

THE 76th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE LADIES BRANCH

WILL BE HELD IN THE CLUBHOUSE

ON

SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2016 AT 5.30 PM

**AGENDA**

1. Minutes of the last A.G.M. (2015)
2. Hon. Secretary Report 2016
3. Hon. Treasurer Report 2016
4. Hon. Handicap Secretary Report 2016
5. Juvenile Convenor Report 2016
6. Election of Officers and Committee
7. Any other Business

Notice of Motions (including motions for alterations of rules) and nominations of officers and members of the committee must be made in writing, signed by the proposer and seconder and be delivered to the Hon. Secretary not less than 10 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

Signed: *Imelda Carrigan Dunne*

Imelda Carrigan Dunne

Lady Hon. Secretary

## Minutes 2015 Ladies AGM

The 75th AGM was held in the Clubhouse on Sunday 29th November 2015 at 5.30pm

Present were:

The Lady President	Ann Cummins
The Lady Captain	Tina Shevlin
The Lady Vice Captain	Brid Snow
The Honorary Secretary	Imelda Carrigan Dunne
The Handicap Secretary	Joan Maher
The Treasurer	Niamh McMahan

41 members attended with apologies from 16 ladies.

The meeting was opened by Lady President Ann Cummins who requested one minutes silence for deceased members and those bereaved. Lady President Ann then declared the meeting open.

The Lady President Ann called for the minutes of the 74th AGM (2014) which the members received prior to this meeting to be taken as read.

Proposer : Adrienne Timmons                      Seconder : Joyce Moran

Honorary Secretary Report 2015 - Taken as Read  
Honorary Treasurer Report 2015 - Taken as Read  
Handicap Secretary Report 2015 - Taken as Read  
Juvenile Report                      2015 - Taken as Read

Lady President Ann called for the adoption of the officers' and convenor reports

	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Seconder</u>
Hon. Secretary Report	Theresa McMahan	Marie O'Rorke
Hon. Treasurer Report	Margaret McCormack	Marie Pike
Hon. Handicap Report	Marie Purdue	Tina Shevlin
Juvenile Report	Brid Snow	Niamh McMahan

### Lady Captain Tina Shevlin Report 2015

Lady President Ann, Vice Captain Brid, Ladies  
It has been an honour and a privilege to be Lady Captain in this Jubilee Year 2015.  
Thank you Paula for your nomination and for giving me the opportunity to be Lady Captain.

It is hard to believe a year has now passed and so much has happened.....I have been very proud to represent Forrest Little as Lady Captain this year in other Golf Clubs in North Dublin and especially when our ladies were taking part in different matches.

I have been very fortunate to have such a wonderful hardworking committee and I would like to thank them all for being there with me in 2015.

Our Hon. Secretary has covered all our golfing matters in detail for this year....There have been many different events running all year as well which started with a very successful Drive In Day...Other events included...Valentine's night, St. Patrick's Day, Jubilee Week which had a very successful History night, Fashion Show and Jubilee Ball....Lady Captain's Prize Days in July, Presidents night in August, Joe Dolan Tribute night, Lady Captain's Night on 13<sup>th</sup> November and finally Tina Turner night for outgoing and incoming captains a great fun night to end the year...I would like to thank Adrienne and Events committee for all the work they put in to making these nights so successful.

I have had many discs given to me by Mary my photographer with memories of all these nights hopefully I will now have time at last to finally look at them...I enjoyed the "Show" so much on Lady Captain's night and appreciate all the time and effort put into all the rehearsals...I have since played golf and received cards from Lady Captains who were here on the night...They all mentioned how much they enjoyed the "Show": So Ladies you are famous now and that means it will be very hard to retire from the stage...

Since our Juvenile Convenor gave her report for this meeting our Juvenile Shannon Mohan has won an ILGU Competition in Beaverstown and has been selected for 2 different ILGU training panels, one of them a pilot scheme for 2016.

Our Juvenile Captain Julie was unable to attend the Lady Captains Dinner due to training commitments and is at present in the U.S.

She did leave me a card however, in which she thanked me and all the lady members of Forrest Little for our support and good wishes throughout the year.

Finally, I would like to thank all the ladies for the respect paid to me and the office of Lady Captain this year...I really appreciated it.

I would now like to introduce our new Lady Captain Brid, Thank you for all your support this year and I wish you every success in 2016.

Lady Captain Tina presented the Lady Captains Brooch and Lady Captain 2016 blazer to the incoming Lady Captain Brid Snow.

