

ASHBOURNE GOLF CLUB
LADIES CLUB
Archerstown, Ashbourne, Co. Meath

Annual Report and Audited Accounts

Year to 30th September 2020

Notice is hereby given that the 28th Annual General Meeting of the Ladies Club will be held on **Monday 9^h November 2020 at 8.00pm.**

(In accordance with currently Government restrictions, the meeting will be held virtually on a Zoom platform, (joining details will follow nearer the date)).

For the purpose of transacting the following business:

1. Opening of Meeting
2. To approve the minutes of the twenty seventh AGM held on 11th November 2019
3. To receive and adopt the Annual Report
4. To receive and adopt the Financial Report for the year ended 30th September 2020
5. To elect Auditors for the current year
6. To consider notices of Motion*
7. To elect Officers for 2021*
8. To elect members of Committee for 2021*
9. Any Other Business

Fiona O'Callaghan

Honorary Secretary

*Nominations for Officers and members of Committee, and Notices of Motion must be made to the Honorary Secretary, in writing, at least 14 days before the date of this meeting. **In light of current restrictions, please email these to ashbourne.honsec@gmail.com and include details of proposer and seconder.**

MINUTES OF THE 27th
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
ASHBOURNE GOLF CLUB, LADIES CLUB

Held on Tuesday 11th November 2019

1. OPENING OF MEETING

Honorary Secretary, Helen Dowling, welcomed all those present and read out the notice and agenda of the meeting.

Attendees were asked to stand to observe a few moments' silence to remember the relatives of members who passed away during the year.

There were 35 ladies in attendance, including the Committee.

Apologies

Eileen Doolan, Kay Doyle, Linda Fitzgerald, Mary Ellis, Lily Conaty, Deirdre Whelan, Nuala Somers, Adele Dooley, Mary Cassidy & Lilian Colfer.

Honorary Secretary deemed the 27th AGM in session. Lady Captain Bríd Uí Bhraonáin commenced proceedings by welcoming all present.

2. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 26th AGM

The minutes were taken as read.

Proposed by: Elaine Walsh

Seconded by: Winnie Morris

3. ANNUAL REPORT

LC Bríd requested that an additional piece be added which she read to the meeting:

“Angela Smyth did a great job as Team Convenor. Thank you for taking on the role again this year. It was great to have Mary Carey working with you in this role. Thank you for keeping the Committee informed of fixtures and looking after our matches and our teams. Results were promptly posted to keep members informed of our progress in each competition. Your help was also very much appreciated in the smooth running of the ILGU Semi Finals which we hosted in August this year”.

The Annual Report was taken as read.

Proposed by: Carmel Conway

Seconded by: Helen Reynolds

4. TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30.09.2019

Elaine Carpenter, Honorary Treasurer, noted that the year-end accounts were in a healthy state. She further noted the breakdown of the Ladies Club expenses which had been circulated at the beginning of the meeting and asked if anyone had any queries. There were no questions arising.

Based on the year-end surplus Hon Treasurer proposed that the Ladies Club give Committee of Management €5k this year instead of the usual amount of €2.5k. There were no objections from the floor.

Proposed by: Rita Gilsenan

Seconded by: Sandra Devenney

5. TO ELECT AUDITORS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR

It was proposed to elect HSM Chartered Accountants for the current year.

Proposed by: Kate Barrett

Seconded by: Sandra Devenney

6. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no Notices of Motion.

7. TO ELECT OFFICERS FOR 2020

Lady Vice Captain, Orla Laird, read out the nominations of Officers and Members of the Ladies Committee for 2020. This was circulated 14 days in advance of the AGM.

Name	Proposed by
Vice-Captain Helena Boxwell	Lady Vice Captain, Orla Laird
Honorary Secretary Fiona O'Callaghan	Ladies Committee
Honorary Competitions Secretary Una Keenan	Ladies Committee
Honorary Treasurer Elaine Carpenter	Ladies Committee
Honorary Handicap Secretary Myra Coakley	Ladies Committee

There were no objections from the floor.

