

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.

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