

THE 77th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE LADIES BRANCH

WILL BE HELD IN THE CLUBHOUSE

ON

SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2017 AT 5.30 PM

**AGENDA**

1. Minutes of the last A.G.M. (2016)
2. Hon. Secretary Report 2017
3. Hon. Treasurer Report 2017
4. Hon. Handicap Secretary Report 2017
5. Juvenile Convenor Report 2017
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: *Niamh McMahon*

Niamh McMahon  
Lady Hon. Secretary 2017



**Lady President Rita** requested that the Juvenile Convenors Report for 2016 which had been circulated to members prior to this meeting, be taken as read and called for the adoption of the report. Lady President Rita asked if there are any matters arising? No matters arising

Proposer: Paula Shearan

Seconder: Ann Cummins

### Election of Lady President

**Lady President Rita** invited Ann Cummins to make a proposal in relation to the position of Lady President for 2017.

Ann said that she was delighted to once again propose Rita Reilly for Lady President for 2017. Rita has been an excellent Lady President and I have no doubt she will perform her duties in an efficient and capable manner and it is my pleasure to propose Rita as Lady President for 2017.

### **Lady President Rita responded:-**

I would like to start by thanking Ann for nominating me as Lady President for 2017. I feel honoured and privileged to be your President for 2017 completing my second year in office. I look forward to working with the incoming Lady Captain Joyce and Lady Vice Captain Laura and their committee next year. I am extremely grateful for a second opportunity to represent the Ladies of Forrest Little Golf Club at home and away in 2017.

### Election of Lady Captain

#### Lady Captain Brid Snow's Report 2016

Lady President Rita, Vice Captain Joyce, fellow members it was an honour and a privilege to serve as Lady Captain of Forrest Little Golf Club for 2016. As I follow in the footsteps of many great captains, I hope I fulfilled the role in such a way that Forrest Little can be recognised as one of the outstanding clubs in North County Dublin. I wish to thank Tina Shevlin for proposing me for Lady Captain and for all the help she has given me through the year.

“No man is an island”. This is very evident in Forrest Little when you become Lady Captain.

The support I got from my committee, my events committee and indeed all the volunteers was tremendous. I could not have done it without you.

My first event “The Christmas Hat Party” was a treat and gave rise to some laughs. The Children’s Party was another joyous occasion but surpassing all was my “Drive in”. It rained solidly for two weeks prior to the event and the course was closed. This was heart attack territory but that morning it was dry and the course opened. Worry over and the celebrations began. What a day and night! I especially want to thank Adrienne for doing the oration on the day.

Many further joyous occasions followed: - Valentine’s night (unfortunately I was manless that night so all I could do was meet and greet), Lady Captain’s v Secretaries, St. Patrick Day golf

and social, Vice Captain's presentation night, Club Classic. The Lady Captains 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> day were just glorious and the sun shone. I was delighted that my prize was won by Lesley Molloy as she is a dedicated member of the club.

They were followed by the Ryder Cup Classic which was a shot gun start. The Stars and Stripes competition is still a popular three ball competition even though this year it was on a Monday. The President and Lady Presidents dinner and the President Prize to the Juveniles were also great occasions. Interspersed with the above were Friday nights nine hole golf, wine and dine. Halloween fell on the October weekend this year and following a semi-open mixed the announcement of the Vice Captains was made.

The Lady Captain's dinner definitely was the most glamorous and enjoyable night of the year. Words don't adequately describe "The Snow Show". It was brilliant and funny and I have to thank everybody who gave of their time and energy to put it on. Over the years you all have become experienced troopers. The presentation of prizes was at the end of November and it too was an enjoyable night.

Forrest Little hosted the ILGU interclub matches for 2016 which was ably orchestrated by Eileen Murphy and her many helpers. The smooth running of all events can be attributed to my talented committee and events committee. They, like a well oiled machine did me proud.

