

Chairperson's Column:

Following our AGM on the 13th of March our focus in the coming weeks is to review the key points made by members.

These range from green fee rates for 2023, toilets on the course, enhance health & safety which is a continuous task. We want to progress with quick wins as we start the golfing season. The other key objective for us now is to convince a member to become our Treasurer. While this is an important role please be assured that with the support of the office staff, Operations Manager and I as Chair you are not alone. Should any of you have any queries on this position please feel free to contact me directly on Chair@greenoregolfclub.com.

Joe Molloy, Chairperson,

REMINDER - Rakes in Bunkers:

Until further notice we are reiterating to all members that when finished raking a bunker that you leave the rake **away from the bunker edge**. This way the ball is unlikely to come to rest up against the rake causing for unfair lies in and around all bunkers. We advise that the rake is left on the **flat part of all bunkers**.

Can all golfers & green staff please make sure to follow this point of etiquette & best practice.



Above is an image of the new bunker on the first hole and where the rake should be.

Gardening Club:

We are starting our annual work this spring and we have good plans for the months ahead. We are still encouraging new members to join us, if your looking to put your name forward contact me, Martin O'Brien @ martinobrien57@gmail.com

We have plans to organise a 'Pick Up Litter' evening. We will inform you as we will be looking for volunteers to help out some evening in the coming weeks.

Martin O'Brien



Above is an image of the bank that was cleaned up on the way to the 8th tee box



Honorary Secretary's Note:

When I was approached last December and asked if I would consider the role of Honorary Secretary , I must say I had mixed feelings about it. Having served as Honorary Secretary from 1998 to 2002, I knew what taking on the role would entail. However, after some consideration I decided I wanted to get involved once again and join in the work that was being undertaken by the Management Committee to drive this great club forward.

In the short time since the AGM, I have seen at first hand the business-like way the Committee do their work. I will be the first to admit that the role has evolved since I did it over 20 years ago, but the aim and goals remain the same. Some of these are to improve the facilities for our members , be they on the course or in the clubhouse and make the experience of coming to play our magnificent course, a memorable one for visitors as well. We have for too long been called, " a hidden gem" so it's time to put Greenore Golf Club on the map and a place that golfers are eager to play. The ongoing course developments will improve the golfing experience and they have been spoken about in neighbouring golf clubs already with their members eager to come and see what we have done. Hopefully we can continue to improve our course in the future and leave a course that members can continue to enjoy and play for many years to come.

Finally, can I wish you all good health and good golf in 2023 and continue to enjoy the hospitality , facilities, and breath-taking views that we sometimes take for granted while playing our magnificent course which is the envy of so many others.

David Rafferty, Honorary Secretary

6 Hole Project:

Since the last Newsletter which was a few weeks into the 6 hole project the work is all but finished, DAR Golf are expected to be off site at the end of this week, 7th April. Can I remind all that the bunkers and the new surrounds (That are roped off) are currently GUR. We will notify when things are changing.

The new mounds have been seeded recently and it will be a few months when we notice any change on them.

Course development Update:

The bank as you walk across the bridge to the upper 8th tee box has been cleared and there are plans to plant fescue grass and wild flowers on the bank.

The piles of old whins on the 7th have been cleared.

The Greens committee going forward will be carrying out a review on the golf course, going hole by hole coming up with plans to improve each hole. This will be on-going from now until the end of the summer. This review will not be major changes just changes to tidy up certain areas on each hole.

**** Can everyone please remember to repair your pitchmarks and replace your divots. ****

Richard Brennan, Greens Convenor



Captains Drive-In:

Paul & Siobhan would like to thank everyone for their best wishes in their upcoming year as captains.

Leading up to the day the course was badly hit with torrential rain flooding portions of the course. Luckily and with a tremendous effort from our greenkeepers we had all but 1 hole open for the Drive-In. It all kicked off with a 'Gents Singles S/F' in the morning. It was won by Jamie Mulligan with an impressive score of 40 pts. Second: Padraig Kelly, 19pts. Third: Paul Mulligan, 39pts. Fourth: Padraic McParland, 38pts & Gross was won by Cian Dullaghan with a score of -4 par.

Later on that day the big moment came for the Captains to get their year officially started. Sun splitting the trees, a large crowd gathered around the first to witness the 4 Captains tee off. All luckily got off the tee with no major embarrassments. Girl's Junior Captain Sarah Mallon managed to hit her tee shot into the heart of the first green setting her team up with a great look to birdie the 1st (Which is rare for all golfers on the 1st).

