboration with our Professionals, Paddy McGuirk and Enda Maguire, a comprehensive junior and minor coaching programme was designed. This programme was delivered in its totality in the face of many obstacles, not least the current Covid crisis and what was required to be compliant with the latest regulations. This would not have been possible without enormous dedication, via volunteering and the wonderful support from parents and families. On a final note, the Junior Committee would like to thank the Ladies Club for their support throughout the year. The committee are looking forward to 2022 and building on our progress and successes in 2021.

Linda McGuire
Junior Convenor