Lady Captain elect Brid thanked everyone and was delighted with being nominated for Lady Captain 2016. Brid thanked Lady Captain Tina and Paula Shearan for nominating her. She said that the committee are great volunteers and a great team. Brid hopes to be great some of the time but she said that when she falls down, with all the ladies around her, she will get back up and start all over again. Brid wished everyone a Happy New Year for 2016.

## Lady President Ann Cummins Report 2015

Lady Captain Tina, Vice-Captain Brid, fellow members,

It has been a great honour for me to be Lady President this year; I would like to thank Marie O'Rorke for nominating me. Marie has been a great friend throughout the year with help and advice which was very much appreciated. Thank you, ladies for the courtesy and respect shown to the office of Lady President. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the following: - Lady Captain Tina and all the officers, committees and subcommittees for all their hard work and commitment to the club in this our Jubilee year. Well done it was an amazing year.

A special thank you to our President Eddie who is so popular with all the ladies a real gentleman, it was a pleasure to work along side him this year. Captain Gerry and all the officers, committee subcommittee members of the men's club for all their hard work and commitment to Forrest Little, Chairman of the council Barry Clifford and our lady representative on Council Siobhan Garvey for their dedication and expertise in running the club for our benefit throughout the year, not forgetting all the volunteers who helped out on the course and around the clubhouse grounds. A huge thank you to all those involved in the makeover of the foyer and restaurant area, it has made such a difference to the appearance of these two very important areas within the clubhouse.

I would like to welcome all the new lady members this year and hope you have enjoyed your year and to all those ladies thinking of joining, we would be delighted to welcome you as members. To the Tuesday ladies, I hope you have become addicted to the game of golf and we would love to see more of you.

I would like to congratulate Julie McCarthy on all her achievements this year.

To Brid and Vincent, our incoming Captains and Vice Captains Joyce and Michael, I would like to wish you good health, good golf and every success for 2016.

Finally, it gives me great pleasure to propose as your next Lady President Rita Reilly who has been a member since 1989, who has served on committee for 8 years and who has been involved in teams both as a manager and a player. Rita was elected Lady Captain in 2007, she still is a very enthusiastic member and I have no doubt she will be a great ambassador for Forrest Little in 2016.

Lady Captain Tina seconded the Lady Presidents proposal.

Lady President Ann presented Rita with the club sweater.

Rita thanked the Lady President Ann for nominating her and said it is a great honour to represent the club. Rita thanked everyone for all their good wishes, hopes to do her best to help anybody who needs it, answer all questions and hopes to represent all of the ladies. Rita said she was delighted and privileged and it was such a great surprise and a bigger surprise that her husband Harry is going to be President. Rita wished everyone a healthy and prosperous 2016 and once again thanked everyone.

Lady President Ann called out the nominees' proposers and seconders for the officers and committee

There was no need for scrutineers’ or an election as there were sufficient numbers for committee and all nominees were deemed to be elected.

NAMES 2016	PROPOSER	SECONDER
LADY PRESIDENT - Rita Reilly	Ann Cummins	Tina Shevlin
LADY CAPTAIN - Brid Snow	Tina Shevlin	Paula Shearan
LADY VICE- CAPTAIN- Joyce Moran	Brid Snow	Joan Maher
LADY HON. SECRETARY -Imelda Dunne	Laura Dooley	Mary Grehan
LADY HON. TREASURER -Niamh McMahan	Theresa McMahan	Laura Dooley
LADY HANDICAP SECRETARY -Joan Maher	Niamh McMahan	Geraldine Finnegan
Eileen Murphy	Joan Maher	Anne Sheppard
Geraldine Finnegan	Ann Sheppard	Eileen Murphy
Laura Dooley	Mary Grehan	Theresa McMahan
Lorraine Dennis	Imelda Dunne	Niamh McMahan
Ruth McQuillan	Geraldine Finnegan	Ann Cummins

Ruth McQuillan sent her apologies for being unable to attend this meeting.

**Any Other Business**

**Marie Pike:** said she was going to be the devils advocate regarding the juveniles, she said she has nothing against the juveniles but her grievance is that it is unfair that the ladies sponsor and support all the competitions and that the juveniles should be winning the first prize. Let them play with the ladies – in her time we played with the juveniles but they were not allowed to win the sponsored prize– this has only come in over the last couple of years. Marie asked the committee to consider what the men do and have certain age and handicap limits.

**Marie Robinson:** It is an ILGU instruction for the juveniles to play in our ladies competitions and it is not fair to allow them to enter the competition and then tell them they cannot win.

