

**Courtown Golf Club
Ladies Section – 85th AGM
Tuesday 30th November 2021
7.30pm in the Clubhouse**

It was noted that the meeting would be recorded for the purpose to taking minutes. The recording will be deleted once the minutes are signed off at the next AGM.

Lady President Mona Moynihan welcomed the attendees both in the clubhouse on those attending via Zoom and thanked them for their attendance. She was delighted to serve as Lady President even if it was a difficult year to begin with. LP then proposed a minutes silence in respect to all past members and handed the meeting over to Lady Captain Ann to proceed.

Lady Captain Ann welcomed everybody and handed the meeting to the Hon Sec to proceed.

Attendance:

LP Mona Moynihan, LC Ann Morgan, LVC Mary Cooper, Margaret Jones, Mags Greenan, Gay Gahan, Elaine Murphy, Mary Cleere, Pat Kinsella, Mairead Sunderland, Pat Walters, Gaye Creagh, Sarah Donnellan, Mary O'Connor, Mary Osborne, Sorcha Howell, Mary Halford, Norma Casey, Mairead Carty, Elaine Fitzgerald, Mary Kilbride, Laura Funge, Tina Smith and Catherine Quinn.

Zoom Attendees:

Brona Dore, Janet Ryder, Maeve Duke, Imelda Trankner, Cecilia O'Riordan, Bronagh Stafford, Catherine Ledwidge, Eileen Moriarty and Clare Kinsella

Apologies:

Angela Merrigan, Eileen Cullen, Marjorie McCorduck, Jill Forsyth, Kate Sheehan, Ann Bernie, Caroline Dale, Phil Clancy, Colette Dobey, Helen Cole, Clare Kinsella, Nell Asple, Brid Lillis, Stella Courtney, Ann Meyler, Sara Killeen, Brenda Foster, Pauline Miller, Angie Dooley and Denise Kavanagh

Minutes: Minutes of the 2020 AGM having been circulated were taken as read.

Proposed by; Pat Kinsella Seconded by; Pat Walters

Matters Arising: None

Correspondence: None

Secretary's Report delivered by Catherine Quinn

The ladies committee held 12 meetings throughout the year with 5 of these taking place over Zoom.

LP Mona, LC Ann and LVC Mary represented the ladies at Executive meetings and had a busy year with an EGM as well as all the other projects undertaken. A big thank you ladies for all your hard work.

When golf returned in May we had to reconnect with our sponsors who were very understanding and co-operative. It was a difficult year promoting our sponsors as we were not allowed presentations for until the end of August but we did the best we could given COVID restrictions. A huge Thank you to all our sponsors, those who we used this year and those who we hope will return to help us next year.

We attended numerous Zoom meeting with Golf Ireland this year. There was one on Club and Course Safety, winding down of the ILGU, the first Golf Ireland AGM, plans for the future, plans for elite golf, the new website, the Golf Ireland App and the interclub matches to name but a few.

The Golf Ireland app shows how your handicap is moving and allows you play a round with a friend outside competition which will be recorded in your handicap history.

The website though not very user-friendly contains a lot of good information.

We were represented

at Australian Spoons by Sarah Donnellan and Mairead Sunderland

At the Granard Cup by LVC Mary and Ann Codd

At the Valerie Doyle by Stella Courtney, Eileen O'Brien and Jackie Hamilton

Congratulations to Rosie Maher on winning LC Ann's prize and thank you to all who helped to make the event such a success

Congratulations to Lyn Copeland who won LP Mona's prize and thank you to those who helped LP Mona enjoy her event.

Our Get into Golf program this year though short was very successful. 21 ladies took part in phase one with 14 continuing into phase 2. To-date 6 of these ladies have joined the club as full members.

In total this year we have 33 new lady members, 7 of whom were members and have returned to the fold. 4 of our new ladies are in the under 35 bracket. You are all very welcome and we hope you enjoy many happy years golfing here in Courtown.

The flip side was that 15 ladies resigned of but there is a possibility that 4 of those ladies will re-join. To all those who resigned, we wish them well.

Clubnet – our new club app was launched this year. A huge number of members do not have the notification setting turned on. Please turn on the notifications as the app is being used more frequently for news and results etc

Slow Play – yet again it has become an issue and the Executive Committee has set up a working group to come up with recommendations to help improve the problem.

“Your place on the course is behind the line in front of you. If you fall a hole behind and cannot make it up, please call the line behind through”

Another issue is the dress code – we are all very proud of our club so let's maintain our standards by ensuring that the dress code is adhered to.

Scorecards; Ladies we would ask that you take care when writing up your cards – some cards coming in are not totalled nor it would appear agreed with the marker. Some are so badly marked that it is difficult to distinguish who the card is marked for.

