

# BLACK BUSH LADIES BULLETIN



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Hello Ladies,

So much for the beginning of summer, as I write this from a rain soaked, competition cancelled, Black Bush...May 2<sup>nd</sup>!!!! But we have had some lovely days recently, I have seen shorts, I have seen sleeveless tops and I have seen the application of sunscreen and I know (I do honest) that those days will come back (they will won't they?). Summer...brings us all our big competitions, next one up is the PGA tankard, Bernie Caffrey's wonderful account of her day out last year will have us all running to try win this year. Good luck to everyone on Tuesday.

## ILGU Silver/Bronze Medals

Good luck to Patricia Curtin and Bernie Caffrey who are representing Black Bush in the ILGU Silver and Bronze Medal Finals in Headfort on May 18<sup>th</sup>. The ILGU Silver and Bronze medals are awarded to the players with the lowest aggregate of four Nett scores in ILGU Medal competitions. The Silver Medal is for those with a handicap of 20 or under and the Bronze Medal is for handicaps 21-36 inclusive. We play 8 ILGU Medal competitions in Black Bush from April—September. You only need to do well in half of them to be in with a shout...no bother to us! If you were lucky enough to be playing such fabulous golf and you were in the frame for both Medals, the winning of the Silver Medal supersedes the winning of the Bronze Medal.

## Keep it Moving Ladies



## 11th Annual Pro-Am

We are really lucky ladies here in Black Bush to be hosts to this assistant Pro-Am competition (the only one in Ireland!), giving young golfing pros the chance to play in a pro-am and of course what lucky pros they are, getting to play with us wonderful ladies in Black Bush. The day was a huge success with 38 teams playing, 15 in the morning and 23 in the afternoon. The weather was a bit mixed...mixed with wind, rain and the cold!!! Some of the ladies who played in the morning availed of a 30 min golf clinic from Shane O Grady. All of the Pros had enormous praise for the course and the greens, which should make us very proud to be members here in Black Bush....míle buíochas to Paul Farrell and his hard working team. Thanks to all our sponsors, 16 teams won prizes on the day. Congrats to the winners Ross Oliver (Galgorm Castle) Amy Johnson, Mary Taafe (Skerries GC) and Teresa Commins (Clontarf GC) 82pts. Well done and thank you to Ann O'Neill, her Pro-Am Committee, the caterers, the PGA and all those who ensured that all the participants in the Pro-am had a wonderful day. Looking forward to next year's already.

## Tip of The Month

**Practice the Putts that you will see the most.** When you practice your putting, concentrate on putts of about five feet in length. Five foot putts are the ones you will see the most. Touring professionals make more than 95% of these putts, because they practice from this range for long periods. Hitting thirty and forty foot putts on the putting green might be fun, but the percentage of making these putts is quite low. From that distance you will be happy to take two putts. Make a circle of four balls at a distance of five feet each and go around the circle so you can make all four times after time.

## Rule of The Month

### Ball Lost or Out of Bounds; Provisional Ball (Rule 27)

Check the Local Rules on the score card to identify the boundaries of the course. These are normally defined by fences, walls, white stakes or white lines. If your ball is lost outside a water hazard or out of bounds you must play another ball from the spot where the last shot was played, under penalty of one stroke, i.e. stroke and distance. You are allowed 5 minutes to search for a ball. If it is not found within 5 minutes it is lost. If, after playing a shot, you think your ball may be lost outside a water hazard or out of bounds you should play a provisional ball. You must state that it is a provisional ball and play it before you go forward to search for the original ball. If the original ball is lost (other than in a water hazard) or out of bounds, you must continue with the provisional ball, under penalty of one stroke. If the original ball is found in bounds, you must continue play of the hole with it, and must stop playing the provisional ball.

## PGA TANKARD

*A personal account by last years winner—Bernie Caffrey*

As I teed up on Tuesday 6 May 2014, I had no understanding of the PGA tankard competition in which I was playing. I was more than surprised to find I had won with nett 73, but equally that I now qualified to represent Black Bush with the Men's PGA Tankard winner and a club professional in an interclub competition on Monday 22nd Sept in Royal Tara GC. That morning was crisp and bathed in sunshine as I left Castleknock. As I approached Royal Tara, a fog had descended. Play was suspended for over an hour, but it gave me a valuable opportunity to meet my team mates, Des Guerien, the men's winner and Philip Duff, Asst Pro.

As the sun rose high in the sky, Philip displayed a capacity to strike the ball which belies his stature, however it often left him needing Mickelson like recovery shots! Des and I both struggled to play to the form which had got us to Royal Tara in the first place. We were not in the running as we made the turn. However, we enjoyed the back 9 equally well given the picturesque course, the lovely day and the team banter which ranged from GAA to the foibles of left handed golfers (both Des and I). The day was rounded off with a tasty lunch, at which Philip gave both of us incisive feedback to improve our play for 2015. All in all a very enjoyable and unique experience, and one to be recommended.

## Thank You

A very big thank you to all our sponsors. We really appreciate your generous contribution.

5th May: Adrienne Bowen & Noleen Kelly  
12th May: Angela & Brendan Scully  
19th May: Jenny's Boutique  
26th May: Champagne Beauty



5th May: PGA Tankard  
12th May: Pat Burns Memorial Trophy  
1st June: Presidents Prize  
12th May: **PRIZE GIVING IN CLUB HOUSE.**  
*(Please do your best to attend...)*  
7th/11th July: **LADY CAPTAIN'S PRIZE**



## Team News



Commiserations to the Challenge Cup team, narrowly beaten by Royal Tara in Rush on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Junior Cup and Intermediate cup teams were victorious.  
Next matches  
Junior Cup v Laytown/Bettystown in Howth on Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup>  
Intermediate Cup v Hollywood Lakes in Greenore on Wed May 27<sup>th</sup>

**Lady Captain's Prize will be held on Tuesday 7th July and Saturday 11th July. Get Practicing !!!!**