However, Forrest Little golf club is a business run by a small number of dedicated volunteers who use their expertise in their many fields to ensure that structures are in place in respect of property, finance, employment, members/players, course and machinery. We are blessed with this group who give of their time and energy to make Forrest Little as efficient and effective as possible. It should be noted that the ladies are represented on council by Theresa McMahon who in her role as marketing manager is doing an excellent job. She was also instrumental in setting up the clubs new website.

Payments of subs on time are of great benefit to the club. Delays can lead to a dip in finances. Membership is just above staying static this year but the need for new members remains. There are seven new Tuesday Ladies members who received great assistance from Lady President Rita, Tina Shevlin and Theresa McMahon. It is hoped that they will join as full members. New offers are now available to new members and their wives /partners.

At the 2015 AGM it was requested that business ladies who cannot play the Tuesday competition during the period March to June because of time and lights restraints should be accommodated on Sunday. This was introduced. It gave rise to some hiccups which we overcame. However, very few people avail of it. It will be a matter for the incoming committee to decide whether this should be implemented in March to June 2017.

2016 was not a good year for Forrest Little in the ILGU interclub matches. Our team managers Brid Gunn, Ann Guiden, Maria Robinson, Paula Shearan, Laura Dooley, Ann Sheppard and Tina Shevlin worked so hard to achieve success. (Though we were only beaten on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> in two matches) It just was not our year.

The club Matchplay competitions are now complete:-  
Husband and Wives Martine and Michael Denihan  
Mixed Foursomes Donna Gregan and Jim Doyle  
Challenge Cup Ann Dooley  
Phoenix Trophy Rachel McGivern  
Golfer of the year Bernadette Sullivan - Congratulations to all.

Geraldine Finnegan our Junior Convenor was responsible for the Juveniles. She obtained grants from the ILGU for coaching and in cooperation with the CGI she visited schools to encourage the game of golf and arranged special coaching for those interested. Martine Denihan has over the years supported the Juveniles and ran a very successful Fingal Alliance in Beaverstown this year. Shannon Mohan and Rebecca Wall show great potential for the future. Julie McCarthy has more that surpassed herself this year. Although she injured herself at the French Open and had to have treatment on her hand for three months she came back to win the Ulster Cup, The Leinster Cup, The Connaught Cup, The Close Championship and was part of the Irish International Team to bring the cup back to Ireland for the first time. She did us proud and I wish her every success when she goes to Alabama University next year to further her golfing career. On that good positive note I will end this report. I wish the incoming Lady Captain Joyce Moran a wonderful year in 2017

*Lady Captain Brid Snow November 2016*

**Lady Captain Brid** invited Lady Vice Captain Joyce Moran to the podium and presented the brooch and blazer to her.

**Lady Captain elect Joyce Moran responded:-**

Lady President Rita, Lady Captain Brid, Ladies.

Lady Captain Brid, thank you so much for asking me to be Vice Captain for 2016.

2017 seemed a long way away, how fast the year has gone by.

Brid, you have been a great Lady Captain and on behalf of the ladies I would like to thank you for your hard work and dedication to Forrest Little not only for 2016 but for all your involvement in the club over recent years.

I joined Forrest Little when Pauline Cleary was Lady Captain. She was a great role model as were those Lady Captains' that served before and since, all hard acts to follow.

All I can say to you tonight is that I will do my best to serve the ladies section and indeed the club to the best of my ability, with the help of the committee and all of you. Thank you for having the faith in me to fulfil this role.

