

HISTORY OF OUR TROPHIES

Have you ever wondered where they all came from?

Or what you have to do to win one

THE MAHEE CUP - STROKE

This was the first, and for quite a long time, the only trophy for which the ladies could compete. It is competed for by the winners of the six monthly medal competitions held throughout the season. The six ladies play in a final held at the end of the season i.e. Monthly Medal Final and 18 Hole Non-qualifiers' competition, normally in September.

MAHEE BROOCHES - FOURSOMES

The brooches were presented to the club in the 1930's. Originally one pair of ladies would challenge the holders of the brooches and so they could change hands perhaps 4 times in the season. In those days of course, there were fewer competitions and fewer lady members, but it sounded fun. We now have one of our main Monday competitions set aside to play for these brooches when all our ladies can compete – the format is a foursomes stroke competition with no combined handicap limit.

GERTRUDE GREGG FLAG CUP – STROKE

This cup was presented to the club in memory of Gertrude Gregg who was a cousin of Winsome Ringland. She was very attached to Mahee and sadly she died in her early 40's. Her sister Marjorie was Lady Captain in 1961. Originally two flags were taken out by the first competitors and when their allocation of shots had been used up the flag was placed in the spot of their last shot. Any ladies following who had not used up all their shots carried the flag on until all shots were used up. The flag part of this competition is no longer in operation. It is now played as a stroke competition and the Winner receives the Cup.

SILVER SALVER

This trophy was presented to the Mahee Ladies by Molly Crawford soon after she joined the club in the 1960's. Molly was Lady Captain in 1966, then Honorary Secretary for many years and Lady President in 1984-1988. Molly was also well known for writing poems to celebrate various special occasions at Mahee and especially for Lady Captains to celebrate their special day. To mark the new Millennium Molly had all her poems printed to book form, copies of which she presented to each lady member of the club at that time and a copy is kept at the club. A Silver Salver qualifying competition is held at the beginning of the season and the ladies with the top 8 scores proceed to play in a knockout match-play competition throughout the season. Specific dates for each play-off are listed on the draw.

THE BOYD ROSE BOWL - STABLEFORD

This was presented by Raymond and Muriel Shankey (nee Boyd) in memory of their mother. Mrs David Boyd was Lady Captain for the years 1938/39. Her husband David started the club in 1929, and the official opening was in 1930. He was Gents' captain in 1938 and 1939. Raymond was Captain in 1957 and President from 1966 to 1976. His wife Rita was Lady Captain in 1957 and sister Muriel in 1954. The family lived in the first house on the right of the first fairway just as you leave the first tee. It was rebuilt some years ago but looks practically the same today. This Rose Bowl is competed for annually and is a stableford points charity competition. The proceeds from this are donated to Age Concern.

JUBILEE TROPHY - STROKE

This was presented by Eric and Mary Trevorrow in 1979 when Eric was Gents' Captain and the club celebrated its 50 year Jubilee, hence the name of the trophy. This competition is held on a Monday early in the season.

TURNER TROPHY – STROKE

This was presented by Joan Turner when she was Lady Captain in 1986. This trophy is competed for by ladies in the 30-36 handicap section. The scores from each monthly medal card count and the winner is the lady with the best 3 aggregate scores at the end of the season.

AUTUMN CRYSTAL – STROKE

This was presented by Rosemary Nixon, Lady Captain in 1988. This trophy is competed for over 18 holes stroke play during the months of August, September and October. Two cards may be returned (any day of the week) and the lady with the best three cards will win the trophy.

MATCHPLAY TROPHY

This was presented by Mrs. Mamie Orr, Lady Captain in 1989. This salver was presented for a match play competition open to all the ladies of the club. A draw is made at the beginning of the season from all ladies who have entered for this and matches are played on a knockout basis throughout the season.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR TROPHY

This was presented by Elfra Hewitt, Lady Captain in 1990. The first 5 prize winners in each weekly competition throughout the season are awarded points, i.e. 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 and the trophy is presented to the player who has accumulated the most points at the end of the season.

ORCHID TROPHY – 36 HOLE COMPETITION

This was presented by Christine Sythes, Lady Captain in 1994. This trophy is for a 36 hole stroke competition, played over 2 consecutive weeks. The two scores from each player are added together to establish the winner.