**Tina Shevlin:** informed us that it is an ILGU directive and regarding Julie – She was competition and handicap secretary over the past few years and Julie did enter and win the sponsored competitions. This is one of the reasons she is good today – she was allowed to play and compete against our ladies.

**Martine Denihan:** Yes it is an ILGU policy. Its aim is to keep women playing golf otherwise in ten years time there will be no women playing. It is not a big deal if they win the €40 sponsorship. It is important that they play and compete from a young age.

**Brid Snow:** The other clubs do not have a Julie, Ada or Shannon and they are here in our club because of the full support they get from our club.

**Margaret McCormack:** Julie plays off scratch and Shannon and Ada are playing off 15 – how many ladies in the room are playing off less than that – If they win they are playing better golf.

**Siobhan Garvey:** When I was a juvenile and I was allowed to play with the ladies and I had won the competition but was given 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> prize, I felt so excluded - not an equal – If a young girl plays now it is very important to be inclusive and that is what we promote.

**Marie Pike:** Can the ladies do what the men do with the juveniles - Have to be a certain age or have a certain handicap.

**Marie Robinson:** We do not have enough girls playing to do what the men do with the juveniles. Our great grannies also win prizes.

**Adrienne Timmons:** It is a directive from the ILGU and there will be no change in that and we must look after the juveniles. Moving on to another item – It is very unfair the hamper leagues have only 6 competitions and 3 cards to count. It should be spread over more competitions. We should have the option to pay and play on both days at the weekend. This would make it fairer for the ladies.

**Imelda Dunne:** indicated that the reason the spring League was over 4 competitions and the Hamper League over 6 competitions in 2015 was that at the last AGM it was requested by the ladies to reduce the number of competitions as they felt the leagues went on too long.

**Lady President Ann** asked for a show of hands from the ladies to get feedback on the number of competitions – the question being asked was - would the ladies prefer more competitions.

**Siobhan Garvey** did not agree with the show of hands as she felt there were not enough ladies present.

Given the circumstances the Lady President Ann decided that this decision should be made by the incoming committee.

**Fiona Dowling:** said she is a new lady member and would like the competitions that are played on the Tuesday with the option to play on the previous Sunday to help the working ladies.

**Brid Snow:** The competitions would have to be run as two separate competitions and would cause extra work for the committee.

**Maev Duffy:** I want to clarify Adrienne's point that 6 competitions are not enough and maybe the committee would look at maybe 8 or 9 or 10 competitions. On Fiona's point and I do not want to call it an alternative day as it would not be the same course or pins. We do it all the time when we play the course on Saturday and Sunday – one competition, different days and different pins. It can be done and I do not think there is much more work involved if an extra eight or nine ladies play on the Sunday. I volunteer to do the cards at the weekends.

**Niamh McMahon:** Next year we will have more working ladies on committee a better balance and we will look at this for the working ladies in 2016.

**Imelda Dunne:** expressed concerns at how to run the hamper leagues with the hampers run on the Tuesday and the same competition being run on the previous Sunday as well as the current hamper competitions on that day Sunday and the previous day Saturday.

**Adrienne Timmons:** said that the competitions changes and hamper changes should be left to the new committee.

**Vera Dignam:** asked if it is compulsory to place on the course. Vera has played with ladies that have not been placing the ball and just wanted to know the ruling on it.

**Brid Snow:** Yes it is compulsory – all ladies should mark and place the ball – There is a one shot penalty if you do not place.

Lady President Ann called Joyce Moran Lady Vice Captain elect to say a few words: Joyce thanked Brid for the wonderful opportunity said she was really looking forward to 2016. She said she was in the show for the first time this year and had a wonderful time. Joyce is really looking forward to the challenge and thanked everyone again.

Lady President Ann wished the incoming Presidents Harry and Rita the best of luck in 2016.

This concluded the 2015 AGM. Lady President Ann closed the meeting.

### **Lady Honorary Secretary Report 2016**

The members of your ladies committee 2016 chaired by our Lady Captain Brid, had a very busy 2016. All aspects of ladies golf, ladies concerns and issues were actively discussed, debated and also voted on at these meetings. Our ladies section is very well looked after and your committee is a committed and hardworking team.

Sponsorship is a very important part of our Ladies Section. This year we had sponsorship for all our ladies competitions, medal competitions and also our Ladies Opens in June and August.

Thank you ladies for all your support, it is most important to keep up the spirit of Forrest Little ladies section. This follows through to the monthly prize presentations and the super support from our ladies who attended to receive and present their prizes. It is important to maintain this tradition.