**Lady Captain elect Joyce Moran** announced the officers and Committee for 2017 as follows:-

NAMES 2016	PROPOSER	SECONDER
LADY PRESIDENT - Rita Reilly	Ann Cummins	Joyce Moran
LADY CAPTAIN – Joyce Moran	Brid Snow	Ann Cummins
LADY VICE-CAPTAIN- Laura Dooley	Joyce Moran	Brid Snow
LADY HON. SECRETARY Niamh McMahan	Laura Dooley	Ruth McQuillan
LADY HON. TREASURER Lorraine Dennis	Imelda Dunne	Paula Shearan
LADY HANDICAP SECRETARY Paula MacBradaigh	Niamh McMahan	Eileen Murphy
Eileen Murphy	Paula Shearan	Niamh McMahan
Geraldine Finnegan - Juvenile Convenor	Tina Shevlin	Imelda Dunne
Ruth McQuillan – Competition Secretary	Eileen Murphy	Paula MacBradaigh
Maria McKeown	Paula MacBradaigh	Tina Shevlin
Bernadette Sullivan	May Collins	Rita Reilly

**Lady President Rita** declared all of the nominees as set out by Lady Captain Joyce elected for 2017. There was no need for scrutineers’ or an election as there were sufficient numbers for committee and all nominees were deemed to be elected.

**Lady Captain elect Joyce Moran** invited Laura Dooley Lady Vice Captain for 2017 to say a few words

**Lady Vice Captain Laura Dooley responded:**

Thank you so much Joyce for asking me to be your Lady Vice Captain and for giving me this amazing opportunity to represent the members of Forrest Little. I am absolutely thrilled and thank you for having faith in me. Forrest Little has been in my life long before I became a member, thanks to my wonderful parents, who inspired me to play golf and join this wonderful Club. I am really looking forward to the next two years with you all by my side, HOPEFULLY!! I haven’t done this before so please be patient with me. Thank you all.

**Lady President Rita** called on Competition Secretary Laura Dooley to say a few words in relation to 2016 competitions before opening the meeting to AOB.

**Laura Dooley** I have a BIG FAVOUR to ask as Competitions Secretary: - Please read emails that are sent to you regarding our competitions. Members come to all sorts of conclusions having not read the emails properly or completely.

Also, please take note of the notices in the Locker Room!!!! i.e. Domestic Cuts – how long they run for – not only for Hamper competitions but all competitions to the end of December. New Domestic Cuts will apply from January until March 2017 so watch out for these notices.

#### Hampers League 2016:

More competitions were requested for the hamper league at the AGM last year – hence eight competitions this year with three cards to count. The members who played in the most competitions achieved success.

#### Sunday for Tuesday Competitions:

As requested at the AGM last year we ran a “Sunday for Tuesday Competition”.

There were some negative reactions to this but also some positive.

The main reason for setting up this competition was to allow members play in weekend competitions and the Tuesday Competitions but most have only ended up playing in one competition at the weekend. The main time this facility was used was for MAJORS held on Tuesdays (and Medals - alternate day).

#### The feedback was mainly Complaints:

Marking card, but not in competition = knowing score

Playing Stableford and marking Strokes Card – slower play

Players not getting Point 1's back due to small numbers – hence - No up revisions

Jeff went to a lot of trouble to keep the course the same on the Sunday and the Tuesday and a lot of work went into arranging the competition and looking after the results.

**Jackie Donnelly** mentioned that is unfair to play with a lady that is playing in ‘Sunday for Tuesday’ competition and you know that lady score before you play in that particular competition on Tuesday.

**Siobhan Garvey** would prefer to keep this competition for 2017 as she is a working lady and would suit her own timetable and asked Laura the numbers of ladies that played in these competitions?

**Laura** informed Siobhan that three maybe four supported it at any given time.

**Laura Dooley** asked for feedback on the competition and asked the ladies whether the “Sunday for Tuesday” competition should be run next year in 2017 or just have alternative days for the Majors and medal competitions instead.

**Lady President Rita** asked for a show of hands – and it was passed that the format of ‘Sunday for Tuesday’ competition be dropped for 2017.

### **Any Other Business**

**Kay Byrne** spoke about being a lady associate and her years as a member in Forrest Little Golf Club. Kay has played on teams, including the Fingal Seniors, has been part of the shows at the lady captains’ dinner in November and entered all the competitions during the years. Kay mentioned her support for the club and was on the ladies committee for five years. Kay wished to know why after all these years that she has supported this club that now there are no club competitions for the lady associates at the weekends?

