

Newlands Ladies Win All Ireland Mary McKenna Diamond Trophy Tournament

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The ladies of Newlands Golf Club (Leinster) were victorious against County Sligo Golf Club (Connaught) in the all-Ireland final of the Mary McKenna Diamond Trophy Tournament which was played at Woodenbridge Golf Course in Wicklow today Sunday 8th with Newlands winning 3 matches and halving two matches. In addition, the third-place playoff resulted in a win for Tralee (Munster) over Malone Golf Club (Ulster) . A fantastic weekend of competitive golf which saw many close matches ending on 18th and 19th, holes. Mary McKenna attended the matches all weekend and all the ladies were thrilled and honoured to be in her company. The finale of the event was a gala dinner where Woodenbridge Golf Club hosted all four teams, attended by Mary McKenna MBE and the sponsors Investec, Woodenbridge Hotel & Lodge & Cassidy Wines. The four teams celebrated having a lovely evening and many new friendships were forged over the weekend. Woodenbridge Golf Club would like to thank all the participants & sponsors for making the fifth Mary McKenna Diamond Trophy event such a success.

Newlands Golf Club (Leinster) winners of the 2019 Mary McKenna Diamond Trophy



County Sligo Golf Club (Connaught) Runners Up of the 2019 Mary McKenna Diamond Trophy



FINAL Winners Newlands (Leinster) 4 wins to County Sligo (Connaught) 1

Ann Hughes (8) Ger Simpson (27) Newlands (Half) vs Mary Confrey (14), Dolores Barrett (22) Co. Sligo (Half)

Fionnula Crosskery (15, Loretta Keane (18) Newlands (Win 1 Up) vs LC Mary Durcan(16), Margaret Rhatigan (23) Co Sligo

Anne Craft (16) Marie Fitzgerald (24) Newlands (Win 3 & 2) vs Deirdre Connolly (14) Rosie Mullan (26) Co Sligo

Carol Kiely (13) LC Marie Harpur (20) Newlands (Called in 19th) vs Peggy Feely (17), Attracta McGetrick (21) Co. Sligo (Called in 19th)

Bernie Keppel (14), Helen Conway(19) Newlands (Win 6 & 5) vs Grainne Demmel (19), Rita Walsh (26) Co. Sligo

3rd Place Play-off : Tralee (Munster) 3 ½ to Malone (Ulster) 1 ½

Mary Savage (13) Barbara Reen (22) Tralee (Win 3 & 2) vs LC Gillian Browne (12) Jenny Taggart (27) Malone

Maria McGrath (19) Philomena Stack (23) Tralee (Win 2 up) vs Robin Howard (19) Liz Johnson (24) Malone

Joan Costello (20) Noran Shanahan (26) Tralee vs Caroline Jones (16) Sheila McConnell (28) Win 2 & 1

Ber Walsh (16) Angela Deenihan (26) Tralee Half vs Hester Jackson (17) Olive Pelan (21) Malone Half

Monica O'Neill (21) Eleanor Dowd (23) Tralee Win 4 & 3 vs Rosie Kirk (18) Anne McCoubrey (20) Malone

The Mary McKenna Diamond Trophy tournament, which is in its fifth year, is an all-Ireland senior club championship for women over 60 years of age and it is run in a similar way to the successful JB Carr Diamond Trophy for men over 60. The tournament named after Mary McKenna MBE, Ireland's greatest female golfer, was run over six months to Provincial level, with teams from the four provinces playing in the semi-finals and finals.

Ladies golf clubs from across Ireland were invited to participate in the Mary McKenna Diamond Trophy Tournament for 2019 and 83 teams played out their provinces between April and September 2019. The format for the tournament is Scotch Foursomes Matchplay with each participating club selecting ten lady members over the age of 60 years (playing off full handicap + courtesy shot to the away team). Prizes and sponsorship for the event have been generously provided by Investec, Woodenbridge Hotel & Lodge and Cassidy Wines.

Deirdre Healy- Byrne, Lady Captain of Woodenbridge Golf Club, commented "The members of Woodenbridge Golf Club are very proud to host this prestigious event in the golfing calendar. One of

the unique features of this competition is that it brings together golf clubs and ladies from all four corners of the country that might not ordinarily meet in a fun and very sociable golf tournament.”

“We were absolutely delighted with the response from all 32 counties this year and would like to thank Mary McKenna MBE who has kindly given her name to this prestigious tournament, which is growing steadily and is offering highly competitive golf for Ladies over 60 throughout the country.” added the Lady Captain.

Tralee Golf Club (Munster) 3rd Place in the 2019 Mary McKenna Diamond Trophy



Malone Golf Club (Ulster) 4th Place in the 2019 Mary McKenna Diamond Trophy

