

Competition Report – Annual General Meeting 2018

It is with great pleasure that I present the SLCGA competition report for 2018.

Our biggest event of the year is the Druce Trophy and again this year 240 ladies from 60 clubs competed at Tyrrells Wood Golf Club on another wonderfully sunny day. As always, the electronic scoring system and live leader board proved exciting with Sunningdale the eventual winners with a fantastic sub 60 nett result of 59.0 an amazing achievement. It was a great day, enjoyed by all and extremely well organised by the SLCGA team and Tyrrells Wood Golf Club

The Spring Meeting this year was held at Hindhead Golf Club, the event was a "Bowmaker" with 2 out of 3 scores to count on each hole - and was won by a mixed team from Walton Heath and Clandon Regis. The Summer Foursomes was held at Tandridge on a blisteringly hot day, for those of you that know Tandridge the ladies playing the back nine twice certainly had their work cut out. The eventual winners of the Molly Gourlay Trophy (from the 1st tee) were Lesley Nickolds and Claire Charlier from Clandon Regis with 54 points for the 27 holes. The Pam Barton Trophy (from the 10th tee) was won by a home team of sisters Sally Everest and Judy Keenan with 59 points.

The appeal of the Bronze Fun Day continues to grow and this year it was held at Leatherhead and with a two tee start we saw 69 ladies compete in this great fun event. The Autumn Meeting held on the Coronation course of the RAC Club on a bright crisp September morning was well supported and the winners were Rosemary Kennet from Surbiton and Liz Telford from Bramley. The 65+ Autumn Meeting was held at Surrey Downs and despite having a later tee time of 11am only attracted just over 30 entrants which was a little disappointing. However, it was a good day and the event was won by a team from Clandon Regis.

For your future reference apart from the Druce we will not ballot entries for competitions but will work on a first come first served basis for most events. However, if the meeting has a handicap restriction then in the event of an over subscription entry will be determined by handicap.

The Inter-Club knockouts continued to prove popular with entry numbers around the 50 to 60 mark. The Hicks Trophy was won by Royal Mid-Surrey, beating Worplesdon in the final played at Woking – very impressive golf from both teams with all 10 players being either current or recently past county players. The Centenary Bowl was won by Leatherhead, the Inter Club Scratch Foursomes was won by Royal Mid Surrey for the second year running and the Inter Club Handicap Foursomes was won by Camberley Heath. The other team knockouts, the Centenary Foursomes and the new 4BBB all saw good levels of entrants. But, as in previous years, the entry numbers in some individual knockouts were very disappointing with entry levels in the high 20's at best and single figures at worst. Sadly, we did not run the weekend match play event due to lack of interest. We are always looking at ways to increase participation in these competitions and to this end a new Bronze team event is being introduced in 2019 as mentioned by Sally in her report. But if anyone has any good ideas for future knockouts please let us know.

The Surrey Seniors Team played in the annual Inter Counties event which was held at Highgate Golf Club this year. Teams of 4 players from 10 counties play 18 holes scratch stroke play with the best 3 scores to count. The scores were close and the Surrey team did well to finish 4th, the event being won by Sussex.

All the dates for the 2019 events have been posted on the website and entry forms will be available in the New Year. The entry forms for the Knockouts will be emailed to the Delegates and all will be available to download from the website- you will notice a slight change to the layout – the forms will now be in word format which will hopefully making them easier to complete and easier for us to decipher! I would like to thank the Delegates for publicising our events to their members and encouraging them to enter, and I look forward to their continued support next year.

Finally, a big thank you to all the clubs who have kindly allowed us the use of their courses and thanks to the Lady Captains, lady members and staff who have turned up to 'meet and greet', ball spot and make everyone feel welcome at their clubs. We do appreciate your continued support.