

## **Ladies Section Newsletter dated 16th May 2023**

For several years Karen Ellam has had a display of her hand painted greeting cards on sale in the ladies' locker room. She generously donated 50% of the cost of each card to the charity chosen by the Lady Captain each year. Karen is now moving on to golf pastures new and the cards will be removed from the changing rooms at the end of this month. She has asked me to mention that cards will still be available to purchase by contacting her directly and she will arrange to have the cards delivered. 50% will still go to Rennie Grove Peace Hospice charity. Over the years Karen has donated over £1000.00 to various Lady Captain's charities through the sale of these cards. On behalf of all the Past Lady Captains and their charities I send our thanks to Karen for a fantastic gesture and generosity and send her good wishes for her golfing years to come.

A Friendly match at home with Whipsnade Ladies is arranged for Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June. We could do with another four ladies to play to make up a full team. If you can play, please sign up on the notice board or contact Sue Cooper.

Carolyn Butterworth has kindly agreed to be the Ladies Friendly match co-ordinator for 2024.

This year there is a Summer Meeting instead of a Lady Captain's Day as we don't have full time Lady Captain this year. It is to be played on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June and will be a 3-ball alliance. Please sign up with your partners of choice on the notice board. There will not be a chipping contest this year but there will be a putting competition with a difference. The 'Theme' this year is 'Gems' and each team will be known by their Gem name. There is a section on the sign-up sheet for you to add your team Gem name. Please check the notice board when you sign up and assign a Gem name to your team that is different from any of the other gem names already chosen. No duplications. There is no dress theme this year so you can wear what you like (within reason). There will be a meal after the golf so please also select your choice from the Menu on the notice board. Pre-dinner drinks will be served at 16:45 and dinner at 17:30. Donations of goodies for the halfway house would also be appreciated on the day, both sweet and savoury.

The annual Diamond Jubilee match against Harpenden (Hammonds End) is at home this year on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June. In previous years ladies were asked to sign up individually and they would be matched with another lady from HCGC to play as a pair. This year it has been decided that HCGC ladies can sign up with a partner of choice. Several ladies had already signed up on the notice board, but the list has now been changed to show sign up in pairs. Could we therefore ask you to sign the new list in

then just add your own name to the new list and another lady will join you. Please note that you do need to add your names to the new list. The old list is gone.

Ladies Invitation Day will be on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July this year. Again, there is a change in the format, intended to make it a more sociable event. This year it will not be a 4BBB format but teams of four ladies will play against the other teams. There will be two HCGC ladies and two guest ladies in each team. It will be the best two scores from the four ladies on all holes. There is a list up on the notice board, please sign up with your guest's names and their clubs shown.

Two club competitions are upcoming. Both can be entered using the V1 app on the dashboard.

The Midsummer Mixed is on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May. Two ladies and two men in each team.

The Tant Trophy is on Bank Holiday Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> May. This is a pairs competition, one lady and one man per team.

### **This week's results:**

Earlier this year the Coronation Foursomes were cancelled due to inclement weather, so it was added to the schedule to be played alongside The Australian Spoons as both are Foursomes qualifiers. It was up to each pair to decide which of the competitions on the day to enter and pay their entry fee accordingly. That meant that we could have different qualifiers for each competition.

The results were as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sheila Stewart and Denise Van de Welle with 37 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Gillian Hanson and Nicky Hardy with 34 points (taken on the back 9 from)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Irene St George and Tracie Walker also with 34 points.

Sheila and Denise only entered the Australian Spoons so are therefore the club qualifiers for that competition.

Gillian and Nicky also entered the Coronation Foursomes so are the club qualifiers for that competition.

### Competitions for May 2023

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Saturday Ladies Medal, Joan Manyweathers Bowl.

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Medal and Joan Manyweathers Bowl . Draw in divisions

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Medal and 2022 medal qualifiers final. Draw in divisions

### Key Dates for 2023

Ladies Medal '22 Finals	30th May (list of Qualifiers on our board)
Summer Meeting	13th June
Ladies Jubilee	27th June At home against Hammonds End
Ladies Invitation Day	4th July (sign up on board)
Autumn Meeting	12th September
Club AGM	30th November
Sadie Facer	5th December
Ladies AGM	12th December

Happy golfing

Bernie Young. Acting Lady Captain for May 2023.