



Greenore Golf Club

Newsletter

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Chairperson's Column:

The key role of the Management Committee is to ensure that we have a strategic & operational plan in place for the current year and into the future.

As Chair this year I am endeavouring to get this operational with the support of my fellow Management Committee members. Linked to this we are in motion with ensuring we are compliant with best working practices in the workplace today. We are having 1:1 reviews with all our staff with a view to have clear and measurable job plans for them all. We aim to have this complete in the coming weeks.

In line with the directive from Golf Ireland to ensure we have a gender balance at Management level. I would ask lady members to please consider positions on the Management Committee. Today we are still seeking a member to take up the very important position of Honorary Treasurer. This position has not been filled. As outlined before the role of Treasurer is not as arduous as you may think now that we have the support of Robert Murphy our Operations Manager. Please reach out to me if you would like to know more about this role.

Lastly can I ask you all to familiarise yourself with our '**Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures**' document which is located in our secure **Members Area on our [website](#)**. It has been brought to the attention of the Management Committee that the Dress Code on the course is slipping and also some members not obeying rules on the driving range.

I hope you are all enjoying this lovely weather and are getting plenty of golf in.

Joe Molloy JNR, Chairperson of Management Committee

Greenore G.C Annual Litter Pick:

We intend to have a litter pick of the Golf Course in the leadup to our Annual Golf Classic. We want to present our course in the best light possible and we would be delighted if we could get members to volunteer and help on the evening of the **14th of June at 6.30pm**. It would be great if we had 3 or 4 members on each of the 18 holes which would help us get the job done more quickly. We intend to have some light refreshment in the Clubhouse afterwards as a small token of appreciation for your help. If you are interested, please give your name to any Management Committee, or sign up on the sheet attached to this notice in both locker room notice boards. Why not bring along one of your playing partners. The more the merrier.





Course development Update:

All bunkers are now open on the course and we would encourage members feedback on the work carried out. All the mounds are growing in nicely with the new grass.

Over the past 3 weeks Oisin has been rolling the greens at least once a week to help speed them up, growth has finally kicked in this was a big issue for our greens before the start of May. They were also sprayed with Iron to help with growth, this is why they have been a darker colour for the past week. They are now rolling well. In the next couple of weeks (depending on weather) Oisin will be giving them a final dusting of sand which should take them through until the end of the playing season.

All new 'Hole Cups' and "Flag Poles have been added this week, these poles are Javelin poles used on Links Courses due to the wind.

All rivers will be getting cleaned in the next couple of weeks.

Can I please ask all members to repair pitch marks, your own and at least one other on every green!

Please also use divot bags were possible and fill in divots. If you can check your Car Boot/Golf Bag as the divot bags are running low.

We will be running a Litter Pick/Divot evening very soon and it would be great to get as many members as possible to help for a couple of hours. Information on that to follow. *(See page 1 for more information)*

Martin O'Brien along with his 'Gardening Club' have done substantial work over the last few weeks. Flowers have been planted along the drive way into the club, hanging baskets have been hung along the front and sides of the clubhouse. The area behind the ladies 7th tee has been cleared out and this enhances the view of the bridge behind. Thanks Martin.

Greens Committee.





Operations Manager:

I hope all our members are enjoying the weather and the new course improvements. They certainly have changed the views of the mountains from the course.