For the first time ever the Drive-In was won by the Captains, Captain Paul, Lady Captain Siobhan & Junior Captains Matthew and Sarah with a score of 55.6. Second: Kevin Rogan, Brendain McGrath, Michael Murphy & Sean Loy 55.7. Third: Vice Captain Augustine Goss, Lady Vice Captain Lisa Crudden, Chairperson Joe Molloy & President Michael Owen McGrath 55.8.

Our 2023 Captains Driving off!





Captains Column:

The Captains' Drive In took place on Sunday last, if you remember we had to postpone the previous outing due to the death of Raymond Hanlon and our thoughts and prayers are with his parents James and Patricia and his wide circle of family and friends.

It was looking like we might have to postpone it for a second time due to the flooding on the course from the inclement weather and high tides but thankfully due to the hard work of Oisín and the greens staff and from the man above we had a beautiful day for the Drive In. Thank you to everyone for the messages of support, your cards and for your attendance on the day. I thoroughly enjoyed the day and was also grateful for the support of my family especially my brother Micheal who drove from Gravesend, Kent in the rain to be there.

I'm told that no Captains have previously won their Drive-In but in fairness we have the Juvenile Captains to thank for helping us to win with Siobhan and I happy to provide a supporting role! Best of luck to our Juvenile Boys Captain Matthew Lynch who competes in the Connacht Boys Championship in Ballinrobe, Mayo this weekend.

When I accepted the role as your Captain, I had many reasons not to accept it, but I wanted to give something back and help the club in any way I could. Now that the Drive-In is out of the way I am really excited about the season ahead and looking forward to working hard on your behalf. The club needs volunteers to run its affairs and it can be easier to say no and leave it to other people but please consider letting your names go forward to help run the club. We currently have a vacancy for Club Treasurer and any expressions of interest would be gratefully accepted.

A lot of work has been taking place in the background in readiness for the season ahead and I want to thank my Vice Captain Gussie Goss, my secretary John Daly and the Mens Committee for all their hard work, help and support in 2023 to date. In addition to the course works, we have been working on improving the appearance and aesthetics of the course which is a work in progress.

The course works are almost complete, the bunker surrounds have been sodded and please remember that these areas are GUR and you shouldn't play your ball from these areas while they are GUR.

Our Interclub team captains are busy preparing their teams for the season ahead and fixtures are being arranged at a hectic pace. I want to thank our Teams Convenor Paddy Lawless for all his help in supporting the teams with handicaps and regulations and Sean O'G Crudden has done a fantastic job in organising practice sessions for the Barton Cup and Jimmy Bruen teams every Friday since mid February and it has been building to the extent that there are circa 40 players down to play this Friday, which includes Senior Cup / Barton Shield teams. Please keep an eye out for communication on the fixtures as your support for the teams is appreciated.

Remember we have a Members Rate in our Pro Shop on clothing in club colours as follows:

- Greenore Golf Club Sweater (Green) €69 (previously €89)
- Greenore Golf Club Half Zip (Green) €60 (previously €70)
- Greenore Golf Club Polo Shirt (Yellow) €30 (previously €40)

Place your order with Robert soon to avoid disappointment.

I'm looking forward to meeting as many of you as I possibly can over the coming weeks and months to hear your views and get your feedback. Let's make 2023 a memorable golfing and social year here in Greenore Golf Club. I wish you all the good health to enjoy it.

Paul



Notes Regarding Competitions & Handicaps:

Your Handicap Index:

A handicap index is fully developed if you have 20 scores submitted from either competitions or general play.

When you have a fully developed handicap index, you are expected to return scores regularly if you play regularly. This is to maintain your handicap index to your current playing ability which is only fair to the rest of the membership if you play any form of competitive golf.

All member's handicaps are reviewed annually. Those who play in team events and are not returning qualifying singles scores regularly, justify a handicap review.

Responsibility of Player:

Attempt to make the best score possible at each hole. | Submit acceptable scores to provide reasonable evidence of their demonstrated ability. | Complete the round that you signed in for. | Certify the scores of fellow players (*It is good practice to record your own score on the card you are marking*).

Incomplete Rounds & Non-Return of Scorecards:

To register to play in a competition or for a general play score is an intent to complete the round. An incomplete round without an acceptable reason supported by your fellow players will incur a penalty score. Bad weather or a poor score are not acceptable reasons for quitting. If your marker is retiring, you should try to negotiate a marker from the group/s coming behind to complete your round.

Penalty Scores:

Failure to return a general play score will automatically incur a penalty score. Incomplete rounds in a singles competition or non-return of card will trigger the handicap committee to issue a penalty score.

