Hi Ladies

Just when I thought my life was calming down, here is a rather surprisingly packed Newsletter, but I hope you enjoy reading it!

**The New Rules Event** on Jan 17th was excellent. The changes were explained by representatives from England Golf & the R & A Rules Committee. The evening was very well attended & prepared us well for the forthcoming season.

**Jan 29th.** A rare event took place. The comp. was cancelled due to bad weather!! As I wasn't able to play that day I breathed a sigh of relief.

We have been very fortunate on Tuesdays & have only had two other comps. that didn't go ahead due to rain, April 3rd & 10th 2018.

**Congratulations**

**Debbie Hirons** is our Club ‘England Golf Women’s Medal’ winner for 2018. Debbie could be on her way to the Regional Final on May 26th at Prenton GC if her scores are in the top 120 in the Region. Fingers crossed for her as she thoroughly deserves to go through.

**Robyn Cotton** and **Debbie Brayzier** won the Senior Pairs Winter Knockout – fantastic result!

**Dawn White** is the worthy winner of both Eclectic Trophies with scores of Nett 34 and Gross 46.

**Jill Eastwood** scored a magnificent ‘Hole in One’ on hole 2 on February 12th.

Achievements like this do not happen every day and I sincerely congratulate these ladies.

**Teams:**

Sarah Hossack reports " We have had an excellent response to the Sign Up sheets for the A, B & Plate teams this year. Hopefully we will be able to field full teams throughout the season, with reserves too. Sharon Wilson has kindly agreed to manage the A team alongside Sarah who will manage the other two teams”.

Sarah & Sharon will send out an email to all Team members at the beginning of March to explain the selection procedures & responsibilities.

The **Sign - Up sheet** for the Friendly Team matches is also standing in good stead & Wendy reports that she is "very pleased with the loyal support of the lovely Friendly ladies and a big welcome to the new ones who have signed up and joined the team this year”.

The first match is away at Lymm GC on Wednesday 10th April and Wendy will be posting team selection around 3 weeks beforehand.

This is wonderful news -- thank you to Sarah, Sharon, Wendy and Sohanah for their hard work.

The **Informal Rules Session** to be held on Tuesday March 5th is proving popular with 42 ladies signed up already. Joan Hughes will be presenting a fun & informative afternoon. There are still places available if you wish to join us at 2pm. Late comers due to their tee times will not miss the main event, do not worry as there will be a ‘Photo Quiz’ until they arrive.

Still on the subject of ' signing up '. Please note that the **Summer Matchplay Knockouts** are on BRS & the deadline to enter is March 24th (remember you must have played in 5 qualifying Comps in the last 12months to enter) any queries, contact: Comps@Highleghpark.com

I have sent out a separate reminder re: Rosebowl

**CCLGA**

**Di Stow**, one of our single handicap ladies has agreed for her name to go forward to play in CCLGA competitions. Di recently went on to the list for the senior ladies section also, thank you again Di for your willingness to represent HLP at County level.

The CCLGA are holding a  'Nine Hole Stableford Comp. For Teams Of Three' on our Academy course on Wednesday August 14th.

Application forms are on the notice board or this can be done online.

There is no discount for playing at Home, but no penalty shots either.

**Liz Smith** works tirelessly on the CCLGA Executive Committee on our behalf - please show your support to Liz & enter this comp to fly the flag for HLP.

County Comp details & fixture cards are on the notice board .

**Feb 18th** -- I attended a CCLGA regional meeting with LVC Lynn, Sec. Lynda  & Treas. Karen at Warrington GC. As always, Liz was beavering away on the registration table.

In brief , the following interesting information was presented to the attendees:

Since the CCLGA became  ' CCLGA Ltd ' all members are welcome to attend County meetings, but each Club has one vote only.

There are currently 5,500 lady golfers in Cheshire.

**County Comps**. There will be fewer this year to encourage more applicants. They are open to all members from low to high h'caps. Entries / payments are now online.

**Ladies & Junior Golf**: Much is happening at County level to promote both sections.

A  ‘Four Year Plan’ has been launched to help Junior girls & ‘Girl Golf Rocks’ is already in operation.

**New 2020 World Handicap System**: Info. is available on the England Golf website.

**England Golf**: England Women's Golf Association has now become England Golf & on their website there are guides to the new rules under 'Take a look at our Rules Advice'

The meeting was really interesting & time well spent.

**Membership**

I am delighted to announce that we have two new members :

Janet Foden : janetfoden@gmail.com   07798 871139

June McCrea  : junem.mccrea@gmail.com

07931 581118

I know you will all welcome our new ladies & I look forward to seeing them out and about in the Clubhouse & on the course in the near future.

**Diary Dates:**

**Tuesday March 12th**. First 18 hole comp of the season.

**Sunday March 24th**. Captains’ Drive In.

The start of the new season & the new Captaincy is always a wonderful day .

**Tuesday March 26th**. Lady Captain v Lady Vice Captain.

End of Season fun Comp between the 2018 Lady Captain’s team and Lady Vice Captain’s Team.

This comp is a Team Matchplay Competition that is good practice for the higher handicap ladies who may never have played this format before. There will be a small prize for every member of the winning team.

Booking will be via BRS from **Sun March 10th** after which a draw will take place & will be displayed on Masterscoreboard on March 21st.

Start tees to be drawn on the day.

Registration from 8.45 am. Shotgun start at 9.30am.

**Lunch :**  Special menu behind the bar, order in advance and at the latest on morning of the comp. ‘lunch only’ ladies are very welcome -- again, please pre-order.

**Presentations of the Eclectic Trophies** will take place after lunch.

Following the presentations there will be the handover to the new Lady Captain for 2019 -- Lynn Allatt.

NB if the Competition is cancelled due to bad weather the Lunch & Presentations will still take place.

**Thursday April 4th --- Ducks & Drakes**

Let us turn out in force to ensure that this traditional mixed comp. continues  - it is always good fun & will be efficiently organised by the Senior’s Committee this year. The bookings will open on BRS on **Sunday March 3rd.**

The ever popular **Supper Golf** is on the horizon & will restart on **Friday April 26th**. Keep your eye on the notice board for the sign-up sheet -- it gets full very quickly.

I would like to send ‘Get Well Soon’ wishes to any of our Ladies who are currently not feeling 100%.

Yours in Friendship

Kath (Lady Captain)