Lady Captain thanked the incoming Committee for volunteering their time for 2020 and encouraged the attendees to offer their services wherever possible on Committees or Sub-Committees.

8. TO ELECT MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE FOR 2020

Name	Proposed by
Marian Murray	Ladies Committee
Margaret McGuirk	Ladies Committee
Mary Ellis	Ladies Committee

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

9 Hole Competitions

A question was raised from the floor as to whether there was any intention of bringing back the 9 hole competition on Thursdays. Hon Competitions Secretary, Una Keenan, stated that there would be no separate 9 hole competition as the Thursday competitions were already being run as a 12 hole completion. It was further noted by UK that we never ran two competitions on Thursdays over winter. There was a question from the floor about the possibility of having some slots kept for 9 hole competitions only. Following some discussion it was agreed to leave the Thursday competitions as a 12 hole competition for winter.

Angela Smyth complimented the Competitions Committee given the hard conditions over the past year.

Change to First Hole Tee Box

AS noted her concern about the wording which recently went on Club News with regard to trialling playing the red tees on the first hole from the men's tees. Following recent changes to the course, there is a concern that the course is not long enough to enable the Ladies Club compete with neighbouring courses.

Helena Boxwell, Hon Handicap Secretary, confirmed that any extension of the course over 100 yards will require the ILGU to re-measure the course.

There was discussion to consider lengthening the course in other areas to give us extra distance. It was noted that this may need to be reviewed in conjunction with the course designer, Ronan Branigan

A question was raised about lengthening the fourth hole by moving the tee box to the men's second tee box. LC noted that the possibility of balls hitting the first green would need to be given consideration.

A proposal was put forward to consider setting up a working committee in conjunction with Ronan Branigan. It was noted that the new fourth hole is considered to be a weak par 4 by the ladies club and some members of the men's club.

Paths

The Committee was asked if they could take up with COM the possibility of laying gravel on some of the paths as they are slippery and dangerous.

Carpark Light

The Committee was asked if anything was being done about the light in the carpark. LC confirmed that this will be underway soon as it requires a registered electrician.

Extra Time for Thursday Competitions

A question was raised as to whether more lines could be given for Thursday Competitions. Hon Competitions Secretary confirmed it can be extended given it is a 12 hole completion and the timesheet can open from 8.30 a.m.

It was agreed to trial running the starting time from 8.30 a.m. for Thursday competitions. Committee will liaise with the Pro-Shop to ensure gates are open.

A question arose around the official closing time of Thursday competitions as we used to have a second competition from 5pm. It was noted that this lead to playing slightly outside competition time.

There was some discussion around this and a suggestion arose around having a definitive closing time for competitions rather than have the pressure of starting the second competition at 5.00pm. It was noted that there are already definitive closing times for winter and summer competitions.

Hon. Competitions Secretary stated that this was to be fair for people who work. UK confirmed this is in place.

Toilet Doors

A question was raised as to whether the Committee could consider painting the brown doors in the ladies toilets. EC confirmed this comes out of COM funds and suggested that it be raised at the Joint AGM.

LC stated that there was not much money to spare as the loan granted was less than anticipated. LC confirmed COM will give priority to finish works to course, repay loan given by a member and pay the bond holders.

LC was asked how much the banks agreed to loan the club. LC confirmed it we requested €1m and we were granted less than €0.5m.

LC Bríd thanked everyone for attending and again encouraged members to consider volunteering for committees and sub-committees.

There being no further questions, Lady Captain Bríd deemed the meeting closed.

Official Handover

Outgoing Lady Captain Bríd then presented the Lady Captain's jacket to Orla Laird.

Carmel Conway gave thanks to the Committee for all their hard work and wished incoming Lady Captain, Orla Laird, the best of luck.

