



LADY CAPTAIN'S NEWSLETTER

“Our slogan for the coming year is “let’s make a difference, to you our members”

13th December 2018

Hi Ladies

It is hard to believe that our official Ladies season has come to an end for 2018 with the Viv Jordan Individual Stableford played on 11th December in dreadful windy conditions! How the year has flown by!

A lot has happened, both on and off the course, since my first newsletter. The weather has played a big part resulting in a number of our competitions being cancelled or postponed! One such competition was our annual Picture match against the Belmont Ladies. The match was postponed twice and we hope to be able to have more success in playing the match in 2019 – third time lucky!

We had a very successful Chicken Skins Day and Christmas Party on the 4th of December. The ladies joined in the spirit of the occasion and the best dressed covey, independently judged by Jo, were the “Christmas Elves”: Sandy Fryer, Joy Altson, Prue Peacock and Donne Piguet. Well done ladies.

Our Christmas Dinner was fabulous and enjoyed by all. It was lovely having some of our retired golfers and new bunnies present. Much effort went into making this event such a success and I would like to thank the Ladies Committee, in particular Prue, Shirley, Trish and Wendy and our caterers, Penny and Jo who prepared a lovely meal.

For a surprise, I went through all competitions held from the Christmas Skins Day in 2017 to the 30th November 2018, recording the most two clubs, nearest to the pins, longest drives, jackpot winners, hole in one achieved by the ladies. The stats make for interesting reading with the following being “Queens of the Course” over that period:

Hole in One: Jane Bladen

Most two clubs: (5) : Yvonne Hill, Glynnis Renecke, Sonia Reynolds, Pogs Smith

Nearest the pin on 6th: (5) Pogs Smith

Nearest the Pin on 8th: (4) Yvonne Hill, Margie Siegers

Nearest the Pin on 11th: (6) Ron Hough

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Longest Drive 0-21: (9) Shirley Heny

Longest Drive 22-38: (7) Jenny Adair

Jackpot Winner: (4) Heather Van Harmelen

Winners from all 7 sections, excluding Hole in One: Kim Gardner, Helen Lockyear, Sonia Reynolds, Margie Siegers and Pogs Smith with overall points winners: Sonia Reynolds and Pogs Smith on 26 points.

It will be interesting to see who will be “Queens of the Course” in 2019. I am sure there will be lots of competition to knock the current “Queens” off their thrones!

Congratulations also goes to the Eclectic winners from 1st September to 30th November 2018:

1st: Pogs Smith nett 61

2nd: Shirley Henny nett 62.25

3rd: Maureen McGarvie on nett 63

In keeping with our theme for 2018 in “lets make a difference” with our caddie project being the focus, we were able to hand out 28 “Christmas goodie bags” to our registered caddies and staff thanks to the very generous support of the ladies to Mo’s request for donations. From our Skins Charity collection to round off our caddies project, I am also pleased to report that we are also able to support twenty seven rounds of golf for the nine caddies who play regularly and we will be able to provide foodstuffs that the caddies will be able to access from David, the Caddy Master, to prepare meals at the course during 2019. Well done ladies for embracing and supporting this project. It was extremely well received.

On that note, our focus for 2019 shifts to “lets make a difference to you our members”. We have a few ideas in arranging free golf clinics, seeing through our sandbag project etc but we would like to know from you, as members, what your realistic “wish list” is. Although we will not be able to accommodate all requests, we are eager to hear how your Committee can best serve you as members in promoting golf next year.

Please note that the Pro-Shop will reserve a few tee-off times for Ladies on a Tuesday during the holidays, provided there is not a sponsored day taking place. Please feel free to book your own four balls, bearing in mind that we all tee off the 1st tee during the season.

Just a gentle reminder to put in your scores soon after you have finished your round. Whilst you do have 72 hours to enter your score without being penalised, you are obliged to enter your score BEFORE playing your next round as per the GolfRSA Handicap Rules.

We would love you to join us for golf on the following dates in January 2019:

Tuesday 8th January: Pick n Pay Medal and Putting (3 Balls in Silver and Bronze Divisions as marked on the time sheet) followed by Rules overview by Sally Griesley

Tuesday 15th January: Viv Jordan Individual Stableford followed by Rules overview by Sally Griesley

Tuesday 22nd January: Best Drive 3 Ball Alliance

Sunday 27th January: Mixed - 4 Ball Alliance sponsored by Continental Restaurant and Deli and O’Neills Insurance Brokers

Tuesday 29th January: Ocean Basket 4 Ball Betterball

The full 2019 Fixture List for 2019 can be found on the Club website. Feel free to e-mail me if you want your own copy so you can diarise the events.

As you are aware, the new golf rules come into force in January 2019. Sally Griesley, our SA Ladies Golf President, will be giving us two short overviews after golf on Tuesday 8th January and Tuesday 15th January. You are all most welcome to join us even if you are unable to play golf on those afternoons. Wendy Counihan has the Rules portfolio and she is also able to offer advice should you have any queries during the year. In the meantime, I refer you to the following link on the Golf SA website: [Watch this video](#) (press control +click to follow the link) for a summary of what you can expect in the new year.

I am pleased to report that our Bunnies project is progressing very well thanks to Trish and Colin and we are expecting a new intake in 2019. I thank all of you who have taken time to play a few holes with our current bunnies. Please contact Trish Barwick (trishbarwick@gmail.com) or me, should you know of anyone who would like to join the programme.

I would like to take this opportunity again of thanking our sponsors who so generously continue to support Ladies golf week after week. Their support is greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank everyone else who plays an important role in ensuring our Golf Club functions as well as it does so that we have a wonderful course at our disposal: Butch, Trevor and the Greens Staff, Brendon and Jackie in the Office, Paul and Ryan in the Pro-Shop, David and the Caddies, Mike and Themba, the car guards, Vuyani, Robert and Alfred, Headman, Mandla, Asanda and their team, Penny, Jo and the ladies, Corrie, the Main Club Committee and the Ladies Committee.

All that remains is for me, on behalf my Committee, to wish you a wonderful Christmas season. We hope to see you on the course over the Festive Season and in the New Year.

Happy golfing

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