

## **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 MacBridaigh 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 Gegan, 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*