The following are the results of our major competitions in 2016

Lady Captain Brid Snow Prize: Lesley Molloy

Lady President Rita Reilly Prize: Imelda Dunne

Captains Vincent Collier Prize to Ladies: Laura Dooley

President Harry Reilly Prize to Ladies: Adrienne Timmons

Lady Vice Captain Joyce Moran Prize: Kay Byrne

Professional Tony Judd Prize: Maria Robinson

P.G.A. Tankard: Rachel McGivern

Golfer of the Year: Bernadette Sullivan

Challenge Cup: Ann Dooley

Silver Spoon: Rachel McGivern

Silver Medal: Rachel McGivern

Bronze Medal: Fiona Dowling

Australian Spoons Nett Winners: Eileen Murphy and Paula MacBradaigh

Australian Spoons Gross Winners: Siobhan Garvey and Aisling Kennedy

Ladies Peugeot LGU Coronation Foursomes: Brid Snow and Siobhan Garvey

The Granard Cup Winners: Siobhan Garvey and Fiona Dowling

Curtis Cup Competition Winner: Fiona Dowling (Tickets and to play course)

Monthly Medal Winners 2016 were:

March – Ruth McQuillan

April – Bernadette Sullivan

May – Fiona Dowling



June – Rachel McGivern  
July – Paula Shearan  
August – Rachel McGivern  
September – Margaret Byrne  
Phoenix Trophy: Rachel McGivern  
Mixed Foursomes: James Doyle & Donna Gregan  
Husband & Wife: Michael & Martine Denihan  
Hole in one: Siobhan Garvey on the 11<sup>th</sup> Hole / April 2016

The golfing year started with the Lady Captain vs. Hon. Secretary Competition on the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2016. The competition was a 9 hole three lady team event.

Hon. Secretary Winners: Maureen Hampson, Lady President Rita Reilly and Eileen Keogh.

Lady Captain Winners: Adrienne Timmons, Martin Denihan and Ann Kunkels.

It was a great start to the golfing year and the winners all received prizes of wine.

The Lambs Leap Competition was run from Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March until Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March over five days as St. Patrick's Day and Easter were within a week of each other and we were unable to run the Spring League as normal. The best three cards over the five days were counted and 48 ladies supported this competition. The winner, Shannon Mohan 73 points, second Siobhan Garvey 69 pts and third Maria Robinson with 67 pts. The daily winners were: Martine Denihan, Joan Maher, Brid Snow and Adrienne Timmons won on two of the days.

The Peugeot Coronation Foursomes was played in April and was won by our Lady Captain Brid Snow and Siobhan Garvey with a super score of 33 Pts. They played in the area final in Woodbrook Golf Club in Co. Wicklow on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2016. It was a busy time for our Lady Captain Brid as it was the day before her final prize day.

The Dubai Duty Free Irish Open Club Challenge was played on the 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> April to find our Lady Champion. The winner Cathy Prior was unable to attend. Adrienne Timmons (17) with a wonderful score of 34 pts went on to Hollystown Golf Club on the 20<sup>th</sup> April with Myles McDonagh to play on the Forrest Little Team. On a very rare sunny day they had a score of 37 Pts, unfortunately with stiff competition and scores of up to 45 pts they did not qualify to proceed to the final in the K. Club. We thank them both for taking the time to play and represent our Club.

The winner of the May Medal Fiona Dowling was also the winner of the weekend tickets to go and see the ladies playing in The Curtis Cup in Dun Laoghaire Golf Club. Another plus was Fiona was also given the opportunity to play the course on the Monday after the Curtis Cup. The Granard Cup Foursomes was played on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May and was a great success. The winners Siobhan Garvey and Fiona Dowling happily went on to play in Corrstown Golf Club on

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2016. This was a beautiful sunny day and Siobhan and Fiona were out first at 9 am. They enjoyed the golf immensely with their opposition from Rossmore Golf Club but with 34 points did not make the podium. In the afternoon, Fiona and Siobhan headed back to Forrest Little Golf Club and Fiona was on the winning team in the ladies club Scramble with Donna Gregan and Rachel McGivern with a super score of 66 nett.

The Australian Spoons was played in May; the nett winners were Eileen Murphy & Paula MacBradaigh and gross winners were Siobhan Garvey and Aisling Kennedy. Unfortunately, due to a combination of circumstances and fixture congestion, we did not have ladies available to play in the regional final at Howth Golf Club on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

Rachel McGivern represented Forrest Little Golf Club in Royal Tara Golf Club in the PGA Tankard at the end of August.