The AGM closed at 20.55.

Helen Dowling

Honorary Secretary

15th November 2019

LADY CAPTAIN'S REPORT 2020

Well Ladies, what a year! 2020 is truly a year each of us will never forget.

For the country, for Ashbourne GC and for each of us – our world has been turned upside down since March 2020. Covid 19 became the new word in our vocabulary and it hasn't gone away yet. I am afraid 2021 looks set to be peppered by the same phrases – social distancing, cough etiquette and sanitizer.

It has been a strange time, but I do feel proud of how this year has progressed and I am honoured to serve as your Lady Captain. Who thought in November 2019, as I took over from LC Brid, what would lie ahead? It has been a unique year with lots of challenges but each one has made us stronger. You Ladies have responded magnificently to every twist and turn, to everything you have been asked to do and to returning to golf in great numbers. It is my honour to captain such a great squad.

I have been blessed also by having an incredibly supportive Ladies Committee:

Lady Vice Captain Helena is a tireless worker for this Club, and she brings her energy and enthusiasm to every task. Her drive and ambition to introduce women to golf has been the engine behind this year's WIGS Programme. Her ready smile and helpful nature are truly refreshing.

Hon. Sec. Fiona goes about every task calmly and efficiently. Never flustered and always organized, Fiona keeps us all focused on the external and internal demands of ladies' golf. The volume of correspondence from ILGU this year has been staggering and Fiona kept us on top of all new information and timely responses when required.

Hon. Competition Sec Una keeps the playing diary interesting, keeps competition results up-to-date and has had to adapt practices to address the many issues with cards and score keeping this year. Her sub-committee and competition closing team have successfully risen to the challenges posed this year.

This was Hon. Handicap Sec. Myra's first year in post. She took to it like a duck to water though it is a difficult area to master. She always knew when to look for advice and she and her sub-committee are coming up to speed on all that will be required when the World Handicap System (WHS) comes into effect on 2nd November this year.

Mary Ellis took over sponsorship from Marian this year and between them they covered every opportunity to retain our sponsors and secure new ones. Thank you must also go to Liz Mc Keon and Elizabeth Kane for their additional support.

Marian Murray lends a hand to every job. She gave time and commitment to this year's WIGS programme and helped them to find their golfing feet by organizing the Friday afternoon scramble. Marian also took part in organizing this year's Course Development Day and took the lead in the Friday Evening Scramble revival.

Margaret Mc Guirk's dedication to the Junior Club is unbelievable. Her particular interest in promoting Girls in Golf led to a girls' only academy being run, resulting in 20 new girl members in the Junior Club. Under Margaret's influence girl's junior golf in Ashbourne GC can only go from strength to strength.

WIGS Programme 2020 was a resounding success. Of the 33 participants, 23 new to golf ladies took up some form of Club membership. This was entirely due to the work, commitment and dedication of LVC Helena, Laura O'Neill, Marian Murray, Myra Coakley and Club Professional Ciaran. It's a joy to experience the enthusiasm of this new group of members. I hope each of us will do everything we can to make them welcome. Laura O'Neil, as Club Promotions Officer, captured many opportunities to highlight activities within the Club in the local press, though events were much restricted this past year.

The Social Committee made another great success of Santa, despite having to find a new "man in a red suit". Little did they know that all further plans for 2020 would be cancelled.

Our new Team Convenor Mary Carey, together with our dedicated Team Managers, suffered a similar fate of cancelled events including all Inter-Club competitions and ILGU hosting. It was a great loss to our golfing season which we all hope can recover in 2021.

The Committee of Management has had a busy year throughout the months of no golf and especially in the weeks preparing for golf to resume throughout those many phases. I can honestly say we zoomed many times in order to get every detail sorted for the safe return to golf. Marshalling rosters were the new order of the day complicated by 5 and 20 Km restrictions in movement. The commitment of COM to the safety of all staff and members has been exemplary.