EVE DARWIN MEMORIAL TROPHY

This trophy is in memory of Eve who was Lady Captain in 1984. Eve loved Mahee and was Captain of the Friendly League for many years. Eve played in several of the matches inspiring her team with confidence and encouragement. Sadly she became ill but still continued to be Non-playing captain, attending as many matches as possible. Patricia Hull presented the trophy when she was Lady President in 1995-1997. It is competed for on one of our charity competition days when all proceeds are donated to Beaconsfield Marie Curie Centre, Belfast, where Eve was cared for in the last weeks of her illness.

SPRING SILVER TROPHY

This was presented to the Club by Daphne Sherlock in 1996. This trophy is played for in 18 hole stroke competitions during the months of April, May and June. The best 4 aggregate score cards decide the winner.

SUMMER RINGER TROPHY

This was presented by Joyce Gray who was Lady Captain in 1997. At the beginning of each season a list of all playing members is placed on the noticeboard along with spaces to enter an 18 hole score. Members enter the first 18 hole stroke card (or stableford so long as each hole is played out), and players can then change one score on the front nine holes and one score on the back nine. Cards can be entered any day of the week for this competition. At the end of the season the scores are calculated and players' handicaps are subtracted from it to give the final score.

THE MURPHY TROPHY

This trophy was presented by Maureen and Tommy Murphy. Tommy was Gents' Captain in 1990 and Maureen was Lady Captain in 1993. This trophy is competed for annually by all our members both Gents and Ladies in a mixed foursomes competition normally held on a Friday afternoon in June. A Draw is made for partners for this competition and it is always very well attended.

WINTER LEAGUE TROPHY – 9 HOLE STABLEFORD

This trophy was presented by Ann Hamilton in 1997 to give ladies something to play for during the winter months. Ann was Lady Captain in 1985. This is played from November to March and the best four nett scores determine the winner of this trophy.

MILLENNIUM TROPHY

This trophy was presented by Alison Oliver to mark the new millennium (2000). Alison was Lady Captain in this millennium year. The trophy is presented to the winner of one of our monthly charity competitions which does not have an official prize.

MARY TREVORROW TROPHY

This trophy was presented by Eric Trevorrow in 2004 in memory of his wife Mary who was a long-time member of Mahee. Mary died in 2004. This trophy is also presented annually to the winner of one of our monthly charity competitions.

JOYCE WILSON MEMORIAL TROPHY

Presented by Hugh Wilson in 2006 in memory of his wife Joyce who died at the beginning of 2006 after a long battle with cancer, and who enjoyed her golf at Mahee right up to a few weeks before she died. This is presented annually to the winner of one of our monthly charity competitions – preferably a stableford competition as Joyce did not like stroke competitions.

ALICE MERCER TROPHY

Presented by Gracie Morrison in memory of her sister Alice who was a long standing member of Mahee and Lady Captain in 1975. Alice died in 2000. This trophy is for new members who have joined the club during the preceding two years and is presented to the player who has recorded the best scores during the year.

MOST IMPROVED GOLFER

This trophy was presented by Marie Carroll in 2015 for the most improved player over the season. All scores are taken from the club reports and show how each player has improved over the year.

9 HOLE VETERANS TROPHY

This trophy originated in 1991 for veterans playing 9 holes. After a few years as there were no ladies playing 9 holes it was decided to present it to the winners of the 18 hole veterans competition (for which there was no trophy) and this continued until 2016 when May Orr the Lady President that year presented a new trophy for the 18 hole veterans and this trophy then reverted back to 9 holes. This trophy is played for by veterans over the age of 60. The lowest aggregate of 4 stableford scores over 9 holes between April and September count towards winning this trophy.

18 HOLE VETERANS TROPHY

This trophy was presented in 2016 by May Orr who was Lady President in 2015-2016. This new trophy is played for by veterans over the age of 60. The lowest aggregate of 4 nett 18 hole stroke play scores between April and September count towards winning this trophy.

9 Hole Winter Ringer Trophy

This Crystal trophy was presented by Gwen Wilson who was Lady Captain in 2008 to be used for any competition for which there was no trophy and in 2017 it was decided to make it the official trophy for the 9 Hole Winter Ringer. At the beginning of November a list of players is placed on the noticeboard along with spaces to enter a 9 hole score. Players can change 1 hole any day of the week and at the end March scores are calculated and players' 9 hole handicaps subtracted to give final score.