Mary Kyne won the Silver Medal and Eileen Gill won the Bronze Medal in 2015 and was invited to play on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May in Headfort (new and old) Golf Course in the Silver and Bronze medal (2015) competitions. Mary Kyne could not represent Forrest Little Golf Club as she has departed to pastures new and was not permitted to play.

Unfortunately, Eileen Gill due to bereavement in her family was unable to play.

As our time is very precious, I would like to thank all these ladies that took the time to travel, compete and represent Forrest Little Golf Club in the above events.

Our club liaison officer, Eileen Murphy excelled herself once again when looking after the third round of the ILGU AIG Interclub Championship matches that were held in our club on a glorious sunny Saturday on the 14th May. Organised with great professionalism and sprinkled with loads of smiles, Eileen greeted all the visiting clubs with great warmth and friendliness. Paula Shearan & Maria Robinson looked after the starting duties. Lorraine Dennis and Joan Maher did ball spotting on the 6<sup>th</sup>, while Lady President Rita Reilly, Ann Sheppard, Ruth McQuillan, Bernadette Sullivan, Lady Vice Captain Joyce Moran and Competitions Secretary Laura Dooley, all had to sit in glorious sunshine and do ball spotting on the 12<sup>th</sup> Hole. Our Lady Captain Brid provided the most amazing roses to decorate the ladies locker room, entrance hall and toilets. She provided wonderful support on the day and mingled with all the visiting clubs all day. It was a very proud day for Forrest Little. The course, club house, bar, catering, organization and indeed everything on the day was excellent and eight visiting golf clubs went away with wonderful thoughts and compliments for our club. Tommy our caterer provided an excellent menu and received compliments from all the visiting clubs. Tommys' catering staff, Aaron and Don was excellent and served the ladies all day with smiles and efficiency. This was reflected in the fact that some of those ladies came back and played in our ladies opens and also sent Thank You cards to the club. Well done and thank you to Eileen and everyone involved. We will get the opportunity to excel again in 2017 with the club hosting the third round of AIG/ILGU Championship in Forrest Little on Thursday 11th May 2017 (1pm – 4pm).

The Ladies Open on 14<sup>th</sup> June was sponsored by Ruth Duggan and was a great success.

Forrest Little ladies did very well as can be seen for the results below:-

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lesley Molloy (16) Adrienne Timmons (17) Susan Cullen (25) - 82 pts
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Joan Maher (23) Rita Flynn (26) Ballinascorney, Alma White (29) Malahide 81 Pts back 9
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Denise Tobin (17) Newlands, Catherine O'Donoghue (26) Rathcore, Carmel Conaty (26) - 81 Pts
- 4<sup>th</sup> Phil Keane (19) Roganstown, Brid Snow (22), Nora Fitzpatrick (23) Roganstown - 80 Pts
- 5<sup>th</sup> Linda Guiden Daly (18) Eileen Gill (30), Ann Guiden (33) - 79 Pts

The Ladies Open in August was a 3 Lady Team event and kindly sponsored by Trish Gregan, Lesley Molloy and Jackie Donnelly. This Open was a major success with over 111 ladies playing and included 41 visitors from 18 different golf clubs. The results were as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Patricia Morris (14) Donabate Ann McEvoy (12) Noreen Keeling (11) Balbriggan -81 Pts
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Brid Gunn (26) Maureen Hampson (21) Colette McDonald (30) The Island - 78 pts
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Monica Flynn (18) LC Phil Keane (10) Roganstown, Marie Wilson (19) Moyola Park - 77 Pts.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Bernadette Sullivan (15) Paula MacBradraigh (24) May Collins (29) - 75 Pts (back 6)

Again a very successful day and most of the golfing ladies stayed to dine and socialise with their friends in our club. Thank you to every person involved in running this day and making it a success.

What a wonderful evening we all had at our Lady Captains Dinner on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2016. The show was one of the most polished and entertaining yet. The amount of work that goes into the shows every year is enormous and a very special thank you to all the ladies that gave their time to rehearsals, rehearsals, rehearsals and more rehearsals. Thank you, Ann Guiden, Maureen Hampson, Joyce Moran, Tina Shevlin, Marie Purdue, Laura Dooley, Paula Shearan, Maeve Duffy, Martine Denihan, Maria Robinson, Ruth McQuillan, Aisling Kennedy, Niamh McMahon, Trish Gregan, Fiona Dowling, Lorraine Dennis and Jacinta Hackett. Tommy our caterer and his team, and Ray our barman and his team all worked extremely hard to make this night a great success. Another important part of the night was the presence of our Tuesday Ladies who play every week and who felt it important to support our Lady Captains night.