President Brendan has had an extraordinary year – much like that of the Captains – but his interest and dedication to the Club continued unabated and I wish him peace, happiness and good golf as he completes his 2 year term as President.

The new driving range opened in July and the timing was perfect for our return to competition golf and the start of the lessons for the new WIGS. This facility greatly enhances the Club and it allows us to hit a few balls and warm up each time before we play. It is proving a successful venture under the direction of Club Professional Ciaran.

The Course staff have played a blinder especially this year; from the floods of February to looking after the course so tirelessly during lockdown. Ronan Branigan's oversight of our precious resource paid dividends when we all finally returned to the fairways and his strategic support helped the club through a difficult time. I wish Barry Kavanagh, our Head Greenkeeper, all the best as he steps away from Ashbourne GC and wish Alan Mooney good luck as he takes over his role. My thanks to Pat Murtagh who works hard to support the course staff and keep dialogue open between them and the membership. To Carmel Ryan, Deirdre Whelan and Carmel Conway - my thanks for the planting, flowers and floral displays throughout the year. We did notice!

The Captain's Drive In is a momentous day every year for the new Captains. This year it took place on 26th January with Captain John, Junior Captain Alex and I arriving in a beautiful sapphire Vintage Beauford car on a chilly but dry day. It was a very special day due in no small part to all those involved in the preparations. Our families and friends and, especially my grandchildren, were bowled over by the reception we received on arrival and by the goodwill and excitement in the air that day. Thank you to everyone who helped, who played golf on the day and for all the warm wishes and kind gifts. Every moment was captured by Mary Bannon and later presented to each captain as an album

memento of the day. I never tire of flicking through it to instantly recapture what is a treasured memory.

Playing golf was very restricted this year with no competitive golf from 15th March until 1st July due to government and Covid 19 restrictions. We had no Lady Captain's Prize, no Play in Pink, no Tea Party, no CAWS Cup, no Ash/Bray and no shotgun starts. We did however manage to have the President's Prize, the Professional's Prize, 4 of our 6 Medal competitions, GOY and Rosie's Thursday Summer League. Congratulations to Medal winners Geraldine Murray, Thea Crumlish, Kathryn Johnston and Elaine Carpenter.

Congratulations also to Mary Bannon (winner Professional's Prize) and Aoife Clancy - runner up President's Prize, winner of this year's Golfer of the Year and winner of Rosie's Thursday Summer League 2020. A super year Aoife!

The Tom O'Keeffe Trophy was played for on Sunday 10th August and the Junior Club were the worthy winners. There was a great atmosphere and friendly rivalry between the Ladies, Men's and Junior Clubs. Brenda and Deirdre O'Keeffe presented the trophy to Junior Captain Alex. The Deirdre Miller Trophy was won this year by Kathryn Johnston and a delighted Kathryn accepted the trophy from Mervyn Miller.

The Course Development Day was a great success and raised much needed funds towards the sanding of the course. Well done to President Brendan and his organizing team.

Ciaran, Sue and all the team in the Pro Shop (including Cian who joined us this year) have delivered an excellent service throughout. For them this has been a difficult trading year and they have kept the show on the road in the face of many difficulties. I thank them most sincerely for their sterling efforts throughout the year.

Indeed, it has been a testing time also for Gourmet Hospitality with the closure of bars and restaurant facilities and uncertainty surrounding the viability of opening, social distancing and sanitation. Helen, Gerry and all their staff have responded to every challenge and kept us fed and watered.

We all owe a big vote of thanks to Aoife Driver as she too had to negotiate the Covid restrictions, keeping in touch with members and dealing with the business of the Club. Mary Ellis is the beaver behind the club's finances and keeps the books in order.

Since Joe Brennan has retired as Course Ranger, and I wish Joe a long and happy retirement, Mick Curran has taken over. This is a vital job to keep the course moving and I encourage all our members to cooperate with Mick so that we can all enjoy our golf.

