

THE BIG NEWS STORIES!

Chairman's Note:

We had our AGM on March 7th and, all in, it was a good evening with members updated on the main items of action in the last 12 months and those planned for the next few years.

Most disappointing, is that we continue to have no formal appointment of a Chairperson.

Thankfully, our finances are in good shape – especially after Covid – and combined with other controls has given us a launch-pad for the future of our club.

Our strategic plan was outlined and we are hopeful that we can progress this but that will depend on the outcome from an EGM in the months ahead.

Some pertinent questions were raised and the Management Committee will work diligently to make sure all matters are dealt with in the best interest of our members.

Joe

Can we get feedback from members on what is the best way to keep in touch with you? Email? Push notifications on the ClubNet app? Please give feedback to **Robert Murphy & Caolán Murphy**.

Dates for your Diary for the upcoming months:

- **Captain's Drive-In - March 13th, 8.45am Shotgun start – Singles s/f ! 1.15pm Shotgun start - 4-person scramble. Entertainment from 6pm – 8pm and presentation shortly after.**
- 'Irish Kidney Association - **29th April**, event organised by member Augustine Goss.
- Club Championship - (From 7 handicap down) This event is run over 2 consecutive Saturdays. **4th & 11th June.**
- Greenore Golf Club Classic – A three-day event which starts on **Friday 20th May** and finishes **Sunday 22nd May.**

Practice Area Improvements:

While much of the materials are now on site to progress this, focus of attention remains at the 1st Green, and now some repair work following the storms. Work should commence soon but we are trying to take a 'measure twice – cut once' approach so that we get this right first time in many respects. While we had hoped to have this in-play by March, it might well be Easter Weekend when we are ready to go live. We have been looking at a new wooden bay structure for 'indoor' bays also and this might be done soon or might form part of the bigger course project.. watch this space...

Kennedy Trophy: (Over 70's) Anyone interested in representing Greenore can you please add your name to the relevant sheet in the men's locker room OR contact Brian Murphy @ **0872560592**



Course development Update:

Course work that has been carried out in the last month and work due to be done in the coming weeks.

- 4th tee levelled
- 1st green is finished, all surrounds are sodded
- Access path on 12 covered back in following some storm damage and heavy vehicle damage.
- 18th path cleaned up
- 7th path cleaned up
- Work is starting on the putting green the sand mix for this was delayed

The Course Master plan is at an advanced stage with Ken Kearney and was formally announced at the AGM. We will be putting a team together over the next couple of weeks to have a good, in depth look at it and see what members think. The document and course design will be made available to members in the coming days by logging onto the members section on our website.

Richard Brennan



Captain's Column

Hi everyone, as promised we plan to keep these newsletters rolling in an attempt to keep our members up to date with club activities.

I've also decided that once a month – on a Saturday morning from 10am – I will be around the clubhouse / bar area to chat with any member who may want to link up on any issues / ideas / concerns. I'm calling it a "Captains Coffee Morning" because I like coffee !!! – and maybe there'll be another cup in the pot if you want to pop by for a chat!! Plan to do this on the 2nd Saturday of each month – next one on March 12th.

Look forward to seeing you at the Captain's Drive-in on **March 13th** Please don't laugh if I "knock-it-down" !!

Thank you to all members who cooperated on keeping buggies off the course for the last 3-4 weeks. Members are now free to use buggies again. This is conditional on it remaining dry & no degradation of the course. Please, if you are taking buggies out do remain careful & continue to respect the course.

Happy golfing!

Brendan

**Freddie Barter – our own
nonagenarian – celebrates 95th
Birthday**

Freddie, who celebrated his 95th Birthday on Wednesday January 19th 2022 is still as keen on golf as he was when he began playing with his late father, who played off scratch and had lessons from the great Harry Vardon, some 83 years ago. Freddie once played off three.

(The combined age of Freddie's regular Fourball is 328 Years – could this be some sort of record?)

Freddie joined Greenore Golf Club on March 13th 2009 having been lured on a 'free transfer' from Kilkeel Golf Club by his good friend and fellow nonagenarian – Mr Greenore himself, Eric Hynes. He loves the 'non fussy' and friendly atmosphere in the Club.

May we see many more years with this affable Gentleman.

Junior News:

We can announce are junior captains for the upcoming year as Matthew Giles, Boys Captain & Sarah Mallon, Girls Captain. We wish them the best of luck. **Junior & Guardian Competition:**

Once a month on a Sunday afternoon we are running a competition for Parents & Guardians to play with their kids. ALL WELCOME! The first one is scheduled for the 10th of April. You can find more information on dates of the junior section on our website. We have great junior golfers. Help us to help them.

Juniors now have their own section on our website now and we'd ask all parents with junior members to have a quick browse through this for all information. Any junior that won a prize between 2019 – 2021 can collect their voucher in the club. A list of winners went out via email on the 09/03/2022.



Picking ball out of hole with his 'Claw' putter after holing out from off the green for par (nett 1) on 7th hole, on his way to winning the money once again.



Freddie 'Puffing' out candles on his 95th Birthday Cake.



Resting on the Anchor on Hamil's Pier. Freddie presented the anchor to Greenore Golf Club as a symbol of bygone activities from this Pier.

Pro Shop:



New Callaway Rogue ST Woods in stock. Demo Clubs available, with several shaft options.