The Christmas Hamper League was run from the 1st October to 18<sup>th</sup> October. It consisted of eight competitions with the best three scores over 16 holes Stableford counting for the major prizes. Winner: Bernie Sullivan 95 pts, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jackie Donnelly 94 pts, Class 1: Frances Quaid 91 pts, Class 2: Maeve Duffy 92 pts and Class 3: Ruth McQuillan 90 pts.

The winners of the daily prizes were- Paula Shearan, Kay Byrne, Carmel Conaty, Maria Robinson, Fiona Dowling and Imelda Dunne.

Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to the 65 ladies that came out and supported this competition.

## Teams and matches 2016

The managers of our ladies AIG Ladies Cups & Shields club teams this year were as follows: The Minor Cup (23–28) Ann Guiden / the Challenge Cup (29 – 36), Brid Gunn and Maureen Hampson, the Junior Foursomes Siobhan Garvey and the Intermediate Cup, Maria Robinson. Paula Shearan and Laura Dooley were the lady managers on the O’Grady Cup and Mixed Foursomes teams.

The first of our teams played their preliminary rounds on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April in lashing rain for the full 4 hours in horrendous conditions. The Minor Cup team manager Ann Guiden selected the following successful team: - Susan Cullen, Paula MacBradraigh, and Ann Dooley at home Martine Denihan and Maeve Duffy played away against Hermitage Golf Club.

The caddies were Adrienne Timmons for Susan, Eileen Murphy for Paula and Siobhan Garvey for Ann and Mary Grehan and Tina Shevlin for Maeve and Martine away. What a fantastic win. The Junior Foursomes played against St. Anne’s Golf Club on the 10<sup>th</sup> April with two teams home and one team away. They had a fantastic win at home with both teams winning on the 14<sup>th</sup> hole. The teams at home were Paula Shearan (16) and Frances Quaid (19) and Adrienne Timmons (18) and juvenile Shannon Mohan (18). As a result, the away team Lorraine Dennis (15) and Laura Dooley (21) were called in. The subs. at home was Bernadette Sullivan and Ruth Duggan, and away were Aisling Kennedy and Maeve Duffy. The team manager Siobhan Garvey was already on a high, she had a hole in one on the 11<sup>th</sup> hole in Forrest Little on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April and bought drinks for everyone in the bar.

This was a very busy week in the teams April calendar with the Challenge (20<sup>th</sup>) Minor (21<sup>st</sup>) and Intermediate (24<sup>th</sup>) teams all playing matches during this week of sunshine. It was near impossible to find ladies to play as the Hyland sisters had decamped to Barcelona and Joan Maher was on a second honeymoon with Peadar.

Our Challenge Cup Team headed locally to Swords Golf Open for their first outing on the 20<sup>th</sup> April (which was a glorious sunny day) to play against Clontarf Golf Club. The ladies team of Eileen Murphy, Fiona Dowling, Jacinta Hackett, Geraldine Finnegan and Ruth McQuillan played super golf but alas no victory here. The caddies were Bernadette Sullivan, Maureen Hampson, Phyllis O’Brien, Tina Shevlin and Noreen Raftery who also doubled as the substitute for the team.

The Minor Team played their second round against Howth Golf Club. The team of Eileen Judd, Joyce Moran, Paula MacBradaigh, Brid Gunn and Carmel Conaty with manager Ann Guiden made the journey to the neutral venue of Sutton Golf Club on a very sunny Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April. They had a great battle and won on the 18<sup>th</sup> Green. The caddies were Margaret McCormack, Eileen Gill, Lady Captain Brid Snow, Eileen Murphy and Marie Purdue. It is noted that Paula MacBradaigh started the day with a flat tyre and hailed a taxi to get her to the matches and win her match. Thank you Paula for going beyond the call of duty.

Our Intermediate Team also had their first outing against Corrstown Golf Club on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April in Westmanstown Golf Club. Maria Robinson selected the following team, Bernadette Sullivan, Paula Shearan, Lesley Molloy, Adrienne Timmons and Maureen Hampson. Laura Dooley was the substitute on the day. The caddies were Laura Dooley for Paula, Joyce Moran for Lesley and Lady Captain Brid for Maureen Hampson. The disappointment of the loss was etched on all their young faces as they returned to our club. Again, a game of really good golf but lady luck was not on our side as two of the matches went down the 19<sup>th</sup> and the difference was only one putt in each case.

