

Importance of the Women's division.

The purpose of the WD Tuesday league is to encourage women to play golf. Members of CGC women represent a minority. There are fewer women members than men by far. To have an active Women's Division means that the women members have an opportunity to play with other women at least once a week. We hold Match play singles and doubles which has proven to foster competition and encourage women to progress in their own game. We are working on programs to encourage women members to learn the rules of golf in a positive environment, so they feel comfortable participating in club events. This helps the club in many ways not the least of which it grows member participation.

This year we concentrated on the implementation of Golf Genius software for Tuesday league play through dedicated work by Women's Division volunteers led by Catherine Campbell and Sheila Boss. We had excellent leadership and assistance from pro shop staff. The Golf Genius software enables automation of a number of steps needed to organize weekly Tuesday games. This improves the efficiency of Tuesday league play. While it has taken a great deal of effort GG is more efficient than previous manual systems.

The Women's Division works closely with the well-organized Women on Wednesdays, WOW group who play a fun 9 hole late afternoon league. Many of the women who play in WOW move on to join the Women's Division. We appreciate the great work of Diane Crowther WOW chair.

Many changes were made due to Covid. For example we moved away from the monthly shotgun starts in an effort to avoid a crowded dining room. We look forward to getting back to the fun lunches where we all meet together and prizes are awarded.

Membership is now at 114 with about 70% participation in weekly games. Chester hosted 100 women in the Field day July 19 organized by Cathy Rafuse and her team. It was a great success. Thank you to Cathy and all who assisted. The golf course was in super shape for the event.

Our Team Chester, Trudy Somers-Lamb, Sheila Boss, Moie MacGillivray represented Chester in the Bronze NSGA competition at Northumberland Golf Course in August. Thanks to the team for continuing the tradition of competition.

The Women's Division held a small fund raising event for the Lighthouse Food Bank on August 16. Wendy Sheppard was present to thank golfers for their support and provide receipts for donations. The final tally is not in yet but it looks like we raised a good sum for the Food Bank, thanks to all.

Match play was organized by Gail Mitchell and all those who participated enjoyed the games. Singles match was won by Leslie Jordan, and the Doubles Match outcome is yet to be determined at the timing of this report. Great fun and big thanks to Gail for her work.

There is always lots to do and we are open to new volunteers who would like to join the Executive and Monthly host team.

Respectfully submitted,

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