**Laura Dooley** Competitions Secretary responded by indicating that the club competitions at the weekends for lady associates and full members were as follows:-

Two Competitions were set up on the weekends, 12 holes and 9 holes, due to the fact that Lady Associates were not able to play in the 12 holes competitions due to light constraints.

The ladies committee tried to cater for both categories so: There were 2 Turkey Competitions on the 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> November and 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

12 holes competitions have continued to facilitate the Winter League as 36 ladies are playing in it. The lady associates can play in the Winter League if available to play 12 holes on the Friday. The conditions of competition changed on the day for the Consolation Turkeys on the weekend 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> November due to bad weather. As a result, the course changed from 12 holes to 9 holes on the Saturday/Sunday morning. Laura had already arranged a separate competition for Lady Associates so thought it was unfair to withdraw this, having set up same.

**Kay Byrne** as a lady associate feels victimised by this arrangement and requested it to be changed so that all the ladies Full and Associates can play in the Winter League together.

**Laura Dooley** explained that this was a new earlier time for the Winter League as so many members had requested Matchplay and the mens committee were trying out new ways of arranging the Winter League. Certainly this earlier time has thrown up problems that were not anticipated and the format will be reviewed for next year.

**Paula MacBradaigh** mentioned her circumstances of working all week and looking forward to playing golf at the weekend. Paula is a full lady member and would prefer that she could play 12 holes of golf at the weekend for as long as possible as this is the only golf she gets in during the winter months. 9 holes of golf is very short for the weekend during the winter especially since there is enough light for the 12 hole competitions.



**Bernadette Sullivan** discussed the number of prizes given out in the Captain prizes to the ladies and Vice Captains prize to the ladies. In previous years the ladies committee gave out class prizes in these major competitions and asked why in the last few years this is not the case.

**Niamh McMahon** Hon. Treasurer said that the Captain and Vice Captain of the year decide what prizes they wish to present for these competitions. The prizes in 2016 were first, second, gross, third and fourth and did not give out class prizes.

**Maeve Duffy** is on the finance committee and is familiar with the monies of the club and that in the past it might have been the case that the class prizes were given but now all prizes are given as a percentage of the funds as all the monies goes into the one pot. The men actually give out less prizes percentage wise than the ladies. Maeve suggested that maybe just present first and second prize with the three classes and then drop the gross, third and fourth prize. It is another option.

**Joyce Moran** Lady Captain elect spoke about receiving protocols from the council every year with guidelines regarding the spending of prize money for major competitions. This is necessary as the club is struggling and what happened in the past regarding prizes is totally different as to what is paid out now. Direction on finances is given by council.

**Paula Shearan** asked about status of the ILGU teams for 2017.

**Laura Dooley** The general feedback from all the 2016 team managers is that they all struggled to get ladies to sign up to play in the matches during the year to the point that it became very distressing for all involved. Ladies played in the first round and then they were not available for the remainder of the matches due to holidays, sickness and working etc. The reduction of the numbers of ladies playing and the age profile has changed in the last few years and this contributes to the problem. All these are a fact of life and we have to be realistic when entering teams in 2017. If our ladies are not available to play should we put in teams for these matches? We do not want to be in the position of entering a team and then having to give a bye because we cannot field a team. We are talking about the Minor Cup, Intermediate Cup and Challenge Cup teams. In the previous year we decided to drop the Intermediate Cup in favour of the Miele Fourball but that did not work very well and reverted back to the Intermediate Cup this year. There is the option of The Duggan Cup for the lower handicaps to play in. Laura will find out more details about this cup and will then inform the ladies. What do the ladies think about all of this?