The Minor Team third round was played on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May against Corrstown Golf Club. The team of Eileen Judd, Maeve Duffy, Susan Cullen, Paula MacBradaigh, Maria Robinson and Ann Dooley with caddies and manager Ann Guiden travelled to Castleknock Golf Club. The run of luck and good golf finished but once again they put on a smile but with great disappointment etched on all their faces they returned to the club.

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May our Junior Foursomes headed up country to a place called Mannan Castle Golf Club where they played two away matches with one home match in Forrest Little Golf Club. No words can describe the pain of this loss.

Are we cursed like the Mayo Football Team as we have not seen success in a long time!!!! Or are we stretching ourselves too far and expecting too much trying to field ladies for all of the teams. Perhaps less is more and maybe we should change our approach to these competitions. Perhaps we should be more selective in our matches which will give our ladies a better chance of winning and put less pressure time wise on some of our lady golfers.

Most importantly, however your committee and club really appreciate all the time and effort that each lady puts into these matches. Whether you are the manager, player, caddy, driver or supporter thanks a million for sharing your precious time. Without these matches we will lose the hope of a win and also it will be the end of the stories of the great battles out in the front line.

The Ladies Fingal Seniors League is a very popular event in our club. Anne Sheppard assisted by Tina Shevlin organised the teams and matches for 2016. The format was changed and the singles and straight foursomes were dropped in 2015, which left only the scotch foursomes matches. They played matches home and away against the Island Golf Club, Skerries Golf Club, Balcarrick Golf Club, St. Anne' Golf Club, Malahide Golf Club and Howth Golf Club. The following ladies played in matches:- Lady President Rita Reilly, May Collins, Jacinta Hackett, Maureen Hampson, Phyllis Woods, Noreen Raftery, Phyllis O'Brien, Mary Grehan, Eileen Murphy, Eileen Judd, Ann Dooley, Kay Byrne, Ann Donnelly, Tina Shevlin and Anne Sheppard. We thank you all for giving your time and energy to play in this league. The final was played in Forrest Little Golf Club on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September between Skerries and Balcarrick Golf Club. Our Lady Captain Brid, Lady President Rita and managers Anne Sheppard and Tina Shevlin attended on the day. It was a great win for Skerries Golf Club and Forrest Little Golf Club benefited as both teams stayed had food and drinks after their presentation of prizes. This league

is greatly supported by the ladies and many a story is told about these matches and the putt that would simply not fall.

The Golfer of the Year 2016 competition was held over 16 designated competitions. The point system of 12, 10, 8, 6, 4, and 2, allocated to each competition certainly kept the leader board changing. The Golfer of the Year winner for 2016 is Bernie Sullivan with a wonderful score of 50 points. Bernie has been playing super golf all year and is a deserving winner.

The ladies office received a new computer which was badly needed and has made a huge difference to our workload. The changeover to printed labels on our competition cards has also made the competitions a lot easier and quicker to process.

Thank you to the numerous ladies that are on the rota to assist with the competitions each week. Their work and support is appreciated by all our members especially Laura in competitions. A special word of thanks to Lesley Molloy for printing all the different winners names on the plaques that adorn the walls in the ladies locker room.

Thank you to Paula Shearan for her sponsorship of the Golfer of the Year Plate each year.

Thank you to Mary Grehan for all the photographs taken during the year and the many many discs that you distribute among all the officers and members of the club.

If I have forgotten anyone please take a bow and thank you.

2016 has been a very busy year for me as Lady Hon. Secretary and I will certainly miss being involved and being part of a great committee. It is time for others to shine and I wish each and every one of the new committee for 2017 lots of hope and happiness sprinkled with good golf. My report is long and lists lots of names but all these names are important as these ladies are the love and heartbeat of the Ladies Section of Forrest Little Golf Club.

We have said goodbye to good friends, hello to new friends and the circle of life and golf continues.

*Imelda Carrigan Dunne - Lady Hon. Secretary 2016*

## **Lady Hon. Handicap Secretary Report 2016**

The summer is over and we have come to the end of our Qualifying Competitions for this year. We played 67 qualifying competitions during the year. Four-balls, foursomes and scrambles were also played to enhance social interaction and enjoyment of our golf.

