

East Vets AGM – Captain's Report 2021

Needless to say, I did not foresee my first year as Captain of the East Vets being quite as it has turned out. 2020 was perhaps a clue.!

Following on from a very difficult 2020 we emerged into 2021 not much better off. Due to Covid restrictions we were unable to hold our Coffee morning and Spring Meeting.

Although we had a few resignations we did pick up 6 new members and now have 135. All being well we will hold our coffee morning in the New Year which will be an opportunity for us to meet the new members from 2020 and 2021.

Due to the late lifting of covid restrictions we decided not to run the Friendship Foursomes this year. We also decided to restrict the Ramsden Cup to 32 entrants. This worked well and we finished on time.

As restrictions were, at last, lifted we were able hold our Summer Meeting & Championship Qualifier at Haddington on 25th May. 47 members played.

Championship Finals on Saturday 10th July.

The semifinals and final took place on a lovely sunny day with very little wind. The golf course was in beautiful condition.

The results of the semifinals were:

Caroline Steedman bt Dawn Young

Karen Marshall bt Ann Sewell

Both matches were keenly fought.

And so we come to the final between Caroline and Karen.

Caroline was quick off the mark and was 3 up by the 5th tee but a visit to the pond reduced this to 2 by the 6th. With interesting shots from the thick rough by Caroline and trees by Karen we get to the turn with Caroline 1 up but par for

Karen to bogey for Caroline on the 10th took us to all square. Fast forward to the 15th tee and we are still A/S. Another woody visit by Caroline on the 15th and a brilliant curvy birdie putt by Karen on the 16th took her to 2 up on the 17th tee.

Sadly, our lovely sunny day ended here with one broolly between 4 of us to protect us from the downpour. Undeterred, Karen won on the 17th to be crowned our new Vets Champion.

Autumn Meeting at Liberton Thursday 2nd September

Only 27 Competitors took part – unfortunately the date clashed with other competitions. We have moved the date for next year to a Monday in the hope that more members will be able to play.

We were made very welcome by both Iain, the Pro, and the catering staff who apart from providing a great service offered the Committee, who were sitting outside, a hot water bottle as the temperature started to drop.

The scores were good due not only to the quality of play but to the fact that the course was in fantastic condition.

Karen Ferguson-Snedden, the overall scratch winner, came in with a Gross 69.

Jennifer Bryans, had gross 70, nett 66 closely followed by Caroline Steedman with a gross 72, nett 68. Katy Gillies and Jing Yun Little also posted nett 68s – 1 below the 69 par.

Well done everyone.

Inter-divisional Matches were all played this year.

East Vets v Midland Vets @ Mortonhall GC on May 15th. Liz Miskimmon Trophy.

At last! We were able to meet others and play matches. However, it almost didn't happen. Having taken all social distancing precautions etc we did not reckon on the course being closed due to fog.

The Midland team were on their way, no way to stop them but fortunately the fog lifted and the course was reopened in time for us to play.

7 team players from each Division played for the Liz Miskimmin Friendship Trophy. The course may not have been at its best due to the severe weather conditions over the winter but we were made very welcome and everyone enjoyed their

games. The result was a halved match which meant that Midland, who won last time, retained the trophy.

Elise Duncan Trophy – East Vets V West Vets Singles match at Douglas Park GC on 1st June.

At long last the sun was shining for everyone and summer had arrived.

Our scratch team travelled to Douglas Park for our annual match v West Vets on Tuesday 1st June. Douglas Park is a lovely parkland course with some very interesting holes. Playing conditions were perfect with very little wind.

The result was a 5:4 win for East. Well done ladies.

Thanks must go to Chris Fowler and the West team for making us very welcome and providing a lovely meal afterwards.

The Asp Trophy – East Vets v West Vets Foursomes.

Playing for the the East v West for the Friendship Foursomes salver, 20 ladies assembled at Turnhouse GC on 12th August where they found the course in great condition.

They had a lovely day with a wee bit breeze to make it all the more interesting.

Many thanks to the club for hosting this event and for seeing to all their catering needs.

For the first time since 2014 East Vets got the win and claimed the **ASP Salver 4-1**.

Thanks to all who were able to play for the East team and to all the West team for a great day's golf.

East Vets v Borders

A super day was had by all at Musselburgh GC for the East v Borders Greensomes annual event.

From the time they arrived for the usual pre match rolls and coffee they were looked after by all MGC staff with such care and attention.

The course was fantastic as always, both teams played some lovely golf and all matches were close .

Shot of the day award most definitely goes to **Katy Gillies, hole in 1 at the 11th hole. (A well done from East Vets -bottle of Prosecco)**

They came in and had a lovely meal and good post-match chat.