**Margaret McCormack** stressed the importance of the ILGU matches and that all ladies of Forrest Little should be proud to represent this club in these matches. The Fingal Seniors was set up for social golf between the local golf clubs. Ladies should be putting their names down to play in all of the ILGU matches ahead of the Fingal Seniors.

**Adrienne Timmons** said that the posters for the teams and names went up on the notice boards in the ladies locker room too early and that we should enter all the teams now and get the names of the ladies that wish to play next year in 2017 nearer the time of the matches.

**Imelda Dunne** indicated that the posters were put up earlier to get feedback from the ladies to see who is actually interested in playing in these matches next year and also the ILGU requires that all

the team entry fees have to be paid by 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016. Last year the date was the 19<sup>th</sup> December. It cost forty euro per team and why enter a team if we do not have the ladies to play on it.

**Adrienne Timmons** The issue should not be about the money and just pay the forty euro for each team and decide later what teams we can field.

**Imelda Dunne** spoke about a week in April that all the Cup teams Minor, Intermediate and Challenge all had matches in the one week. The team managers struggled to find ladies to play in these matches not to mention caddies. Brid Gunn was a team manager on the Tuesday, caddied the next day and played in the matches on the Thursday in Sutton Golf Club.

**Brid Gunn** mentioned that she has been a manager of the Challenge Cup for the past seven years and each year she has struggled to just get five ladies for the matches. The ladies are just not available to play.

**Laura Dooley** Laura also tried to help Ann Guiden to get ladies for the Minor Cup Team and had to resort to begging and pleading with ladies to go out and play in the matches. This is not the way we want to get ladies to play in the matches.

**Siobhan Garvey** agreed that it is a practical issue as Brid mentioned struggling to get 5 players to play in the Challenge Cup where most of the ladies of that handicap range want to play in the social golf matches of the Fingal Seniors.

**Margaret McCormack** mentioned that the ILGU matches are most important and we must make the effort and get out and play in these matches.

**Eileen Judd** said she does not write her name down on the list but just ring and she will be glad to play in any of the matches. Just give her a call and she will turn up for any match.

**Lady President Rita** asked for a vote on whether Forrest Little should enter all the teams in 2017 This vote was defeated and the final decision on the teams will be now made by the committee 2017

**Adrienne Timmons** Leave it to the next committee 2017 to make the final decision.

**Laura Dooley** had all the posters with the names for the different teams and requested that any lady that is interested n playing in these matches next year to please come to her after the meeting and put their names down. At this moment in time there is only one name down for the Challenge Cup Team for 2017.

**Lady Captain Brid** spoke about the Three Ring Competition. At the start of the year the conditions of competition declared that there were six prizes. This competition was well supported by the ladies and a lot more ladies entered after the notice indicating prizes went up. Lady Captain Brid asked the ladies present if there was any problem to increase the number of prizes for this competition from 6 prizes to 11 prizes. There was no objections voiced from the ladies at this meeting and the Lady President Rita indicated that it was okay to make the change to 11 prizes.

Vote of thanks to

Lady President Rita / Lady Captain Brid / Lady Hon. Secretary Imelda / Lady Hon. Treasurer Niamh and Lady Hon. Handicap Secretary Joan

This concluded the 2016 AGM. Lady President Rita closed the meeting.

## **Lady Honorary Secretary Report 2017**

The ladies of the 2017 committee, chaired by our Lady Captain Joyce Moran had a busy and exciting 2017. With a very dedicated committee in 2017, monthly meetings were held to discuss all aspects of the ladies Golfing year.

The Committee would like to thank all the ladies who sponsored prizes in 2017. Sponsorship forms a very important part of our golfing year, for both the sponsors, the prize winners and indeed the club. This is a strong tradition in our club and we welcome all sponsorship for 2018.

