

Chairman's Note:

As Honorary Secretary & Interim Chairperson, myself and the Management Committee are very excited with the way the club is progressing. We are in the middle of compiling our Course & House plan; which once we have some more shape and costings produced we will be in touch with you all. Our plan is to host an **Information Night** in the coming weeks to bring you all up to speed.

As you all know, the passing of Jim Sheridan was a shock to us all. As I worked with Jim to create and pull together the new Management Structure back in 2019, I have his voice in my ear. While he has left us, his spirit and his structure strategies are still in my mind, and I will continue to think of these as we go through this year.

Golf Ireland recently launched their '**The 2022 Golf Ireland Club Handbook**' which provides updates on the rules, policies, and regulations for the successful administration of our club in 2022. A copy of this has been saved in our 'Members Area' on our website for you to review whenever suits.

Finally, Golf Ireland have suggested that we create a '**Sustainability Group**' to assist golf clubs and golf enterprises to present their golf courses and associated facilities to the highest standard possible while also aiming for a number of best practice standards.

Over the coming weeks we will be looking into this more and will be looking for volunteers to assist. A link to the brief can also be found in our Members Area located on our website.

Joseph Molloy

THE BIG NEWS STORIES!

Practice Area Improvements:

Outdoor matting strip has been laid by Oisín and his team and it looks really well.

The lower end of the range has been levelled using a lot of excess materials from the 1st green rebuild, and this too looks so much better. A lot of the gorse bush has also been removed. The grass has not yet 'grown in' in this newly sown area so we ask members AGAIN – please do not hit range balls so far that they enter this newly seeded area.. We cannot drive the ball collector across this area ! And we don't even want someone walking across same collecting balls by hand. It is surprising how many balls are being hit into this area – so please, again, refrain from doing so for another few weeks.

The driving bay structure we are planning is on hold for the moment – the costs for building same do not fit within our budget so we are back at the drawing board and seeking alternative quotes around same. If any member knows anyone who might be interest in building same, we'd be delighted to give it due consideration.



Course development Update:

4th tee – will be closed for a few weeks to let the grass recover. Tees will be up front in the winter tee.

1st hole now open and while the green is still a little slow – it is certainly taking shape and fit for play. It is great to hear so many positive comments coming back about this new hole.

Digger and levelling in behind the 8th was purely to get a high-level understanding around what the ground is like in there. Whether realistically, it is suitable for use at all. Pilot holes dug to assess water table etc feedback from this has been positive.

Ken Kearney and an irrigation specialist called this week to review our irrigation systems. Once we get the feedback on this we can then put a plan in place.

We will be putting a small group together to help with the sanding of divots on fairways and tee boxes. This will only be a few hours a month anyone interested please let us know.

Greens committee.



Captain's Column:

It's five months since I took office as Captain – and it's wonderful to see more activity around the club as we are now in 'summer mode' with long evenings and plenty of golf events happening on the course. Club competitions and opens right through each week and a pretty full diary of events all the time.

It's great to see out inter-club teams perform as this builds camaraderie around the club both on and off the course.

I write this on the evening of the presentation of our Club Classic – I should be in Greenore – but want to apologise to all those involved and in attendance as I've become a 'close contact' to Covid in the last 24 hours – and best to stay away. I'd hoped that we were finished with it.. Perhaps not just yet. I am hearing that the Classic was a great success and Robert Murphy in particular needs to be applauded for all the work he has done on this over the last few months. Well done Robert.

The coming few months will be busy as the golf season is in full flow. Here's to enjoyment, fun and success all round.

Brendan Tumilty

The Opening of our new 1st hole:

Our new 1st hole opened to members on Saturday 16th April. It is 198 Yards from the white marker to the middle of the green. Hugh D Murphy, Colin Finan, Eddie Maguire & Patrick Durnin were the first members to accept the challenge of the much improved first. Two Pars and two bogeys later the new first is open.