It has been a busy year in some respects, but the quiet and unerring support of Captain John has made life a lot easier. He and the Men's Committee have been easy to work with and have helped me whenever the occasion arose. I thank them most sincerely.

Junior Captain Alex has been a wonderful captain of the juniors and he plays a mean game of golf. Alex, thank you for your support and kindness during the year.

Thank you Diarmuid Golden for the committee photos and for the Captain's portraits which I see every time I come up those stairs. Thanks also to Mary Bannon for her photography, though there weren't as many occasions as normal this past year.

The annual Lady Captain's Away Day was a little different this year with no overnight stay. 40 ladies headed to Seapoint GC on 5th September for a very enjoyable day out. Patricia Reilly took the spoils on the day.

Thank you to all our sponsors this year including members and local businesses. Your support is appreciated, and I hope that in turn we are supporting you.

A warm welcome to all our new members this year. It is wonderful to see the Club renewing itself with new enthusiastic golfers. My sympathy to members who were bereaved this year and to those who suffered ill health or injury. I hope 2021 will bring better fortunes.

To Eamonn my husband and IT department head, I thank you for your love and support and infinite patience during technology crises. My sons and their families cheer me on from the wings and their support is also appreciated.

At this stage of every annual report the Lady Captain would wish the incoming Lady Captain her best wishes for the year ahead. This year, as you all know, I will continue in my role, but this is with the support and friendship of Helena. We, together with the Ladies Committee, will do our absolute best to serve you the members for another year.

Lady Captain Orla

HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT 2020

The Ladies Committee met on thirteen occasions from November 2019 to October 2020 to conduct and record the business of the Ladies Club.

Attendance at Committee Meetings:

Lady Captain Orla Laird	13
Lady Vice-Captain Helena Boxwell	12
Fiona O'Callaghan	12
Elaine Carpenter	12
Una Keenan	10
Marian Murray	12
Margaret McGuirk	12
Mary Ellis	12
Myra Coakley	11

Lady Captain Orla Laird and Lady Vice-Captain Helena Boxwell also attended the monthly meetings of the Committee of Management.

Officers attended Irish Ladies Golf Union meetings during the year in relation to their respective positions.

Members of the Committee appointed to serve on sub-committees attended meetings and reported back to the monthly Ladies Committee meetings.

Due to COVID-19 public health guidelines, a number of the Committee Meetings were undertaken virtually by Zoom.

In what has been an extraordinary year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have been fortunate in the golfing community to be allowed to recommence activities

since June 2020 while ensuring that public health guidelines are strictly adhered to.

I would like to express my appreciation to Helen Dowling for her comprehensive hand-over of the Honorary Secretary duties and to Aoife, our Club administrator for all the assistance she has given to me throughout the year.

I would like to thank Lady Captain Orla and all the Committee for their support and guidance during the year and to wish Lady Captain Orla Laird continued success in her role for 2021.

Fiona O'Callaghan

Honorary Secretary

COMPETITIONS SECRETARY'S REPORT 2020

Lady Captain Orla's year started with the usual annual Christmas Scramble and Lunch. The ladies were treated to hot punch and mince pies on arrival, sponsored by Lady Captain Orla, Vice Lady Captain Helena and Anne Gavin. This festive event is one of the social highlights of the year. The Scramble was followed by seasonal lunch which got everyone into the festive spirit. The beautiful poinsettias, again sponsored by Pauline Gleeson were presented to the winners of the scramble. This was followed by presentation of Christmas Hampers, Turkey and Christmas Vouchers. Any ladies who had a hole in one were presented with their trophy as well as those who won the Silver Spoon, Silver Medal and Bronze Medal. Unfortunately due to the Covid 19 pandemic, in March the Club was placed on lockdown with competitions not returning until July. This has resulted in the cancellation of many of our annual competitions.