Our Lady Competitions Secretary Ruth McQuillan has completed the below report to Congratulate all the prize winners in 2017, with the major competitions for 2017 winners being:

Lady Captain Joyce Moran's prize: Rachel McGivern  
Lady President Rita Reilly's prize: Maria McKeown  
Captain Michael Denihan's prize: Frances Quaid  
President Harry Reilly's prize: Bernie Sullivan  
Lady Vice Captain's Laura Dooley's Prize: Rachel McGivern  
Professional Tony Judd's Prize: Susan Cullen  
P.G.A Tankard: Fiona Dowling  
Golfer of the Year: Bernie Sullivan  
Challenge Cup: Tina Shevlin  
Silver Spoon: Bernie Sullivan  
Silver Medal: Bernie Sullivan  
Bronze Medal: Tina Shevlin  
Australian Spoons Nett Winners: Donna Gegan & Rachel McGivern  
Australian Spoons Gross Winners: Jackie Donnelly & Cathy Prior  
Ladies Peugeot LGU Coronation Foresomes: Joyce Moran & Joan Maher  
The Granard Cup Winners: Ruth Duggan & Ann Dooley  
Monthly Medal Winners:  
March: Bernie Sullivan  
April: Maria Robinson  
May: Bernie Sullivan  
June: Margaret Byrne  
July: Susan Cullen  
August: Maria McKeown  
September: Rachel McGivern  
The Phoenix Trophy: Maria Robinson  
Husband & Wife: Laura & Sean Dooley

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January Started the year off in the theme of Black and White. The year was to remind everyone that Golf is a positive sport, allowing happy relationships with our fellow members and positive mental health.

We continued with our Lady Captains V Hon Secretary day, which is always a day for our ladies to come together and start our Golfing season. This was swiftly followed by our Spring League.

One of the highlights of the year has to be the Charity Event arranged by our Captains on the 1<sup>st</sup> April with 'Darkness into Dawn' being a great success with our charity partners for the year 'Jigsaw'. The speakers on the day really demonstrated the service they provide is invaluable in today's society.

With weekly competitions on both Tuesdays and Weekends and Hamper League's held twice a year, all results are available on the Forrest Little Results section of the Website.

2017 also saw numerous interclub competitions, with grateful thanks to all the volunteers of the Team managers who spend endless hours with practice matches and ensuring availability for the dates of matches. The managers dedication ensure Forrest Little is represented in these very prestigious events.

Our teams played in:

The AIG Junior Foresomes – Managed by Rachel McGivern & Maria Robinson

The AIG Minor Cup -Managed by Adrienne Timmons & Ann Guiden

The AIG Challenge Cup – Managed by Susan Cullen & Brid Gunn

The Irish Mixed Foresomes – Managed by Laura Dooley and Patsy Mohan

The O'Grady Cup – Managed by Paula Shearan & Liam McMahon

We also had ladies represent Forrest Little in the Duggan Cup this year and hope that this can continue well into the future.

Big congratulations to all who compete for the club in these events. You represent the Ladies of Forrest Little well on an ongoing basis.

Our Club Liaison Officer Eileen Murphy again stood up for Forrest Little on our annual ILGA AIG Interclub Championship matches. Eileen rallied the troops and again ensured that the visiting ladies from Clubs and the ILGU were given our warm Forrest Little welcome. The day was a fantastic success for all involved, and I know the Committee and Eileen would like to again commend all the volunteers who make these days possible.

The year would not be complete without mentioning the fantastic 'Get into Golf' programme, which brought a lot of excitement to the ladies section in 2017. Geraldine Finnegan led the charge to encourage ladies to try golf. We had a fantastic response to our initial programme, with 54 ladies taking part in our 8 week programme. This was so successful that Forrest Little followed through in welcoming the ladies for a 'Stay and Play' membership category for the remainder of 2017. We had again a fantastic uptake on this category of membership, with 33 ladies continuing to join us for 2017. We are looking forward to seeing these ladies continue playing as part of our Ladies section in 2018.

