

Redwood Park Golf Club - Women's Captain Report 2021

General:

2021 started with some quick and sharp Covid-19 Lockdowns followed with a good run of events and here we are, once again back to having to deal with another lot of lockdowns since mid-August. If there is any 'positive' to come out of all this, it is perhaps it has made us more resilient in dealing with uncertainties.

Fixtures:

Re-scheduling and re-planning is a norm and a constant part of what we have to do in this challenging environment, not just for the Women's Section but the Club as a whole. The need to work closely with our Golf Committee, Golf Director and Office Administrators has become even more vital in the management of disrupted events and in the communication of these changes to the members.

Women Membership:

In the last Golf Director's July 2021 Report women's membership numbers had grown slightly. It is our hope that in 2022 we will see a continued growth.

Club Events:

It was very encouraging this year that we had quite a few Women Members other than the Weekend Saturday Women's Group participating in club events e.g. Top Cat. For many of them this was their first time and after the game it gave us an opportunity to sit down, get to know one another or in some cases meet for the very first time. It is our hope that this will continue in the years to come.

Saturday Weekend Events:

Lockdowns have effectively ended our competition season early. Fortunately, we have completed sufficient rounds for results in most of our fixtures. Congratulations to all 2021 winners of events and trophies. Huge thank you to all participants as you have made these events more meaningful. Tournaments were competitively fought with friendly banter and always finished with a hearty chat and laugh. This year we had 26 members in the Saturday Group, with most turning up fairly regularly in the allocated Saturday slot. Thank you to each and every one of you for your continued presence and support. Through the years, meeting up each Saturday for a round of golf followed with lunch and a drink has enabled us to come together to chill out and for many of us it has fostered long lasting friendships.

We have never regarded this 'Saturday Slot' as our right but rather a 'Gift Slot' granted by our club to our predecessors and handed down for us to embrace and enjoy - to which we are always thankful and grateful for.

Weekend Pennants:

To our 2021 Team, your turning up to take on the challenge week after week, determined to give it a go regardless of how daunting the task may be is exemplary. We are so very proud of all of you, thank you for your commitment and representation. The introduction of a rotating team manager on a trial basis for each round of play this year has proven to be a success. It has helped spread the responsibility and workload from a dedicated person. Thank you to all the Team Managers for volunteering your services. A Special thanks to Lyn Throll our Team Captain (Non-Playing) for her leadership and organisational skills attending to all those behind the scene requirements such as paperwork, emails, communications etc.

Choctober Tournament:

Due to the lockdown it is unfortunate that we could not hold this tournament as planned on 08.10.21. The support we were getting this year in the form of sponsorships, services, corporate gifts, personal gifts was building up to what would have been prizes galore for the participants. The enthusiasm for

this event from the women's golfing community in and around Auckland was phenomenal. Within less than 2 weeks of our launch, we already had 14 out of the maximum 26 teams. To the Choctober Committee and supporters thank you to each and every one of you for your contributions and a huge thank you to Anna Keys and Theresia Dirks for your leadership. This event is now postponed to next year on 18.02.22.

Financial:

Our ability to raise funds, collect scramble and shoot-out contributions in our last financial period (August 2020 – July 2021) was hampered by the cancellation of 2020 Choctober Tournament and the shortened number of playing Saturdays where contributions are collected. This is trending to be the same again in the next financial period (August 2021 – July 2022).

Words of Thanks to:-

Board of Management - Under the chairmanship of Gavin Read.

Golf Committee - Under the leadership of our Club Vice-Captain Adrian Moran who has during his tenure, extended to us an inclusive and consultative approach which we appreciate. We sincerely hope this will continue.

Catering Team – Under the management of Joh & Phoebe, thank you so much for always looking after us, your friendliness, top notch service, catering sumptuous shared lunches for us etc. is very much appreciated.

Course Superintendent Dan Godek and his team - Thank you for the support and your expertise.

Bar Staff – Thank you for always serving us with a smile no matter how busy you are.

Office Staff – Thank you all and special thanks to Annmarie for your assistances rendered to us and to Russell for looking after us every Saturday.

Women's Committee:

A very special thanks to our Women's Officers and Committee Members – your assistance, ideas, solutions, suggestions, resolutions, etc. has been a major part in enabling us to work and contribute effectively as a team. Sincere and heartfelt thanks from me to each and every one of you as I know I could not have carried out my role as Captain without your help and support.

Summary:

Last but not least, many thanks for all your personal words / gesture of encouragement and appreciation extended to me by way of a text, email, phone call, shoulder tap or salute in jest etc. – Thank you.

Kay Lum

Women's Captain

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