To finish – a huge Thank you to LC Ann and LP Mona on a terrific year despite the difficult start. Best wishes to the Lady Captain Mary and her committee for 2022.

Handicap Secretary's Report delivered by Margaret Jones

World Handicap Index, Course Handicap, Competition/Playing Handicap, Course Slope, all terms we have become accustomed to with the introduction of the new handicap system. Pre COVID it was expected to take a full year for the new system to settle down but that term has been extended.

We have raised the issue of our course rating with our Golf Ireland representative. Golf Ireland are continuously monitoring and applying adjustments.

Since 15th May we have held 34 eighteen hole qualifying competitions and 20 nine hole competitions. Over the 34 eighteen-hole competitions there were 28 different winners and 17 different winners over the nine-hole competitions.

We need to review the eligibility of our categories.

Well done to Rosie Maher on winning Lady Captain Ann's Prize and Lyn Copeland on winning Lady President Mona's prize.

Congratulations to Colette Dobey who won the matchplay for 2021 and Gretta Duke with her partner on winning the mixed matchplay. Finally, congratulations to Denise Kavanagh on winning player of the year,

If you swipe into a competition in the Pro Shop then you must return your score on the computer and return your card into the box. The scorecard must be signed by both player and marker and score agreed. Your card must match what you have input into the computer.

Please take care are you input your scores and mark your cards clearly.

Unreturned cards and incorrect input results in a lot of extra work for the competition finishers as well and interfering with the PCC return for the day.

The only time a no return is allowed in handicapping competition is if a player has to leave the course for an emergency. Golf Ireland has asked that "No Returns" be investigated by the committee. When completing your cards put the number of shots per hole into the computer, scratches or zeros are no longer acceptable and if for some reason a hole is unplayable mark it "hole not played". Your co-operation in this regards would be very much appreciated.

General Play Scores can be recorded on the Golf Ireland app as long as the course is in acceptable condition to do so. Remember you must register your intent to record a score and your must follow through with the return. (Our general play is switched off for the winter months)

Society/Alliance Golf – good scores should be returned to your home club handicap secretary for consideration at the end of year review.

Welcome to our new members who have joined during the past year. We have given 14 new handicaps this year. Well done to Catherine Quin on her work with Get into Golf which has introduced some new members.

Finally, thank you to Mairead and Cecilia for all their help over the past two years. Thanks also to Colin Sunderland and Kieran Murphy for their assistance with week-end competitions. Best wishes to Lady Captain Mary and her committee for a very successful and enjoyable year ahead.

Junior Convenor's Report delivered by LVC Mary Cooper

The section is going from strength to strength with 101 new juniors this year comprising of 64 boys, 30 girls and 7 students. The guidance from Golf Ireland on events to hold for the juniors has been a big factor in the success as has the help of parents with the weekly coaching sessions.

3 junior boys teams competed in the inter-club competitions with the cadets taking part in golf sixes competitions.

Junior Captain Bethaney Trankner's prize was won by Caroline McGarry (32) with 37 points. The Annual Tom Funge Memorial was held on 12th August – the girls prize was won by Emily Tutie of Tara Glen.

The end of season away day was to Blackwater Par 3.

A special thank you to Paul Morris for all his coaching, to Adrian Copeland for leading the section, to all the parents who helped out with supervising. Thank you to Bethany Trankner in her year as junior captain. The incoming junior captain is Theodora Lande – best wishes to her and the junior section in 2022.

Lady Captain Ann's Address

First I would like to thank Julie for asking me and having the confidence in me to be lady captain for 2021.

Last year was not an easy year for the club with all the restrictions and limitations placed on us due to the COVID pandemic but this year we had a better understanding of what we might be faced with and set out our plans early in the year. As Catherine said we didn't get golfing until May but that did not stop the ladies committee planning the year ahead.

A huge Thank you to Catherine and Mags for contacting and liaising with our very generous sponsors. (A gentle reminder for our winners to drop a thank you note to sponsors – it is always appreciated)

We entered 8 teams into the interclub competition under the guidance of our team co-ordinator Mairead Carty.

The teams entered were The Boyne, Senior Cup, Intermediate Cup, Minor Cup, Junior Foursomes, Challenge Cup, All Ireland Fourball and the Courtown Challenge Trophy. The Boyne and the Courtown Challenge did not go ahead. Most of our teams lost in the first round except for the Intermediate Team who lost in round 2 and the All Ireland Fourball who lost in round 3.

Thank you to Mairead for all her hard work, to team managers Catherine Quinn, Kate Sheehan, Cecilia O’Riordan, Laura Funge, Mary Halford and Mairead herself. Thank you of course to all the teams who played their part.

The Captain’s Drive In originally planned for March eventually took place in July. A very enjoyable day was had by all who attended.

Our new patio area has been a huge success and all done by fantastic volunteers including our own Sarah Donnellan with the help of grants and generous sponsorships.