2018 will offer a further programme for the 'Stay and Play' year two. This will increase our categories of membership to:

Full Lady Member – use of the course 7 days a week

Senior Full Lady Member - use of the course 7 days a week

Lady Associate Member – use of the course 7 days a week with restricted time on Saturday and Sunday's

Senior Lady Associate Member – use of the course 7 days a week with restricted time on Saturday and Sunday's

5 day membership – use of the course Monday – Friday.

Junior & Juvenile Membership - use of the course 7 days a week

Stay and Play 2018 – 6 day membership. Monday Tuesday Thursday & Friday – full use of the course. Saturday & Sunday 9 hole membership.

As with all our categories of membership, Conditions of Competition are displayed on an annual basis displaying the entry conditions to all competitions.

Having completed 5 years on Committee I will be stepping down for 2018, and wish to thank all the members and committee members over this time for their ongoing support. I wish Laura the best for her year as Lady Captain in 2018, and I'm sure the committee will continue with the success we have had up to this date.

## Lady Hon. Handicap Secretary Report 2017

2017 was a very busy year and we had 67 qualifying competitions, 38 X 18-Hole qualifying and 29 X 9-Hole qualifying. We also played fourballs, foursomes and scrambles which are an important part of our social calendar throughout the year. We held 18-Hole open competitions every Monday from April to October as well as two Ladies Opens in June and August.

This year we saw a new category of players. These are our 'stay and play' Ladies who you will have seen out on the course. Last April we advertised for Ladies to come and take part in an eight-week course to see if they would like golf. This programme was called 'get into golf' run by the CGI with the aim of getting more women to play golf. We got a great response with 54 ladies applying. Of this number 33 Ladies remained and went on to a 'Stay and Play' programme until the end of the year. A lot of hard work went into the eight-week course and I would like to thank our Lady Captain, Joyce, and Geraldine Finnegan for their hard work and all the ladies who put in so much time and effort to help make it such a success and of course a big thank you to our professional, Tony, who provided lessons for all the ladies. For 2018 we have put in place a special one-year membership deal for the Ladies at the end of which they may opt to become full or five day members.

As usual our annual review will take place soon. The Annual Review is an audit in which handicaps of all members are assessed so that players handicaps reflect as far as practicable their current playing abilities. We will contact anyone who has been noted in the Annual Review and the details will be sent to the ILGU for approval.

This year we saw some great scores throughout the year with lots of ladies having lost shots.

One of our juveniles, Rebecca Wall, lost the most shots of all our members. Rebecca started the year at 29.6 and finished at 19.6 a loss of ten shots. Well done Rebecca.

Ladies who had substantial handicap cuts were:

Maria McKeown: began the year at 35.8 and finished at 29.6 - loss of 6 shots

Fiona Dowling: began the year at 27.1 and finished at 22.2 – loss of 5 shots

Ruth McQuillan: began the year at 33.9 and finished at 30.1 – loss of 4 shots

Rachel McGivern: began the year at 14.00 and finished at 11.1 – loss of 3 shots

Niamh McMahan: began the year at 28.5 and finished at 26.0 – loss of 3 shots

In addition ten Ladies finished two shots lower than they started in 2017 and Sixteen Ladies finished one shot lower than they started in 2017.

Congratulations to Bernadette Sullivan on winning both the ILGU Silver Medal and Silver spoon and also to Tina Shevlin on winning the Bronze Medal.

I would like to thank everyone who helped me this year especially Imelda C .Dunne and Tina Shevlin for their considerable help and patience throughout the year. Thanks also to all the Ladies who process the competitions each week and publish the results. If we had a few more volunteers to process cards that would be great, so, if you have a few hours and are willing to get involved and learn how competitions are run please give your name to any member of the committee.

Congratulation to Lady Captain Joyce on her outstanding year starting with the Walk into Light for the charity Jigsaw and continuing with all the outings she organised for us and the outstanding way she represented Forrest Little throughout the year and I wish Vice Captain Laura best wishes and every success in 2018.

Paula MacBradaigh – Hon. Handicap Secretary.