

NEWS SHEET FROM HANDICAP SECRETARY MAY 2008

Marking of cards: Because of the difficulty some ladies experience in finding a fellow lady member to play with, in order to complete their monthly medals, (particularly ladies who play on a Saturday or in the evening) after much deliberation, the Ladies Committee have agreed that any member of Cosby golf club who holds a current Congu handicap will be able to mark a card for the Ladies LGU monthly medals.

Entering competitions: The way the Congu handicap system now works, it is imperative that competitions are closed down on the same day that they are played, in order that the standard scratch for the day can be worked out and ladies whose handicaps require adjusting can then be advised immediately especially if they are competing the following day.

In order to make it simpler to close down competitions more effectively I would ask that all ladies indicate their intended participation in a particular competition by adding their names to the start sheets provided, an estimated time can be added for ladies choosing to play on a non-reserved time.

If however it is not possible to add your name to the start sheet would you please inform the committee member responsible for that competition (their name will now appear at the top of the signing on book) or myself your intention to play and an estimated time, as early as possible, preferably giving 24 hours notice, in order for us to ascertain when we will be able to close down the competition.

Please remember as a courtesy to inform your fellow playing partners if you have to cross off the time sheet. If it is a pair's competition and you are unable to find someone to fill your place please contact either myself or a handicap committee member who will endeavour to find a replacement.

Completion of cards: Could I very gently mention the state of some of the cards submitted for the competitions, and remind ladies that we have to interpret what has been written, which often proves difficult especially where an alteration has been made to a score. It is much easier to read if the wrong score is crossed out and the correct written at the side, instead of writing over it.

- Competition name should be specific by stating which medal
ie: May Medal (not just medal)
- Date of competition
- Players name and current handicap
- Any **alterations** to the card should be legible
Most importantly the card must be signed
- **Eclectics** please indicate which one you have entered 12 or 18 holes.

Medals completed: There is now a folder marked "medals completed" where an up to date record is being held for all members, listing the monthly medals they have completed for the current year.

On the course: Once again the Men's handicap secretary (Ivan) is trying to keep the speed of play to a reasonable level and has set a time limit of 3.5 hours for the men to complete their competitions. I would ask therefore, that ladies, endeavour to keep up with the speed of play, and where necessary if you get out of position, which sometimes is unavoidable, (we didn't plant all the hedges or dig out the ponds!) to let fellow members through.

Complaints: Please be aware that it is a requirement in the Ladies Rules that any matters concerning complaints/grievances/problems either on the course or off should be addressed to the Ladies secretary of the Ladies main committee, who will then address them.

Matches: All Ladies are most welcome to play in any of the matches we have friendly or otherwise, so please if you would like to participate enter your names on the sheets provided on the captain's Board (just inside the door on the left)

Competitions: It is wonderful to see the number of entries for the competitions so far this year, and I do hope that you are all enjoying your golf as much as I am and let's hope for some more lovely summer golfing weather.

Regards, Janice