



## **Annual Handicap Report- Ladies' Club- December 2023**

### **1. Return to Golf**

In March, I met with the Men's Handicap Secretary, John O' Gorman, and we finalised a return to golf email which went to all members. Markers were turned on in April to enable submission of general play scores for the season.

### **2. Handicap Changes**

In the course of the year, 1 handicap index was reduced- a junior who was playing extremely well and 1 increased to take account of illness and diminished playing ability.

### **3. Teams**

The issue of handicap certificates for teams ran smoothly, with a team panel cert issuing long before the match dates and the individual handicaps being certified by the player/team manager from the Golf Ireland app on match days. My thanks to Nives Collins for tracking all teams' performances for annual handicap review. Golf Ireland has indicated they will also require details of team finalists in non-GI inter club matches, i.e. Bloom and Mary McKenna in future.

### **4. Cards for Handicap**

In general, there were no issues with this process, with the odd exception - sometimes the cards were from another course, over an unrecognised course in Elm Park, or incomplete. Junior cards became more compliant after June O'Brien issued an email to all concerned

### **5. Annual Handicap Review**

The Handicap Committee met in October to discuss the review. I also conferred with John O' Gorman to ensure a consistent approach with the Men's Committee.

- Only 2 players were flagged for reduction.
- 8 players were reduced, based on internal matchplay and invitational results.
- The review was submitted on 17<sup>th</sup> Nov and signed off as satisfactorily completed by Golf Ireland on 18th Nov. The handicap adjustments will be made on 8th December and the relevant members have been notified when the adjustment is coming live.
- The appeal procedure is posted on the noticeboard in the Ladies' Locker Room



## **6. Overseas Members**

While there have been no problems entering overseas scores, there are continuing technical issues with members moving home club to Elm Park from overseas. We had to enlist the help of Golf Ireland in relation to a member moving from the UK to Elm Park and another overseas member whose home club was incorrectly showing up as Elm Park. We had a new member moving from a club in Spain whose scores had to be entered manually. Otherwise, she would have lost her Spanish scores towards a fully developed handicap.

## **7. Conclusion**

In conclusion, I would like to thank all Committee members for their support and advice during the course of the year – in particular to Nives Collins and June O'Brien for their time and commitment to the annual review and to June for all her help in matters relating to Juniors. I would also like to acknowledge the assistance and courtesy of John O'Gorman in any dealings I had with him. Thanks also to Michelle and Mariela in the Office, the Sports Administrators, and the Pro Shop.

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