It didn't take too long for the first two to come, Kevin Gallagher's tee shot finished 8 feet away from the pin and he rolled it in for a birdie two. Later that day in the Mansfield Cup Antoinette Shields recorded the second two and the first lady to make a two, as she then went on to win the competition. These were the only people to record a birdie on the 1st. Maybe a coincidence but Kevin & Antoinette were Captains of the club in the same year, 2014. A nice story for the start of the new first.

Junior News:

Junior Boys Foursomes Vs Laytown & Bettystown took place on Sunday 29th, unfortunately we were knocked out. The team was Matthew Giles & Gavin Crudden at home and Matthew Lynch & Callum Giles away, the 4 boys put in a great effort and done themselves very proud.

Are Leinster U15's inter-club singles match Vs Ardee is in the process of being arranged. All U15's should be practicing and getting ready for this match ASAP.

Greenore members are asked to enrol on their children /grandchildren in the club Junior Section. Cost is €65 inclusive of insurance. U9's must be accompanied at all times while at the club. There will be Juvenile competitions on Wednesday morning throughout the summer, which begin on Wednesday 15th of June and on selected Sunday afternoons, see 'News' item (on the ClubNet app) titled 'Members' for more information.

Regular coaching is vital for young golfers, to develop & improve their game. Keith Shannon is doing substantial work regarding coaching for juniors and plans to extend group coaching through the busier summer months. I'd like to thank Keith for all of his work regarding this as of to date.

Juvenile Committee



Gardening Club Update:

Most of you will have noticed all the great work being done around our clubhouse by our 'gardening club'. Hanging baskets, cleared out flowerbeds, planted flowers along the entrance wall from the gate to the first parking spot, ivy pulled away from the outside staircase, power-hosing our roof and some of the car-park areas... all making the clubhouse area fresher and brighter. This is great work and most carried out by volunteers. Well done Martin and your team.



Operations Manager:

Our 6th Club Classic was a great success with over 100 teams playing. With a lot of club teams playing over the weekend, we were happy with the number of teams that played and I would like to thank all our members who entered teams over the weekend. I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped out over the weekend and especially our Classic Committee who worked hard to make it such a success. I would like to thank Greenore Port for their very generous sponsorship and all the 40 tee sponsors on the weekend. The classic will net €13k + profit which will be ring-fenced for course improvements.

We have had a good response to sponsorship this year but still have some availability if any member knows anyone who may be interested.

We have added Andrew Cunningham to our staff this week and wish him the best. Welcome to the team.

If any member has any health and safety issues around the club and clubhouse. Please contact me.

We brought in 3 new buggies recently, we now have 12 buggies to rent out to member & visitors.

Robert Murphy

Teams:

Tempting fate can be a bad thing, so perhaps best to not look too far ahead – but we have to congratulate all our teams and their captains and vice-captains for performances to date. Many of our teams have successfully negotiated round 1, and some round 2 of their respective competition. There are more events in the week of writing this newsletter so hopefully, by the time you get to read this, we'll have even more good news. Fingers crossed.

As a club, we are all proud to pull on the Green and Yellow colours that are unique to Greenore. It is so important that we continue to do this as team members and supporters. Seeing your fellow players and members in the Green and Yellow is a boost that unites us all. So please come out to support your friends and fellow members who fly the Greenore flag on behalf of us all.

For those involved in teams, thank you! Golf is a game played competitively but also fairly and always respects the matters of etiquette that fellow players and opposition deserve. We, at Greenore, have a great name and reputation for being a friendly club that exercises all the principles and traditions of golf in a manner that we are and can be proud of. Whether this be a shake of hands at the first tee, a respect for the rules and decisions within a match or afterwards in the restaurant where we all meet post-match to welcome our visitors or to be welcomed as visitors in clubs across our region and beyond. Yes, we are competitors and we want to win – but not at any cost. Our representatives have conducted themselves in this tradition this year again and this club is very proud of you all. Thank you. That aside.. Let's bring home a pennant this year – I'm sure we can find wall space for one or two pretty easily!