There was some confusion regarding the “one shot back” rule introduced by the ILGU this year. Some players were happy that the increase to their handicap could only be one shot while others

felt they were penalised by the ruling. The Annual Handicap Review will be taking place next month. This process will enable the Handicap Committee to review all handicaps and relevant adjustments will be made. The ILGU are expecting a greater number of upward adjustments this year because of the ruling. A player cannot refuse to accept a shot back if it is deemed necessary by the Annual Review or cannot demand any extra shots back without approval from the ILGU. Julie McCarthy now has a handicap of +1.4 which of course is the lowest handicap in the Ladies Section.

Our other juveniles who performed well this year were:-

Shannon Mohan who started at 17.9 is now playing off 16.3.

Rebecca Wall started playing off 31.2 and is now playing off 29.8.

The ladies who had substantial handicap cuts this year were:- Fiona Dowling: 4 shots starting her year at 30.7 and is now playing off 27.1 and continuing to feature.

Rachel McGivern: 3 shots, dropping from 17.2 to 14 and also still featuring on a regular basis.

Frances Daly: 2 shots going from 22.2 to 20.1

In addition eleven ladies finished the year 1 shot lower than they started.

Congratulations to Rachel McGivern on winning both the ILGU Silver Medal and Silver Spoon and also to Fiona Dowling on winning the Bronze Medal.

I would like to thank the ladies who help the Committee every week to collate the cards and publish the results. This is a great opportunity to get an insight into how the competitions are run and a good learning experience. If any of you have a couple of hours free and would be willing to get involved please give your name to any member of the incoming Committee.

I would like to congratulate Lady Captain Brid on her outstanding year and wish Lady Vice-Captain Joyce equal success in the year ahead.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Lady President Rita, Hon. Secretary Imelda, Competitions Secretary Laura and all Committee members who have given so much help and support to me during my time on Committee. I have no doubt the Incoming Committee will work hard for all of us and continue to successfully represent Forrest Little.

*Joan Maher - Hon. Handicap Secretary 2016*

## **Juvenile Girls Report 2016**

Julie McCarthy was nominated Girls Juvenile Captain for the year 2016 and drove into office with the Captain, Lady Captain and boys Juvenile Captain. Her photo was displayed in the lobby of the clubhouse along with the other Captains.

Julie had another outstanding year. She has represented Forrest Little Golf Club and Ireland with distinction. A list of her achievements for the year is set out at the end of this report. Shannon Mohan has been nominated Juvenile Golfer of the Year and will receive a plaque to record this

achievement. During the year, her handicap was reduced from 18 to 16. Shannon has won our Lady Captains and Lady Presidents prize to girls this year.

For the fifth year running, the ILGU have awarded a grant to our Club in order to assist with delivering a girls coaching programme aimed at retaining and developing our existing juvenile female membership. Our Professional Tony Judd undertook ten weeks coaching with the girls. Our juvenile girls took part in the Fingal Girls League which is run by our club member Martine Denihan. Shannon Mohan was the winner of the first outing at Beaverstown in July with 37 points. Our girls also took part in development days run by the ILGU.

Forrest Little Golf Club have taken part in a programme called “Get into Golf” run by CGI with the aim of increasing or numbers of juvenile members. We held an event at Scoil an Duinninigh in May. Five children came to Forrest Little Golf Club to avail of a five week coaching programme delivered by Tony Judd but unfortunately this did not result in any of them becoming members up to now. We intend to run this programme again in March/April 2017 in a local school.

Our end of season prize giving took place in conjunction with Lady Presidents Prize to the girls on the 28<sup>th</sup> August 2016 and this was a great success.

It is our aim to develop and grow the girls section and we would encourage and welcome all girls from 7 years of age to join have fun and make friends.

## **Julie McCarthy Achievements 2016**

**Ulster Girls Open Championship** - Leading stroke play Qualifier and Overall Winner of the Championship

**Leinster Girls Championship** – Winner of stroke play Championship

**Connacht Girls Championship** – Leading stroke play Qualifier and Overall Winner of the Championship

**Irish Girls Close Championship** – Winner of Irish Girls Close for the second time

**British Girls Amateur Championship** – 2 under par second round qualified Julie into Matchplay stages where Julie won first match 3&2 and lost out on the 19<sup>th</sup> as the last Irish player standing.

**European Team Championships** – Playing Captain for the Irish in the European Team Championships winning Flight B

**Home International Matches** – Ireland won the Home International Matches

**Representative Honours 2016:-** European Championships Irish Girls Home International Team Fingal Independent Sportsperson of the Year Award Jan. 2016

*Geraldine Finnegan – Juvenile Convenor 2016*

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