

# BLACK BUSH LADIES BULLETIN

Hi Ladies,



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I never really like the coming of winter, I am always so sad to see the summer go, so Autumn would never be my favourite season, but this year the protracted Autumn will have made the winter shorter and what's not to love about the fabulous array of colours on our course. The trees are just amazing at the moment so we need to get out and make the most of it all before the weather gets cooler and the leaves disappear. The winter league (more below) will be starting on October 31<sup>st</sup>, I hope the only scary things we see are ghosts and ghouls and not balls heading for bunkers, trees or water hazards!!!!. Speaking of trees what a great job the course committee led by Captain Ned and Vice Captain Chris have done with the removal of a large number of trees from the course, having been a beneficiary of this work on a number of holes and I am sure we are all grateful to them and their team of voluntary helpers for this work.

## Great Result for Bernie Caffrey in the PGA National Finals

Our Sincere congratulations to Bernie Caffrey on reaching the PGA National Playoffs. Bernie did herself and Black Bush Proud, by coming 3rd overall. The following is Bernie's story....  
*"It was with great surprise that I opened a letter from the PGA advising me that following the Northern Regional Playoffs in Royal Tara on 7<sup>th</sup> September, that I had qualified for the national finals in Druids Glen on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October where we would be joined by the qualifiers from the Southern Regional Playoffs. The day proved to be a beautiful Autumn day where, accompanied by my expert caddie, Ger O'Hanlon, I played with the Pro from Druids Glen and the men's winner from Kilkenny. Having had a bad start (again!), I got into a rhythm and achieved a reasonable score on very tricky greens. Golf was followed by dinner where I was again surprised to hear I finished 3<sup>rd</sup>. A great end to a great experience. Many thanks to all the ladies, particularly Lady Captain Angela, Miriam and Ger for all their support along the way. Roll on 2016!"*

## Winter League

The winter league will start on Saturday 31st October and run until Friday 11th December. Closing date for entries is Thursday 29th October (so sign up soon!). The Weekly 12 hole re-entry competitions will be run from Saturday to Friday. Ladies not in the winter league can enter these weekly competitions. Entry fee to the league will be €5 payable before your first game (failure to do so will result in your score not counting for your team). Place your €5 in one of the brown envelopes, write your name on it and pop it in the competition box. The best 4 scores for each team will count. Handicap reductions for the weekly comp will not affect scores for the teams. Dates must be written on the card, failure to do so will result in your score not counting for your team. Teams will be posted by Saturday October 31<sup>st</sup>, weekly competitions will hopefully be closed on Friday evenings but due to winter club house closures on occasion this may run to Saturday. A two's competition will be run in conjunction with the re-entry competition. Winter league 12 hole re entry cannot be played in conjunction with the Thursday 15 Hole Seniors Open.

**GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!  
May the best team win!!!**

## Lady Captain's Night

Can you believe... it's that time of year again! Lady Captain Angela's year is almost at an end and, as is traditional, we will all gather to show our appreciation for her hard work and dedication to Black Bush in the past year. Angela has been a wonderful Lady Captain and has worked tirelessly on our behalf.

On Saturday **14th November, 2015**, we will meet at 7.30 for drinks, followed by dinner and dancing. So get your 'glad rags' on and join us for what promises to be a great night!!! We would really appreciate it if could purchase your tickets in advance.

Tickets are available from any committee member ... Watch out for the posters appearing around the club house.

## Ladies AGM

The Ladies AGM will be held on Wednesday 9th December 2015 at 8.00pm. It would be great to see as many Ladies as possible attend. Remember, it's your club and it's good to take part in the discussions and find out what the plans are for next year. It is also an opportunity to present the major prizes for the year, (Golfer of the Year, Medals, Match play etc.).

The AGM booklet will be emailed to all Lady Members before 17th November. We will be using the email list we use for sending the bulletin (*if you receive this bulletin you are fine, we have your correct information, however, if you know of any ladies who do not receive the bulletin, can you please ask them to contact Anne Liston 0872384440*)  
*We look forward to seeing you on 9th Dec.*



14th Nov:

Lady Captain's Dinner

4th Dec:

Full Members AGM

9th Dec:

Ladies AGM

15th Dec:

Ladies Christmas Lunch



## Rule of the Month

With the dreaded winter just around the corner, we thought it would be a good time to go over the rules relating to water in bunkers.

### Rule 25—Abnormal Ground Conditions

If the ball is lying in abnormal ground conditions (e.g a puddle, ground under repair) or if you would have to take your stance within it you can take relief.

1. Without penalty, take a drop in the bunker at the nearest point where the interference is eliminated as much as possible, within 1 club length.
2. With 1 penalty stroke, take a drop outside of the bunker, on the backward extension of the line from the hole to the ball.

### Bunker completely flooded.

If the bunker is completely under water, the player has no choice but to proceed in accordance with option 2 above. She must accept 1 penalty stroke.

*We have recently been asked why all bunkers would not be marked 'Out of Play' on particularly wet days. The reason for this is .... Under the CONGU rules, we can not run a qualifying competition if all bunkers are out of play. This is not an issue in winter when qualifying is over.*

## Safety on the Course



The Ladies Committee was recently informed of a pretty dangerous act, which was carried out on hole 2 of the A course. When the ladies on the green finished putting, one lady walked to the edge to get the flag, before the flag had been put in the hole a lady from the group behind hit onto the green. While we all like to keep play moving, we should always wait until the previous group have left the green and are well out of your range.



### Club Match Play Result

Congratulations to Ann O'Neill and Vivian Marsden who won the final of Club Foursomes competition. Hard luck to runners up Bernie Caffrey and Noreen Ryan. A great match by all accounts.