Winter League

This year's Winter League was run as a Singles event with prizes being awarded for Thursday, Saturday and Sunday competitions. Helen Donoghue was victorious in the Saturday and Sunday competitions and also won Category 1 on Thursday. Angela McKinney and Marian Murray won Categories 2 and 3 on Thursday.

Spring Prizegiving.

Unfortunately this year's prize giving was cancelled due to Covid Pandemic.

Professional's Prize – Won by Mary Bannon. We greatly appreciate the very generous prizes sponsored by our Club Professional Ciaran.

Lady Captain Orla's Day

Cancelled due to Covid Pandemic

Lady Captain Orla's Prize to 5 day members – cancelled

Lady Vice-Captain Helena's Prize - cancelled

Medal Winners

Congratulations to our Monthly medal winners and a big thank you to all our sponsors, Helen Donoghue, Nuala Somers, Margaret Clancy and Brenda and Deirdre O'Keeffe, Margaret Daly and Dolores Beggan

The winners were: **June** Kathryn Johnson, **July** Geraldine Murray, **August** Thea Crumlish and **September** Elaine Carpenter. Unfortunately it was not possible to re-arrange the **April and May** competitions.

PGA Tankard –Cancelled

Breast Cancer Aware Charity Day –Cancelled

Peugeot Coronation Foursomes - Cancelled

President Brendan's Prize –This year two of our ladies were successful in this major competition with Aoife Clancy taking the Runner-Up spot and Agnes Smith securing a 7th place prize.

R&A 9 Hole Championship. –Cancelled

Rosie's Thursday Summer League – This very popular summer league generously sponsored by Gerry Rooney in memory of his late wife, Past- Captain Rose, and open to all lady members. It is run every Thursday from June to Sept. It is highly competitive and ladies aim for their best score every time. The winner this year is Aoife Clancy

Tom O'Keeffe Memorial Trophy – This competition where 12 members from each club compete for the trophy, sponsored by the O'Keeffe family, was highly competitive. This year the Juniors took the honours and Junior Captain Alex accepted the trophy on behalf of the Junior Club.

The Deirdre Miller Trophy – sponsored by Mervin Miller in memory of his late wife Deirdre who was a past Lady Captain. The competition is open to all Past Lady Captain's. This year's winner is Kathryn Johnson

Golfer of the Year – This year's very worthy winner is Aoife Clancy. What a great year you have had Aoife.

ILGU Silver Medal Winner: Cancelled

ILGU Bronze Medal Winner: Cancelled

ILGU Silver Spoon Winner: Cancelled

Club Mixed Match Play – Cancelled

Ash/Bray Cup – Cancelled

Opens and Invitationals – Although competition playing time was greatly reduced this year our Opens and Invitationals were well represented. Our Ladies Seniors Opens were particularly well represented. We ran an extra competition this year to facilitate demand.

Competitions Closing Committee- Thank you to all the ladies who close the competitions in a timely and efficient manner. This year has been particularly difficult which makes your assistance all the more appreciated.

Competitions Committee- Thank you to **Mary Smith** and **Mary Bannon** for your assistance throughout the year. Mary Bannon who has looked after the league tables for Winter League/Rosie's League and GOY and Mary Smith for looking after our monthly prize winners and our Birdie Tree. I look forward to working with you going forward.

To **Sue Carroll** – Thank you for setting up our competitions on ClubV1. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

To **Ian Dowd** – Thank you for looking after our Saturday and Sunday competitions on the BRS system and for keeping our Diary up to date. I appreciate your help.

To **Peter Kane**- Thank you for your help and support and I look forward to working with you in the coming year.

To our **Club Professional, Ciaran Carroll, Sue Carroll** and **Cian** for the friendly help and support you give throughout the year. This has been a particularly challenging year but you have all being a pleasure to work with.

To **Aoife our Club Administrator** thank you for always being so helpful and obliging with any of my requests. You are a pleasure to deal with.

