

## **Penmaenmawr Golf Course Lady Captain, Mary Fallon McDonald**

I have loved golf for many years. I tried to take it up when I working but really didn't have the time. I joined Penmaenmawr Golf Club as a social member at first, but as I had to have a foot operation I was unable to take up golf.

In 2015 my husband & myself decided to enrol onto the New to Golf, our instructor was Kim Ellis. We had 6 weeks of on course instruction. Kim was very motivating & encouraging all the time.

When the course had finished we decided to take the offer of a special rate membership for the winter months.

Once the new session started we took up full membership.

In November 2016 I was approached by a past Lady Captain She asked if I would consider being Lady Vice Captain for 2017 which in turn would mean I would be Lady Captain in 2018.

I was very honoured to be asked but this was something I had never considered, I had only been a member just over a year. I was given time to think about it. In the end I felt it was a privilege to be asked, so I decided to say yes.

Being Vice Captain first is a very good way to see what goes on in the golf club and there is a lot that goes on behind the scenes that you don't know or see as a member.

My year as Captain started in March this year (2018). I am very lucky to be in a club that people are very supportive and there is a lot of supportive & experienced people to offer advice.

I started golf in 2015, only three years ago, so I am still very much a "newbie". It will be a while until I receive a trophy but I love every minute of it!

I think if I hadn't of done the New Golf scheme I don't believe this opportunity would have happened. The idea of meeting others who are learning just the same as you are really helps and when you join the club there will be other person just like you which helps you to settle in to the club.