Our thanks go to all players in both teams for a great match and especially to MGC for courtesy of the course.

Result was a strong 4-2 home win for the East.

Match v The British Senior Men at Elie.

This is a Foursomes match. Due to the fact that, at that moment in time covid restrictions prevented 4 people sitting together, it was decided to cancel this match. The date for next year is Tuesday 17th May.

SVLGA AGM, Championship & Competitions at Blairgowrie GC

The Championship was held over Lansdowne on the 22nd and 23d September.

East Vets Champion, Karen Marshall, won through to the final against Elaine Moffat. It was a closely fought match going down to the last putt on the 18th green where Elaine came out on top. Well done Karen.

9 couples went up to Blairgowrie. 9 places were allocated to East Vets and 9 pairs applied. Thankfully no one lost out.

To say East did well this year is an understatement.

Patrick Rosebowl

This is a singles competition held over Rosemount on the Monday.

Scratch Winner of the Lyon Picture – Jennifer Bryans

2nd Handicap and winner of the Smith Medal – Anne Brownie

Scratch winner of 65-69 group and winner of the Allen Plate – Anne Brownie

Winner of the Lyon Trophy for the Division with the 3 best net scores in the Patrick Rosebowl Competition was **EAST**.

Courtesy of Anne Brownie, Isla McCrone and Mairi Pollock.

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Scratch winners of the Tony Moffat Memorial Trophy in the Greensomes – Anne Brownie and Jennifer Bryans.

Scottish Senior Championship at Aberdour 23-26 June

Jennifer Bryans, Karen Ferguson-Snedden, Anne Hanson and Karen Marshall all qualified for the match play. Karen Ferguson Snedden played her way through to the final which she won – 2&1 over Iona McKean. So, we have a Scottish Senior Ladies Champion in our midst. Excellent

SVLGA Appointments

Karen Ballantyne has completed her term as Captain of SVLGA. In very challenging times Karen did a fantastic job. I am sure she will enjoy a well-earned rest.

Senior Home Internationals and The Jamboree - August

One big headache for Karen was that the date of the Jamboree – Scotland v North, Midland and South of England and the Senior Home Internationals at Woodland Spa clashed.

Karen was obviously unable to attend both. Scotland were the hosts of the Jamboree at Glenbervie so Karen oversaw this and Fiona de Fries(her Vice Captain) went to the Home internationals with our team.

Scotland was represented at the Senior Home Internationals by Karen Ferguson-Snedden and Karen Marshall, alongside Elaine Moffat and Gillian Kyle. They played exceptionally well and came a close 2nd to England. Fabulous.

As it turned out this worked well for Caroline Steedman and Anne Hanson who represented Scotland at Glenbervie and earned their Vets Brooches. Although Scotland did not win both ladies enjoyed the experience.

East of Scotland Championship

At Lundin Links, on Sunday 10th October, Anne Hanson was runner up in East of Scotland Championship with a gross 74. This seems a favorite score for Anne who had the same gross score to win the Babe Zaharias Trophy at Longniddry on Monday 16th August. This rounds off a great year for Anne. (Just goes to show what one can do in retirement)

Solheim Cup Europe 15 USA 13

I am sure you would all like to join me in congratulating Catriona Matthews and her team on their amazing achievement in the USA at Inverness GC in Toledo Ohio. We all know Catriona as a great golfer now we know she is also a great team leader.

Appreciation and thanks.

Now I have to thank the Committee for their help and support through the last difficult year. As most of you know we have worked through a large part of the year restricted by social distancing and without a secretary for a second year. We have re arranged duties within the Committee hopefully making the job of the Hon Sec less onerous and are delighted that Janet Fairweather has agreed to take on the position.

Sal – if you want a straight answer -ask Sal. Thank you, Sal for your support and for organizing the matches v West foursome and Borders greensomes.

Trudy and Hazel, who both stayed on the Committee for an extra year, have finally come to the end of their term.

Trudy is unable to be with us but I will pass on a token of our appreciation and thanks on your behalf.

Hazel, Thank you for doing your bit, and beyond. You landed up taking on more than first intended. I have great pleasure in presenting you with this. (flowers and M&S voucher)

Anne Rorrison – I hate to think how we would have coped had she not continued to take possession of the laptop. Thank you, Anne for being such a tower of

strength, someone to bounce things off and for putting everything I gave you on the blog and out in emails. I could go on but I might embarrass you. As a token of our appreciation, I like you to accept....(Bottle of wine and M&S Voucher)

I think that ends my report!