

Press Release: Ladies Club August 2025

Celebrating Success and Community at Oughterard Golf Club Ladies Club

The Ladies Club at Oughterard Golf Club has enjoyed the past few months, marked by vibrant competition, camaraderie, and the spirit of the game at its finest. The focus for the year has been promoting physical and mental wellness for all lady members through sport. From exhilarating competitions to charitable endeavours and social gatherings, the ladies club calendar has been a tapestry of meaningful moments for women golfers of all levels. This press release celebrates the dedication, achievements, and community spirit that have defined the club's recent events.

Spring Welcome – Drive In, Launching the Season with Flourish

Sat 29th March The club's year began with Captain Tony Lundon, Lady Captain Marguerite O' Donnell and President Catherine Hosty Drive in- two Shotgun Scrambles to start the annual calendar and welcome all to play on the lush fairways of Oughterard Golf Club. The event allowed members to connect over a meal provided by Emerald Bites Restaurant and Catering. Under gentle spring sunshine, teams navigated the course with enthusiasm, setting the tone for a season of inclusivity and support.

Charity Events- Golfing for a Cause

March saw the launch of a charity raffle to support Pieta House. Renvyle House Hotel & Resort kindly sponsored First prize, 1 night B&B and 1 dinner for 2 people, 2nd prize, A Print sponsored by Artist Grace Cunningham, Galway, 3rd Prize, a Hamper sponsored by Sullivans Country Grocer, Oughterard. The Ladies Club raised significant funds through raffle ticket sales, the draw took place at President Catherine's event on Sun 22^d June. Winner was member Peter Queeney.

The Club also entered the **'3T'S - TURN THE TIDE' against Suicide Qualifier Competition** held in June.

The winning lady Toni Regan & men's Tony Barbour will join Lady Captain Marguerite & Captain Tony to form a 4-person team to compete in one of the two finals to be held at The K Club or Mount Juliet in the autumn.

PLAY IN PINK for the National Breast Cancer Research Institute, took place on Saturday 28th, Sunday 29th June & Wednesday 2nd July and kindly sponsored by O'Connors Allcare Pharmacy, Moycullen. Format was 18 Hole 4 Ball Better Ball for ladies and 12 Hole single Stableford for men. Competition

was an Open on Wednesday. Prizes for BEST DRESSED IN PINK went to Geraldine Molloy, Oughterard and Alan Kenny, Moycullen.

Photograph : Play in Pink. Left to right: Una Russell, Angela Mannion, Sarah Withero, LC Marguerite O' Donnell, Geraldine Molloy (who brought the cowboy hat and Barbie hats for her team), Marion Coyne and Elma Gannon.



Lady Captain's Prize – Honouring Leadership

The Lady Captain's Prize, a prestigious event in any golf club, took centre stage on July 12th. The day began with a pick-up of Lady Captain Marguerite in a limousine with prosecco, before arriving at the clubhouse where committee breakfast took place. The golfing day concluded with an award dinner with prizegiving for members, guests, and family. Format was Stroke competition. The winner of the Lady Captain's Prize, Ann Marie Walsh from Moycullen, playing handicap 33 and net score 64, received a bespoke SEOIDIN Jewellery 9 CT gold necklace and bracelet symbolising achievement and the bonds of friendship that make the Ladies Club a welcoming home for all.

Photograph: lady Captain Marguerite presenting First Prize, a SEOIDIN JEWELLERY Gold Necklace to Ann Marie Walsh



Previously in May, Lady Captain Marguerite and women's club members enjoyed a weekend away in Mullingar Golf Club and Bloomfield House Hotel, Resort & Spa, Mullingar. An enjoyable golfing event playing 18 Hole Stableford in brilliant sunshine on a beautiful course. The ladies took to the floor dancing after dinner!

Photograph below of Lady Captain Marguerite O' Donnell with Women's Committee 2025 at Lady Captain's Day Celebrations 12th July. Left to right: Claire Moloney, Orla Malone, President Catherine Hosty, Lady Vice Captain Naoimh O' Dwyer, Anne Hayes, Elma Gannon, LC Marguerite O' Donnell, Deirdre Forde, Edwena O' Toole, Toni Regan, and Barbara Buckley.



Presidents Weekend June

President Catherine Hosty held a phenomenally successful weekend of golf June 20th to 22nd, blessed with brilliant sunshine and lush fairways. The weekend event included Men and Women's Club members, friends, guests, and family all participating. Format was a Stroke competition. Prizegiving with a beautiful display of prizes and the Presidents dinner provided by Emerald Bites Restaurant took place on Sunday 22nd June. Sinead Kyne, Oughterard was the lead winner with a playing handicap of 22 and net score 68.

Photograph below of President Catherine Hosty (right) presenting first prize and trophy to Sinead Kyne, Oughterard. Lady Captain Marguerite also in attendance.



Matchplay Magic – Championship Fever

The highlight of the competitive calendar is the ongoing Moira Higgins Perpetual Trophy and Plate competitions, the Ladies Matchplay Championship, running throughout June and culminating in Sept. Players demonstrated skill and perseverance, progressing through rounds that displayed the club's depth of talent. The events will celebrate with a trophy presentation at the ladies' dinner in October.

Interclub Competitions – Building Connections

Oughterard Golf Club Ladies Club participated in several interclub competitions, travelling to neighbouring clubs and hosting visiting teams for Matchplay events. This included Golf Ireland AIG Interclub competitions, the Mary Mc Kenna Trophy, Revive Active Connacht Women's Four-Ball, Flogas Irish Mixed Foursomes, Irish Mixed Four-Ball, Burren Cup, Carton Cup, Connacht Women's 9 Hole Challenge Trophy, Connacht Trophy and R&A 9 Hole Challenge. Oughterard Golf Club are also hosting the Burren Cup in 2025, and the final is in Oughterard on Sat. 4th October. These occasions foster friendships across county lines and provide opportunities for members to experience diverse playing conditions. The club's hospitality provided by Emerald Bites Restaurant was praised by guests, and the home team enjoyed learning from their peers, sharing techniques, and broadening their horizons.

Get Into Golf-Looking Ahead

The Ladies Club remains committed to enhancing the golf experience for women of all ages and abilities. A total of 23 girls registered for junior membership. There was 28 new members in the 3 Year Golf Ireland programme “New to Golf”, which recognises the importance of nurturing more women and girls in golf. The Ladies Club also organised mentoring sessions for Get into Golf members.

Photograph of Presentation of Certificates presented by Conor Devery, Golf Ireland Development & Club Support Office for Connacht to the ladies in the Get Into Golf Programme 2025 . President Catherine, Lady Captain Marguerite, and Deirdre Forde Convenor in attendance.



The club’s junior convenor collaborated closely with all juniors and endeavours to encourage girls to start the sport and participate in club activities, laying the foundation for lifelong engagement with golf.

AM AM Club Fundraiser

The annual club main fundraiser is being played August Mon. 11th to Sat. 16th. Entry fee for each team of 4 is €120 , format Stableford and visitors welcome. Over €2,000 in prizes.

Conclusion – The Heart of the Club

The year to date has demonstrated that Oughterard Golf Club Ladies Club is more than a place to play golf; it is a community where friendships flourish, achievements matter, and everyone is welcome. The club extends its gratitude to all the sponsors, who have contributed to a memorable season to date and members are encouraged to support local sponsors. As the days grow shorter and the season draws to a close, the Ladies Club looks forward to new challenges, shared celebrations, and the continued growth of the sport among women in Galway and beyond.

For further information or to get involved in upcoming events, please contact the Oughterard Golf Club office 091-552131.

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