

## Hon. Handicap Secretary Report 2018

2018 had a very busy wet beginning and then a very hot summer, we had 42 qualifying 18-hole competitions and 47 qualifying 9-hole competitions. We also had 26 Open competitions. Our 9-hole qualifying competitions are becoming very popular, not only with our new ladies but with all ladies now playing 9-hole qualifying rounds when they don't have enough time to get 18 holes in. We held 18-hole Open Competition every Monday from April to October we also held two Ladies Opens one in June and one in August.

We also played foursomes and scrambles which are an important part of our social calendar.

This year we had a new category. This is category 6 with handicaps from 36-45. Any new member allocated a new handicap this year could acquire a handicap of up to 45. In 2019 this handicap category will go up to 54.

Under the new handicap system we had to review any member with a handicap of 36 and depending on their buffer zone they could be considered for a 2 or 4 shot increase. These reviews were carried out between March and April 2018.

Following on from our very successful "Get into Golf" from last year that resulted in a number of new lady members it was decided to run it again this year but on a smaller scale. We did get a number of ladies this year and I would like to thank Lady Captain Laura and Geraldine Finnegan and all the ladies who helped make it a success for their hard work and of course Tony our professional who again provided lessons for all the ladies. For 2019 we have put in place a special one year membership deal for these ladies and at the end they may opt to become full or five day members.

In 2019 we have new rules coming in, we will try and advise you with as many as possible, some of these are listed on our website so please look them up and get a copy of the new rules book 2019.

Again this year we saw some great scores throughout the year

This year we had a lot of ladies that lost shots throughout the year.

For the second year one of our juveniles Rebecca Wall, lost the most shots of all our members. Rebecca started the year at 19.7 and finished at 12.5 a loss of seven shots. Congratulation Rebecca and well done.

Ladies who had substantial handicap cuts were:

Patricia Gregan, Jacinta Hackett, and Kate Smyth lost 5 shots each.

Joyce Moran, Marie Purdue, Emer Bambrick and Brid Gunn lost 4 shots each

Siobhan Garvey, Ruth McQuillan and Anne Sheppard lost 3 shots each.

We also had 10 ladies who finished two shots lower than they started in 2018 and seventeen ladies one shot lower than they started in 2018.

Congratulations to Maria Robinson on wining the ILGU Bronze Medal, Siobhan Garvey on winning the ILGU Silver Medal and Shannon Mohan on winning the ILGU Silver spoon. Maria and Siobhan will represent the club in 2019 as bronze and silver medal winners for 2018.

I would like to thank the handicap committee Tina Shevlin and Paula Shearan for all their help throughout the year, it's not an easy task, also thanks to all the ladies who volunteer to process cards each week and publish the results, I know every year we are looking for people to help but we really do need new people. The same people are processing cards every week and remember we cannot have competition without someone to process them, so please volunteer to help.

Congratulations to Lady Captain Laura for a wonderful year. Laura attended every club match and club event with grace and pride and made us all proud the way she represented the club throughout the year. Thanks very much Laura.

Last but not least I would like to wish incoming Captain Imelda best wishes for 2019 and wish her every success.

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