

Courtown Golf Club – Ladies Section
Honorary Secretary's Report
86th AGM – Tuesday 29th November 2022

The ladies Committee held 12 meetings from December 2021 – November 2022. The January meeting was held via ZOOM and all the others were in person in the Clubhouse.

Golf got off to a great start in January and luckily there were no more lock down's due to COVID 19. I think we can all agree that Lady Captain Mary had a very successful year. Success doesn't just happen, it is through hard work and commitment that it is achieved and Mary certainly worked hard and ensured that everything was well planned and co-ordinated well in advance.

LC Mary ensured that golf throughout the year was for everyone and while matches and competitions were very important so was the social aspect. She ensured that there was something for everyone, starting in March with a 9 hole, shot gun start – Champagne Scramble followed by lunch. People really enjoyed this format and found it a very social and enjoyable occasion. Quite a lot of people had never played any other competition other than the regular 18 / 9 hole competitions.

She introduced 2 new match-play competitions; one for people with a handicap over 30 and a 9 hole competition for people who play 9 holes only.

Lady Captain's day away was held in Coollattin on the 2nd July, followed by dinner in Courtown GC and it was a tremendous success, it was very well supported and a great day and evening was had by all.

LC's night was held on the 23rd of July there was a fantastic turnout showing huge support for LC Mary. Dinner was followed by dancing until the early hours. A lot of thought had gone into her selection of prizes which was greatly appreciated by everyone.

LC Mary attended the Management Committee meetings and did a great job representing the ladies and keeping us well informed in regard to discussion and proposals throughout the year.

Sponsored competitions started in April and ran until September. We had fantastic sponsors this year and a huge thanks is due to them. Presentation nights were held most Tuesdays for sponsored competitions unfortunately they were not that well supported and it has been suggested that we may hold a presentation night once a month next year where all the sponsors for that month will be invited to attend. This will be discussed at the AGM on 3rd December.

Congratulations to Mary Russell who won Lady Captain Mary's Prize.

A Survey Monkey was sent to all members inviting expressions of interest in playing on teams. Mairead Carty as Teams Co-Ordinator did trojan work in managing all the competitions that we entered as a club. Whilst we weren't successful in any, it was a very good season for the club teams, as we progressed much further in the competitions than other years. The managers and the players fought hard and gave of their best for the club.

We entered; The Boyne Trophy, AIG; Junior Foursomes, Intermediate Cup, Minor Cup, Challenge Cup, Revive Active Fourball and Mixed Foursomes.

We did not have enough eligible players to play; Senior Cup, Senior Foursomes or the Junior Cup.

We were also represented at the following competitions; Australian Spoons, Granard Cup, Valerie Doyle Perpetual Cup and the Borris Cup.

LVC Eileen Moriarty managed the Courtown Interclub Shield which was a great day of golf for our club. This was a very successful competition with 18 clubs entering and all expressed a wish to play again next year.

We again held a Get into Golf programme this summer, a huge thanks is due to Catherine Quinn who put a huge amount of time and effort into co-ordinating and running the programme. 8 ladies have now joined the club. The profit for the club after expenses is €3975. A huge thanks also to all the lady members who helped with the on-course section.

Finally the Winter League has been revived, sponsored by Cois na hAbhann, it is a short competition with only 4 matches. A lot of interest was expressed with 48 people taking part. It got off to a great start on Saturday 22nd October with the majority of players socializing in the bar afterwards in keeping with what Lady Captain Mary started back in March. If it is successful this year the competition may be extended next year.

A huge thank you to LC Mary for a terrific year, she will be remembered! Best of Luck to Lady Vice Captain Eileen and her incoming committee, I wish her every success for 2023.