



Douglas Park Golf Club Ladies Section

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It is now nearly 4 months since I took over as Captain of the Ladies' Section at the Club. It has been a busy time and much has happened so I thought the lady members might like an up-date.

The Ladies' Dinner

This was a great success and much enjoyed by all who attended the evening. 86 ladies came on the night. Everyone thought that the meal was delicious and the service excellent. Campbell Armour our speaker was witty, informative and most entertaining. Campbell pointed out that the art nouveau chairs in the entrance hall were period pieces and quite valuable; they would have been made in London about 1901 by a famous designer. They were donated by a Mr and Mrs McKinley whose son Bill is a member here. It is our intention to have the chairs valued and a short resume about them might be displayed somewhere.

Rules Night

50 people supported this event. It was good to see a wide cross section of the members there. Jenny McGahan guided us round the course, throwing in the usual red herrings to confuse us all! In the end there was a tie break question between a gent's and a ladies' team. I am happy to say that the ladies' team won.

Bridge Drive

This event was well attended there being 19 tables. The feedback told us that everyone had enjoyed it; the baking seemed to be much appreciated; the raffle went well. Thank you for all the donations you brought along. I would also like to thank you for your generosity which enabled us to send **£400** to Epilepsy Scotland.

My thanks to all who contributed in one way or another to making these events so successful, and particularly to the committee for their commitment.

Congu-Unified Handicapping System

This is a new handicap system which all clubs affiliated to the SLGA are supposed to implement. After much deliberation the committee has decided not to implement the annual review this year.

Course

Advice was sought from the S.T.R.I. because of the changing weather patterns (lots of torrential downpours etc). Perhaps you have noticed green lines at various places around the course. At these places the rough is going to be grown and then thinned over the next few years. The new greens have been a tremendous success, having been in play most of the winter.

Competitions

Sheets are usually put up 3 weeks in advance for members to enter. If for some reason you are unable to get down to the club to sign in remember that you can telephone David Scott at the shop and he will enter you for the competition. You may enter or withdraw from a competition right up to the day.

Spring Chickens

Our opening fun competition, a Texas Scramble, was a great success with 42 ladies entering. We were extremely fortunate that the sun shone for most of the time, Easter eggs appeared all over the course and there were goodies in the gazebo. The art work produced by Drew and his team at the 1st tee was truly awesome! The atmosphere in the lounge afterwards at lunch was tremendous; everyone was enjoying themselves immensely and entering into the spirit of the day. My thanks to Gladys for her all her work.

Cross-eyed

As some of you will know I am out of action on the golf course at the moment due to cataract operations. One has just been done and the other will be done in 2 weeks. However I shall be around in the clubhouse and possibly walking on the course checking on your golfing powers and your accuracy!

Hope you find this newsletter of value. I mean to produce another one in August.

Good Golfing

Gillian Beattie