To **Gourmet Catering – Helen and Gerry** thank you for looking after us so well particularly on Thursdays “Ladies Day”. Unfortunately we haven’t seen near enough of you throughout the year. Hopefully 2021 will change that.

Una Keenan

Honorary Competitions Secretary

The handicap committee of 2020 consisted of five members:

Myra Coakley, Linda FitzGerald, Kay Doyle, Laura O'Neill and Mary White.

Women in Golf

We had a fantastic year this year with the Women in Golf programme which yielded 23 new members for 2020/21. 4 of those new members have already been allocated a handicap and are playing in competitions already, plus we had a new under 25 member who received her handicap as well. The ladies this year have been encouraged to play casually for a year, and then look for a handicap, as this time will give them a chance to understand the rules of the game and golf etiquette, before entering into competition. I would like to say a special thank you to the ladies who marked cards and came out for the Monday morning and Friday evening scrambles to help the new ladies get to know the game and the other ladies in a relaxed and fun way.

The new handicaps issued this year will be monitored closely as the ladies are competing, to ensure that they are a true reflection of their playing abilities. Handicaps are capped at 54 but the ladies this year were awarded lower handicaps from the cards they gave in.

East Leinster District Handicap Secretaries' workshop.

This meeting of all the handicap secretaries and assistants in East Leinster was held on February 8th in Westmanstown Golf Club. Some of the key points covered were:

- Continue to encourage players to submit supplementary scores
An acceptable score for supplementary score purposes is any authenticated score under competition play conditions.
You must advise the pro shop that you intend to use your round as a supplementary score **before** you start.
Your card must be signed by a handicap holder, if not a member of the club please record their CDH number on the card. Please also mark the card clearly as Supplementary Score.

You must have your name, date and handicap written clearly on the card.

This supplementary score will then be added to your handicap record.

- Remind players that it is mandatory to return all society and team scores for rounds of golf played over a measured course.
- The World Handicap System (WHS).

WHS comes into effect on 2nd of November 2020.

Currently there are 6 handicap systems in the world which will all change to the same system in November.

Golfnet to be replaced by DOTGOLF which will calculate handicaps.

54 remains the highest handicap for Men & Women.

Reason for Change: Fairness to all players and enhanced enjoyment for everyone

Key Terminology:

Handicap becomes Handicap Index (HI) calculated on the average of the best 8 of your last 20 scores.

CSS becomes Playing Conditions Calculations (PCC)

SSS becomes Course Rating, difficulty of a course for the scratch player, (expressed to one decimal point)

Slope Rating: The relative difficulty of a course for bogey to scratch players

Scoring Record: Details of a players last 20 rounds of golf

Handicap adjustments will take place at midnight on the day of competition, as all scores entered are sent to a central database.

A limit on upward movement of handicap index will apply

Soft Cap = HI + 3, Hard Cap = HI + 5.

Players returning from LOA will no longer need to complete cards.

Where players are members of 2 clubs, their home club is deemed to be the club closest to the address where they spend the majority of the year.

Regular reviews will be carried out to ensure the changeover goes as smoothly as possible.

Returns from Leave of Absence

A number of ladies have returned from Leave of Absence this year and we are delighted to have them back playing. They have all completed the necessary cards and have had their handicaps reinstated.

This year, albeit a very strange year, has flown! I have learned a huge amount and am very grateful for the support of last year's Handicap Secretary Helena, (whom I plagued endlessly with questions) Lady Captain Orla and Aoife Driver for their help and guidance and my Handicap Committee, who were always available to give opinion and advice at the drop of a text. I would also like to thank Ger Smallwood our ILGU handicap advisor who has been extremely helpful throughout the year particularly lately with the introduction of the WHS.

Myra Coakley

Honorary Handicap Secretary

JUNIOR CLUB END OF YEAR REPORT 2020

Committee members:

Junior Captain Alex Merrigan.