- Our 7th annual Club Classic takes place on the weekend of 16th to 18th of June. I would ask members to support this event as it is a great opportunity to showcase our course to friends and visitors. The money raised for the event will be spent on the redevelopment of the 6th Green/Pond area. We also have sponsorship available for the event at a cost of €100. Contact myself at 0879881601 for bookings and if you are interested in sponsoring on the day.
- We still have availability for sponsorship in our calendar for the year. We have some good packages available to businesses. Get in touch.
- We have organised a litter pick for Wednesday the 14th of June to tidy the course up before the classic. If you are interested in volunteering to help, please contact myself or put your name on the sheets provided on the notice boards. Refreshments will be served in the bar afterwards. *(See page 1 for more information)*
- We had a recent audit from the Health and Safety Authority who focused in on our traffic management plan of the car park area. We have put a speed limit sign in place, and can I ask that all members and staff, **do not** park in any area that is not lined as a parking spot as you are causing an obstruction for vehicles and buggies getting past the areas and blocking our fire assembly point. You shouldn't be parked there anyway. If the car parking spaces are full, cars can park along the wall adjacent to the 18 green. This will be monitored over the coming months. Thank you for your co-operation in advance.
- I have obtained an energy grant for Sports Ireland for the rise in energy costs. This amounted to €8776.00.
- I have applied to have 2 electric car charging points installed in the car park. (Grants available) More than likely 2024 before they will be available.
- Can I please encourage all male members to participate in the “**Play in Pink**” day which takes place on Saturday the 3rd of June. Donations can be made to the charity on the day and there will be a prize for the best dressed Male and Female on the day.
- On Saturday 10th of June, we host the junior golf sixes at Greenore, it is a scramble event for younger golfers with 5 other clubs visiting on the day. We intend to have a shotgun start over the last 6 holes at 5pm so for 1 day only all players will start on the 13th and play the back 6 first and then the 1st 12 holes.
- The toilets on the course have been freshened up with some painting done.
- The dress code on the course still seems to be an issue. The dress code is available on the members area on our [website](#), please visit this area if you are not aware of our dress code.
- We hope to start golf lessons for people with disabilities as part of our inclusion programme that I have done some training on. If any members have anyone, they know may be interested please let me know.

Robert Murphy



Captains Column:

I hope you are all enjoying the long evenings and the improvement in the weather which was long overdue. I trust you are enjoying the improvements to the course and with the new bunkers bedding in I believe they are a fantastic addition to the course. It's fantastic to see so much activity around the club and the Interclub season has taken off in earnest. I'm thoroughly enjoying meeting and supporting our team captains and players along with welcoming the visiting team captains and players to the club.

There is a great buzz around the club at the moment and it is especially great to hear the positive feedback from visitors to the club. I recently had the pleasure of presenting my prize to the Ladies and I really enjoyed the experience and I'd like to thank the ladies for their support.

We have a lot to look forward to over the coming weeks, just a few upcoming events to highlight;

- On Saturday 3rd June, the Ladies have their annual 'Play in Pink' charity fundraiser for Breast Cancer research. I'm appealing to all our male members to support this fundraiser for a very worthy cause and let's see plenty of pink on the day and I believe there are prizes for Best Dressed Male and Female! So let's make this a fun and enjoyable event and best of luck to the ladies with this fundraiser.
- On Saturday 10th we host the Golf 6s which is a competition for our U-13s so looking forward to welcoming the parents and juveniles along with the visiting clubs on the day.
- On Friday 16th-Sunday 18th June we hold our Annual Golf Classic and this year all funds raised will go towards the redevelopment of the 6th green. We still have openings for teams and tee sponsors and we also require volunteers to help us make the event a success so please contact Robert Murphy as soon as possible.
- We will be holding a Litter pick/Divot filling evening soon and will be requesting support from our members with a get-together to follow in the clubhouse on the night, more details to follow.

Just a reminder to members and something that has been brought to my attention recently; please adhere to our **dress code** on the course, **repair your pitchmarks and replace your divots**. All members should bring a divot bag on the course with them to replace their divots.

Enjoy your golf; bring your family, friends, and visitors to the club to enjoy our facilities in our beautiful location and I look forward to meeting with more of you over the summer.

Paul Rogan



Teams: Pictured above is the home players who represented Greenore in the winning Jimmy Bruen team against Skerries G.C.

Well Done to all captains and players who have represented Greenore to date.

Keep up to date on the Greenore website with ALL inter-club fixtures and results.