BIRDIE TREE

The Ladies have the 'Birdie Tree' set up in the Ladies Locker Room for any lady lucky enough to have a birdie in the Monday Competitions or Open Competitions at the club. Elfra Hewitt, Lady Captain in 1990 also presented a wooden wall plaque in the shape of a Tree, made by her father Harry Burgess who was also a long time member of Mahee. The player who has the most 'Birdies' in the summer season is recorded on the plaque every year.

MAHEE PAST LADY CAPTAINS' TROPHY

This trophy was presented to the Ladies by Ann Logan who was Lady Captain in 1987. This trophy is called the Friendship Trophy and was originally played for each year in a match between the Gents' Council and the Ladies Committee. For a number of years it has not been possible to organize this with the Council and we have therefore, with Anne's permission, re-named it the Mahee Past Lady Captains' Trophy and this will be played for every year on a day which will be organised by the most recent Past Lady Captain.

INFORMATION FOR OTHER EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

ILGU LADIES FOURSOMES COMPETITIONS

A number of Foursomes and Greensomes competitions are run throughout the year which are qualifying and winners go on to play in finals at other clubs. We had a very poor response to these when they were played on individual days midweek so it was decided to hold all foursomes competitions on a dedicated day which was agreed should be a Monday. Details of these competitions are on our Fixture List. The Mahee Brooches – a non ILGU foursomes have a separate date in July.

OPEN EVENTS

Mahee hosts three open events during the season and these are shown on the Fixture List. We would encourage as many members as possible to take part in these, and to invite friends from other clubs to enter.

Dates for Open Events in other clubs can be found in the Ladies Locker room and these are good events to play in as the cost is reasonable and players get to experience other courses.

ILGU INTER CLUB MATCHES

Mahee enter a number of competitions during the year and try to cover a range of handicaps so that everyone can have a chance to play on a team. It is a great way to improve your golf and to play with other people and other clubs. Usually we have the following teams:

THE CHALLENGE CUP – Handicaps ranging from 28 – 36

THE MINOR CUP - Handicaps ranging from 22 – 27

INTERMEDIATE CUP - Handicaps ranging from 16 – 21

JUNIOR FOURSOMES - Handicap minimum 15 (combined 35).Max combined 41.

NON ILGU INTERCLUB MATCHES

The Business League (which is for working ladies and matches are usually played at the weekend) - no handicap limit. The Friendly League with handicaps ranging from 20 to 36 – this was originally an 18 hole competition but was changed in 2017 to 9 holes (Clubs still have the option of playing 18 holes but the first 9 holes only count for competition). These two competitions are played between Golf Clubs in the North Down area.

ANNUAL OUTING

Each year the Ladies organise outings to other clubs usually within easy travelling distances. Open events are chosen for the Lady Captain's Day away. Venue is chosen by the Lady Captain.

ALTERNATE DAY PLAY

In line with ILGU recommendations, members who cannot play on a Monday either because of work commitments or playing in an away competition, can arrange to play on a Sunday. They must indicate a time on the sign-up sheet which suits them to play. The person doing the draw will enter them on the BRS booking system on computer to ensure that it does not clash with Society bookings or matches.

ALL IRELAND DAILY MIRROR SALVER

This trophy is not competed for annually but it was won by Mahee Golf Club – Ladies Section, and is in the Ladies Trophy Cabinet in the Club House.

In the 1980's the Daily Mirror Newspaper ran an All-Ireland Silver Salver competition and tokens were printed each day in the newspaper. Clubs were asked to send in copies of winning score cards which were under par, along with a token for each card submitted, and the club with the lowest aggregate net scores each month won a Silver Salver.

In 1982 the Mahee Ladies had the good fortune to win a Silver Salver in Section 2. Section 2 was for 9 hole golf courses. At the same time, in conjunction with this club competition they also awarded a Silver Salver to the person with the best net score in various handicap sections and one of our members, Marguerite McClements, who is a past Lady Captain and Past Lady President of Mahee won a Silver Salver in her section.

All interesting reading.

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Marie.

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