Our caterers Mossell Bay started serving food on the patio – a service enjoyed by all who availed of it.

My Captain’s Days were held in July and thank you all for your fabulous support. That’s what makes Courtown Golf Club a club your proud to be a member of.

The weather was fantastic – my kind of weather. I’m extremely lucky with outdoor events and I wasn’t surprised by that beautiful blue sky on both days.

Congratulations to Rosie Maher and all the winners.

As you know there was no indoor dining so no buffet on Tuesday but Saturday on the patio was all go.

Lady President’s Day was held in August over 27 holes and the dinner on Saturday in conjunction with Mr President Jim. Congratulations to Lyn Copeland and all the winners on the day.

To my committee – in no particular order, Catherine, Margaret, LVC Mary, Tina, Mary Trish, LP Mona, Mairead, Pauline, Elaine, Mags and Sarah how can I thank you for all your help, support and knowledge that helped me through this year.

I have to admit I did enjoy my year but then again apart from you ladies I had a few good men at my side. I’m not sure if usual to Thank the Executive for all the work done to get the club to where it is today and I’m not sure if the ladies are aware that there were a number of volunteers manning the office – so I say to them – you know who you are – a huge thank you.

Thank you also to the ladies who did gardening duties, helped tidy up the entrance area, flowerbeds and the putting green area.

Thank you to the greens staff who worked very hard during lockdown to make sure the course was in tip top order, to the office staff and David who was a great help to me, bar staff Mary and Keith, all the catering staff.

A word of thanks to Eileen Cullen and her sub-committee looking after bar, catering and entertainment, Laura Funge on her work at the Executive and of course our own Mary Osborne who is the club Hon Secretary.

Tina Smith, Margaret Jones and Sarah Donnellan are leaving the ladies committee this year after serving 3 years and I want to thank them for their continuous hard work over the years.

Our Junior Captain Bethany Trankner – thank you.

To finish I want to wish the best of luck to Lady Captain Mary, Lady Vice Captain Eileen, Junior Captain Theodora and the committee for 2022.

Proposals; None

Lady Captain Ann presented Margaret Jones and Tina Smith with a small token in appreciation for the work they did as Hon members of the committee over the past three years. She presented Catherine Quinn and Sorcha Howell with replica pins to remember their years as lady captains.

There was a discussion on the fact that there were no pins for 2020 and 2021. LC Ann is currently investigating the procurement of pins for these years.

She presented Mary Cooper with her runners up prize for coming 2nd in the matchplay

AOB;

Mags Greenan stated that the prize presentations on Tuesday evenings were very poorly attended and it was sometimes embarrassing when sponsors turned up to a small attendance. She suggested that some presentations should be amalgamated.

This was met with resistance from the floor and following some discussion it was decided to leave it for next year, to encourage more attendance each Tuesday to review at the end of the year.

Pat Kinsella asked why we are playing 14 holes on Tuesdays as it is hard to complete before the light fades. This will be monitored over the coming months.

Election of Officers and Committee for 2022

Position	Name	Proposed by	Seconded by
Lady Captain	Mary Cooper	Ann Morgan	Catherine Quinn
Lady Vice Captain	Eileen Moriarty	Mary Cooper	Ann Morgan
Hon Secretary	Norma Casey	Catherine Quinn	Ann Morgan
Handicap Secretary	Gaye Gahan	Mags Greenan	Margaret Jones
Competitions Sec	Mags Greenan	Ann Morgan	Catherine Quinn
Member	Mairead Carty	Margaret Jones	Sarah Donnellan
Member	Elaine Fitzgerald	Margaret Jones	Sarah Donnellan
Member	Pauline Murphy	Elaine Fitzgerald	Mags Greenan
Member	Mary O'Connor	Pauline Murphy	Tina Smith
Member	Patricia O'Connor	Tina Smith	Mags Greenan
Member	Catherine Quinn	Patricia O'Connor	Tina Smith

For personal reasons, Patricia O'Connor has withdrawn her name from the nominations for committee – this leaves a vacancy which will be filled by co-opting a member in due course. All other nominations are deemed elected.

Transfer of Pin – Lady Captain Ann passed the Pin of office to Mary Cooper.

Mary thanked Ann for nominating her for the position of Lady Captain, said she has big shoes to fill and hopes to have a rewarding and enjoyable year. She thanked Ann and the committee for all the hard work undertaken.

Given that we had no end of season evening Mary invited Mags Greenan to read a poem written by Clare Kinsella. Mary presented Ann with an album of her year and Mona with a photograph of her day. She then thanked everyone for attending and wished them well before bringing the meeting to a close.

Proposed by; _____

Seconded by; _____

Signed by; _____

Lady Captain Mary Cooper
Courtown Golf Club

Dated; _____