Juniors:

The U13 Golf6's Louth/Meath league' next fixture is scheduled for Greenore Golf Club on Sunday 10th June at 5pm. The teams taking part are Greenore, Dundalk, Co. Louth, Laytown & Bettystown, Ardee & Seapoint. This is the first year of this league and is a great way to introduce beginners to competitive golf and the young golfers really enjoy it. Each team consists of 6 players which must include 2 girls.

Our U15's will play away to Co. Louth in the North Leinster U15 Boys inter-club competition. The team will consist of 3 players and the matches are singles. The date of this fixture is being arranged at the moment taking into consideration that the junior Certificate examinations are starting soon.

Junior Convenor, Kieran Clarke





Lady Captains Column:

As we approach the end of May, and start to enjoy the first signs of Summer weather conditions, we can definitely say that our 2023 golfing season is well and truly underway.

It is very encouraging to see a busy timesheet for the last few Saturdays and also an increasing number of participants in the Thursday competitions. Well done ladies.

On Saturday 3rd June we have our annual “**Play in Pink**” day to fundraise for breast cancer research and I know I can rely on your generosity and support.

Remember this year we are including ‘nearest the pin’ & ‘longest drive’ competitions for both ladies & gents and of course the ever popular ‘best dressed’ competition. The presentation of prizes will follow in the clubhouse. Let’s see lots of pink on the day.

I want to thank both ladies and gents’ committees for their support in organising this competition for such a worthy cause. Congratulations to all the recent winners, runners-up and to those who have reduced their handicaps since the commencement of the qualifying competitions. Keep up this great golf.

Ladies, I know we are all incredibly proud of our wonderful golfing facilities and recent improvements, both on and off the course and to that end, I am appealing for you to support our 7th Annual Golf Classic, which will take place from the 16th – 18th June, to raise funds for the redevelopment of our signature 6th Green.

The ladies would like to sincerely thank Captain Paul, for his beautiful prizes presented on May 13th last. A fantastic day was had by all with Jane Fegan emerging as clear winner with an excellent score of 71 net. Runner-up was Joyce O’Hara with 76 net and Clodagh McCarthy 3rd with 77 net. Gross winner was Seána Mc Guinness with a gross score of 87. The 9 hole winner was Ann Connor. Congratulations ladies.

Congratulations to Seána Mc Guinness, who competed and qualified for the final round, at the Irish Women’s Amateur event held at Woodbrook Golf Club last weekend. Well done, Seána.

Congratulations to the Breffni Shield qualifiers Laura Mc Sorley, Ann O Hagan Kay & Ailish Mc Cartan who represented Greenore in Ashbourne on Monday 22nd May. They had a very enjoyable day and played some excellent golf. Well done ladies.

Siobhan Byrne



Ladies Teams:

I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the commitment and dedication of our Team Captains and Team members in both ladies and gents sections of the club.

Unfortunately, the Revive Active and the Minor Cup teams missed out on progressing to the next round of the events but nonetheless provided tough competition for their opposition. Well done to all.

Our ladies in the Challenge Cup defeated a very well prepared Royal Tara Team to progress into the next round. Well done to Team Captain, Anne Mc Donnell and her very talented panel. Best of luck in your upcoming matches.

Our North Leinster mixed team is busy practising for their next matches and I wish them and their Team Captains all the very best in their endeavours.

Hard Luck to our Irish Senior Mixed team who unfortunately got beat in the 2nd round to Ardee. Well done to captains Jane Fegan and Keith Carron as well as all players representing the club.

I encourage you all to come and show your support for our members who give of their time to represent our club in these interclub matches.



'Taste of Golf'

We have received an overwhelming response to our Taste of Golf this year, necessitating a second set of sessions throughout the Summer. Sincere thanks to Robert Giles for facilitating this programme and to Rita Mulligan for her coordination of the event. We would also like to thank our Lady vice-Captain Lisa and the team of volunteers who lead the fun scrambles as part of this very successful initiative.



'One From The Archives'



Here's one from the archives, This photo is from 1985 and it's Greenore's team who defeated Dundalk in the 1st round of the Smurfit Trophy. On the losing Dundalk side that day was Robert Murphy, our 'Operations Manager'.