Full selection of Ping G425 Drivers, Fairway and Hybrid clubs now in stock. Demo clubs available. Ask about our members 'FREE' custom fitting.



Callaway have launched their new Chrome Soft ball for the 2022 season. It is Callaway's most advanced ball yet. They have an opening offer of 4 for 3 on all Dozen boxes.



NEW SPRING/ SUMMER CLOTHING ARRIVING THIS MARCH!

Incoming President, Michael Owen McGrath:

Captain Brendan, Lady Captain Rita, Committee and members, I want to thank president Paddy for asking me to be president and the Committee for accepting his nomination, Paddy has been a great president through difficult times and he will be a hard to follow, I hope I can carry the position on in Paddy's footsteps and make him proud that he made the right choice in asking me to be the president for the next 2 years.

The president position in the club is an ambassadorial one and has nothing to do with the day to day running of the club, I don't want to be in the position and not know what's going on the club, before accepting the nomination I had a meeting with captain Brendan to let him know it will be important for me to be kept in the loop, he was more than helpful. I intend to meet with Rita in the coming weeks to discuss my role with the ladies section also. I will finish off now by wishing captain Brendan and lady captain Rita and the Committee all the best for year ahead and all the members good golf and more important good health for 2022 .

Thank you all regards,

Michael Owen McGrath

Operations Manager:

I would like to thank all the members for their good wishes to me in my new role.

- # We plan some renovations for the clubhouse in the coming year.
- # We have music organized in the bar Sunday 13th from 6pm to 8pm and on St. Patrick's Day from 5pm to 7pm. Sean Conroy will entertain on both days.
- # An up-to-date safety statement is being put in place.
- # I am the contact for any H/S issues members may have and all reports will be logged and actioned.
- # We presently have 918 members in total.
- # We are promoting more societies and green fees to the club as they are a major part of our revenue stream and keep member's fees down.
- # We plan to run a 3-day club Classic this year on May 20th/21st/22.
- # Improvement to the buggy storage area is in the pipeline. We have ordered 3 new Buggies and are reconditioning some of our older ones.
- # We currently have 31 sponsors signed up for the current year. I would ask any member if they would like to sponsor or know someone who might like to be a sponsor to let me know.
- # We hope to implement some new features on the ClubNet app. **Can all members please switch their notifications on as Push notifications will be the future of contact from the club.**

Robert Murphy

Competitions

Secretary:

Members are kept informed and updated through our website regarding competition information. Everything you need to know will be posted and kept fresh on our website. Our full fixture list is posted on our website and updated immediately if any changes are to be made. Notable fixtures for the next few weeks are our Captain's Drive-in on Sunday March 13th with two shotgun starts, Singles at 08:45 and a 4 Person Scramble at 13:15. Scramble format will be an open draw. Our captain's Brendan and Rita will make their way to the first tee at 1pm to drive us into our 2022 season. Later in the week we have four days of Open Events scheduled for St Patrick's weekend, Sponsored by the Four Season's Hotel Carlingford. Thursday March 17th, Open Fourball, Friday 18th, Open Singles, Saturday 19th Open Singles & Sunday 20th Open Fourball. **All four days are FREE to members.**

Note: Our Sponsors and their details are promoted on the website and should be viewed and supported regularly by members as we are very grateful for their support. They are viewable at the bottom of this newsletter also.

Michael Murphy





A Note from our outgoing Lady President:

As I come to the end of my 2-year term as the last ladies president I reflect on how the 2 years have been dominated by a devastating worldwide pandemic that has affected us all. However, despite the fractured nature of the golf seasons in 2020 and 2021 I am delighted that we were able to play my president's prize in both years. Our ladies supported the competition in great numbers and enjoyed beautiful weather on both days. A sincere word of thanks to our Council. Ladies and Mens committees for all the hard work and effort in successfully navigating the club through these very difficult times. Also, thanks to you the members for your continuing support of our club. Finally, just to wish incoming President Michael Owen McGrath, Ladies Captain Rita Mulligan and Mens Captain Brendan Tumilty every success for 2022.

Anne McParland

Lady Captain:

Congratulations to all the winners of the Saturday and weekly competitions. Wishing all the members continued success in the months ahead.

Rita

Breffni Shield reminder:

Keep in mind a partner for our Breffni shield qualifier on **Sat 26th March**. The final will be staged in Mannan Castle on Monday 23rd May 2022. Format is Scotch Foursomes.

Lady's Result:

Sun 30th / Fri 4th – Midweek winner: Monica Mullen 26pts, Runner-Up: Anne McDonnell 23pts

Sat 5th – Winner: Ann O'Hagan 22pts

Sun 6th / Fri 11th – Midweek Winner: Alison Malone 25pts, Runner-Up: Fionnuala Gaffney 24pts

Sat 12th - Winner: Margaret Hanley 23pts

Sun 13th / Fri 18th – Midweek Winner: Marian Murnaghan 19pts

Sat 26th – Winner: Kay McCartan 23pts, Runner-Up: Jane Fegan 22pts

Sun 27th / Fri 4th – Midweek Winner: Marie McAnallen 23pts

Sat 5th – Winner: Fionnuala Gaffney 24pts, Runner-Up: Ann Connor 23pts

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