**Rosslare Ladies Section Handicap Update and Handicap Update 16th November 2021**.

It’s hard to believe it’s only 12 months ago since I gave a presentation on the new WHS.

It was challenging at first to come to understand new terms such as Handicap Index, Course Handicap, and Playing Handicap, and knowing how different courses have different slopes applied.

The Burrow has slope of 103 and the 18 Hole course has a slope of 134.

By now we should be all familiar with these terms.

The WHS is designed such that fairness applies and you have a Handicap Index that reflects your ability whether you play competitions or general play casual golf. Your handicap index is an average and it won’t be significantly affected by one or two good or bad scores.

We have carried out analysis of this system over the last year and are pleased to report that it has settled in very well in Rosslare.   There has been a good distribution of prizes among members and among different handicap categories.  Scores in general are within the range expected.

There is more fairness for players who play the burrow as they get extra shots when they come to the 18. Eg for a lady who has 16 shots on the Burrow 9 hole, you might expect that they have 32 shots on 18 holes but in fact they have 41 shots on the 18-hole main course. The relatively new players who came up from the Burrow have settled in very well to the 18-hole course and are winning prizes.

By and large players are entering cards and using the digital app to do so.  This is really important, if you don’t enter cards for your home course there is no way of proving that your Handicap Index reflects, you’re playing ability and that you are complying with the rules of handicapping.

**Handicap Review**

At this time of year the Handicap committee review the handicaps.   We do this by analysing the results to identify members who have fluctuations in handicaps over the year outside the expected range.  We also look at competition, general play cards, and non qualifiers (fourball cards, match play and team events).

You can request to have your handicap reviewed giving your reasons.  The handicap committee can make changes and even increase your handicap by several shots if it is justified.  If you want to make a submission please let a member of the handicap committee know by next Tuesday 23rd November.

If the Handicap committee decide to change your Handicap Index as part of the review we will let you know in advance.

One thing you may not be fully aware of and I want to remind you of is that if you play casual golf you should return a general play card once the course is set up for acceptable scores.

This can be done on the digital card app via Club net.  To enter a general score you must first sign in on the app before you go out to play and then enter your score when you return to the club. Please return you physical card to your club.

The handicap committee requires any Home member who plays regular casual golf to return their score cards under general play in order to maintain a Handicap Index. This is required such that your handicap index truly reflects your playing ability as per the rules of handicapping. This is particularly important in the period when qualifying competitions are taking place during spring, summer and autumn.

Also please enter and return cards to Rosslare for any society rounds and any rounds played abroad.

**So in summary**

The WHS is working really well for the Ladies Section in Rosslare and please remember

* To continue to enter your cards electronically.
* To enter general play cards if playing casual golf.
* To Let the handicap committee know if you would like us to consider a change to your handicap Index by Tuesday 23rd November.
* Text (087 238 7492 or drop in a note to the competitions room.

We are here to help, please ask if you are not sure about anything.

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