

Women's Division President's Report- 2023

It has been my honor to serve as President of the Chester Golf Club Women's Division for 2022 and 2023. It is easier to succeed when you have a great team working together our common objective: To grow the game of golf among the women members of CGC. On your behalf, I thank the executive and the team of volunteers who work each day to make this objective a reality.

Success in this job can be measured in part by active participation in golf events. Over half of the women members of CGC participate in events. It is hoped participation will increase with new programs designed by your new executive based on feedback and input from our survey. Our mission to encourage inclusion of women members of Chester Golf Club in an open, friendly, and welcoming manner continues AND it is a goal that is in sight.

Some of our season's highlights include:

- The celebration of our 65th anniversary of WD at Chester Golf Club, was showcased at Gals Nite Out on May 9. It is extremely important to recognize the contribution of our women leaders. They persevered and as a result we have an unstoppable Women's Division.
- Field Day, organized and run by Trudy Somers-Lamb VP. The objective of Field Day is to show off our beautiful course to women from other clubs while offering first class food, golf, and friendship. It continues to be one of the most successful Field Days in Nova Scotia.
- League play. We have a vibrant, active, and fun membership. I thank Trudy Somers-Lamb and Diane Crowther and the many volunteer hosts for their great work to promote league play among women at CGC.
- Match Play organized on behalf of the Womens Division by Gail Mitchell resulted in some close games throughout July and August. The overall singles champion was Gail Mitchell, followed by Barb Arsenault in second position, Anita Bezeau in third and Audrey Nicoll winning fourth place.
- The Doubles winners were Anita Bezeau and Natalie Williams, and the runners-up were Ruth Christian and Jo-Ann Ravlo. Prize payouts to the match play winners was shared between the Members Special Events and the Tuesday Women's League.
- Inclement weather postponed the Bronze Team event until September 11th played at the River Oaks Golf Club. Four members of the Womens Division participated: Janice Moreside, Trudy Somers Lamb, Trudy Langille and Moie McGillvary.

Many thanks to the Executive team. These women include Treasurer Jane Filbee who leant her professional skills to our executive keeping us on the right financial path. Many thanks to retiring Past President Gail Mitchell who was always available to lend a hand, cut a cake and offer advice. Thanks also to Cathy Rafuse, Secretary who lent support whenever asked or needed. Finally, thank you to Trudy Somers-Lamb in her role as Vice President. Trudy has been a great support to me personally as well as being a driving force behind all our successes this season.

During this two-year term, I was fortunate to work closely with Alex Egan our General Manager at CGC. Alex and his team have been very supportive of the Women's Division. In addition, a huge thank you goes to Dan Fraser, the club Pro and Jake Ward the Assistant Pro for all their assistance with league play,

handing out prizes, their teaching skills and just being great guys to work with. The support from all staff at Chester Golf Club has been very appreciated.

Finally, as I hand over the reins to Trudy your incoming president, I know Trudy will do a great job in her term as President of the Women's Division.

I thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President.

Linda Oliver