President Brendan Ward.

Captain John Gorman.

Lady Captain Orla Laird.

Secretary Michael Henry.

Treasurer David Farmer.

Junior Convenor Mick Curran.

Golf Professional Ciaran Carroll.

Ladies Committee Margaret McGuirk.

Committee member Mary Deignan.

There were seven Committee meetings held since February.

The May and September meetings were held via zoom.

We commenced the year with a plan to recruit more junior girls in to the club. An introduction day was planned and advertised for March 21st. Due to Covid restrictions this was postponed.

Within the GUI guidelines junior golf recommenced in July. The opening of the new golf bays allowed us to commence with the academy while keeping within the protocols of social distancing.

The 'girls in golf' initiative was advertised again and commenced on 6th July. Six group lessons were offered for €50. Up to twenty two girls age ranging from six to thirteen years participated. Currently there are twenty junior girl members.

The Monday evening scramble for the girls was a great success. A big thank you to Mary Deignan and her daughter Jane for all the support and organising of this event. Fun golf quizzes and putting games were held in the dining room on wet Mondays.

There are seventy six junior boy members. Easter camp was cancelled along with most of the inter club competitions. The Tuesday mornings competitions were well attended.

The Junior Club development day held on the 6th of September was a success. The time sheet was full apart from two lines. The Junior Club were the winners of the Tom O'Keeffe challenge cup.

The AGM and the presentation to the winner of the President's Prize to the Juniors is planned for the end of October. Plans to continue with coaching on Saturdays has been postponed due to Covid restrictions.

As I am not going forward on the committee next year I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the helpers – parents and members that made this challenging year a success. I would like to wish Mick Curran, Alex and the new committee a very successful 2021.

Margaret McGuirk

Junior Club

TEAM CONVENER REPORT 2020

Early 2020 saw excitement and focus on entering competitive teams into the Junior, Intermediate, Minor and Challenge Cup competitions. Unfortunately world events dominated our golfing dreams and after a period of quiescence, there was a glimmer of hope to restart. However a survey was proposed by ILGU, to ascertain the level of interest and indeed safety of our players.

The target group for the survey was the proposed players on each team. The survey was a resounding negative to inter club competitions. The reasons mainly being, (a) personal safety, (b) lack of fun, if travelling on one's own and no caddie, (c) players felt under the circumstances, it was best to focus on their individual golf, for this year.

The extraordinary thing about this survey is that most other clubs responded in an identical fashion. A wonderful thank you to our team managers: Nuala Somers, Kay Doyle, Lily Conaty, Marian Murray and Kathryn Johnson.

Extended gratitude to Lady Captain Orla and Lady Vice Captain Helena for their unwavering support during an extremely challenging year.

Looking forward to an amazing golfing 2021.

Mary Carey

Team Convener

SPONSORSHIP REPORT 2020

The Ladies Club wishes to say a very big thank you to all club members who sponsor our Ladies competitions for their continuing support and to all external businesses who have generously sponsored competitions throughout the year. A big thank you also to all the Members who pledged their sponsorship in 2020, but whose names did not appear in lights because of reduced competitions. We look forward to welcoming you all back in 2021.

Your sponsorship is greatly appreciated and it is very important in helping to maintain the running costs of the Ladies Club.

Thank you to Adrian Dunne Pharmacy for sponsoring Golfer of the year, to Gerry Rooney for sponsoring Rosie's Summer League and to John Dowling for sponsoring the Birdie Tree.

Thank you to Elizabeth Kane and Dolores Beggan for their continued support with our Business sponsors in the area. They had a policy this year of sensitively approaching only those businesses who were least affected by the lockdown.

To all new sponsors from within the club who took up sponsorship in 2020, thank you.

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This year, 2020, a digital display board was introduced to the club and our sponsor's names are on display in the entrance hall on their sponsorship day.

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Mary Ellis
Sponsorship Secretary

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