General Play Scores:

You must register in the Pro-shop your intent to play a general play round for handicap purpose before teeing up. A paper scorecard **MUST ALWAYS** be returned (home & away scores) and your score must be entered into the system immediately after completing your round.

Returning scores to computer:

If you started a hole but did not record a score at it, enter a zero. **DO NOT** enter 'Hole not played'. If for some reason you did not complete your round and retired early, enter 'Hole not played' for those holes that you did not start. Be sure you fully complete the process before you leave the computer.

Competitions Tue/Thu:

The first time on the timesheet is 8:30 to coincide with the opening of the Pro-shop. Anyone wishing to enter the competition before 8:30 **MUST** have prior arrangement for each competition with the Pro-shop before teeing off, or their score is not eligible for the competition.

Competition Prizes Thu/Sat:

Prizes are limited to no more than a third of the competition income. 48 entries are required to include a gross prize.

Michael Murphy, Competition Secretary



Operations Manager:

The Greenore Golf Classic is scheduled for Friday 16th June to Sunday 18th June.

There won't be a 'Carlingford Lough Classic' this year.

Myself and Adam have done and passed a 'First Aid Responders Course'

The bar hours will be changing to 12pm – 9pm midweek and 11am – 9.30pm

The Lions Club (Kieran Clarke) have organised a satellite poker classic, See posters around the club for more information

Just a reminder that we have introduced a €1500 entrance fee for new members that come in from April the 1st.

Robert Murphy

Teams:

Below are all the confirmed fixtures for inter-club matches. All support is welcome.

Senior Irish Mixed – Sunday 14th May @15.00 against Baltray, 3 matches at home & 2 matches away.

Pierce Purcell – Saturday 15th April @15.20 against Seapoint, 2 matches at home & 3 matches away.

Junior Cup – Saturday 15th April @16.00 against Ardee, 2 matches at home & 3 matches away.

Provincial Towns – Sunday 7th May @16.10 against Baltray, 3 matches at home & 4 matches away.

Jimmy Bruen – Saturday 22nd April @15.30 against Dundalk, 2 matches at home & 3 matches away.

Patrick Lawless

Juniors:

The Golf 6's Louth/Meath League is a new competition that is taking place this summer. It is for U.13 boys and girls and 6 to a team including 2 girls. They play 6 holes frost 150 yards in scramble format. It is great way to involve young people to a competitive format. The clubs involved are Greenore, Dundalk, Ardee, Seapoint, Co. Louth and Laytown & Bettystown. It should be a very enjoyable experience for our youngsters.

I'm proud to select Matthew Lynch as the Boy's Junior Captain for this year and likewise Sarah Mallon as the Girl's Junior Captain for the year. Good Luck

Kieran Clarke

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Ladies News & Updates!

Competitions:

The category prizes during the Winter Season have proved to be very popular attracting large numbers participating in these competitions. Congratulations to all the winners of the Winter competitions and best of luck for the Golfing Season.

There has been a very positive reaction to the introduction of our Saturday 9 hole competition, which we hope will commence before Easter.

Please note: The Hunter Moore Cup has been rescheduled for Saturday 22nd April.

Teams:

The ladies committee wish to express our thanks to all the Team Captains, who have organised their team players at this stage and are preparing for the first Inter club competitions later this month.

We would like to acknowledge and express our sincere gratitude to our Club Professional, Robert who is providing complimentary lessons to the Team members - Let's keep practicing ladies!

And Best of Luck in the first matches of the season.

- Revive Active – 6th May @15.00 .
- Minor Cup – 29th April @15.20.
- Challenge Cup – TBC.

All support would be very welcome!

'Taste of Golf'

There has been an overwhelming response to the second season of 'Taste of Golf' which commences in May.

Great credit and thanks must go to Rita Mulligan who has coordinated the initiative and to Robert Giles for his continued support and enthusiasm with the programme.

Lady Captains Column:

Drive-in:

I wish to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to all who attended and/or participated in our Drive-in, sent messages, cards, gifts and good wishes - All gestures are very much appreciated and contributed to the overall atmosphere of the day.

Thank you to Robert Murphy, Robert Giles, Linda, Stephanie Michael & Breffni for their organisation of the day, the competition & presentation.

Great credit to Oisín & his staff for the wonderful condition of the course, following some very challenging weather conditions.

Refreshments were of the usual high standard and a very enjoyable social evening with music from Kevin Gallagher, Captain Paul's uncle.

Teams:

A big thank you and best of luck to all our Team Captains and their respective teams in the upcoming inter-club competitions.

I encourage you all to come to the matches and give your support to them all. Wishing you all good golf in the weeks and months ahead.

Le gach dea ghúí,
Siobhán