Below is a list of upcoming fixtures Confirmed:

- 2nd June – **Fred Perry** Vs Black Bush – 2 home / 3 away @15.40hrs
- 4th June - **Provincial Towns Cup** Vs Bellewstown - 4 home / 3 away @15:10hrs
- 5th June - **Pierce Purcell** Vs Ashbourne – 3 home / 2 away @17.00hrs
- 6th June – **Challenge Cup** Vs Howth – 2 home / 3 away @15.40hrs
- 12th June – **Jimmy Bruen** Vs Sutton – 3 home / 2 away @14.30hrs
- 12th June – **Senior Mixed** Vs Castleknock – 3 home / 2 away @15.20hrs
- 18th June – **Senior Cup** Vs Portmarnock – 2 home / 3 away @15.30hrs
- 19th June - **Barton Cup** Vs Rush – 2 home / 2 away @16.00hrs

Hole in One Club:

**Gerry Finn, 10th Hole
22/03/2022**

**Dermot O'Grady, 6th Hole
17/04/2022**

**Patricia Brennan, 6th Hole
05/05/2022**



Dates for your Diary for the upcoming months:

- Club Championship - (From 7 handicap down) This event is run over 2 consecutive Saturdays, **4th & 11th June.**

All club fixtures are on the website under the members tab



Sponsored Tuesday Series
From April 19th - Aug 30th

Play your way through our Tuesday Series & into our final in October. 8 Best scores aggregated over 20 available weeks. The leading 20 players qualify for the final.

Prizes
Leading Qualifier: €100
From the Final:
Wnr: €350.
2nd €250. 3rd €150. 4th: €100.

Open Gent's Singles Sf every Tuesday through the year
Booking: www.greenoregolfclub.com

'SYNC IT' Tuesday Series running from April 19th – August 30th.
See Image for more information on how it works and prizes.

Competition Epurse – REMINDER:

From Saturday 30th April for Ladies ONLY and Sunday 1st May for Men ONLY, a new system to book and pay for your golf will be going live.

To be able to book golf on a Saturday for ladies and a Sunday for men **you must have credit in your 'Golf Purse'** (Instructions on how to top up and check your balance can be found on posters around the club and on the 'News' section on the ClubNet app called "IMPORTANT NOTICE – Competition Epurse"). If your ePurse account does not have sufficient funds, you will **not** be able to book a tee time. When you arrive at the club, call to the pro shop to collect your score card and enter the 'twos' competition as you'd normally do.

Joe Molloy SNR, 90th Birthday

One of our long standing, Honorary members who is a past Captain and past President celebrated his 90th birthday in the club recently. **Joe Molloy SNR** still competitive and golfing had a great night with his family and fellow members.

The Management Committee on the behalf of our members presented a 125 flag as a gift to him. A great night was had by all.



Ladies Results:

Please find a full list of ladies results on the ClubNet app or on the website!

Image below is the prize winners from the 'Captain's Prize' (From Left to Right) - Captain Brendan, Runner Up: Anne Davey, third: Nora Gormley, Winner: Marie McAnallen, Gross: Kay McCartan, Lady Captain Rita



Lady Captain Rita:

Well done to Team Captain Anne Mc Donnell and team players on getting through the 1st round of the Challenge Cup v Forrest Little. Also Congratulations to Team Captain Margaret Hanley and team players on having a great win in the 1st round of the Revive Active Fourball again v Forrest Little. Congratulations to Ann Davey and her team of players on defeating Roganstown in the Minor Cup.

The recent Taste of Golf programme for ladies was a great success and hopefully will lead to an increase in membership. Thanks to Robert Giles PGA Professional, Vice-Captain Siobhan and all the volunteers.

Ladies Inter-Club Results & Fixtures:

Challenge Cup - Team Captain: Anne McDonnell

Thursday 19th May V Forrest Little

2 Home & 3 Away, Greenore won 4 to 1

Revive Active 4Ball - Team Captain: Margaret Hanley

Sunday 22nd May V Forrest Little

3 Away & 2 Home, Greenore won 3½ to 1½

Minor Cup – Team Captain: Ann Davey

Saturday 29th May V Roganstown

3 Home & 2 Away, Greenore won 3½ to 1½

6th Annual G.G.C Classic Sponsored By Greenore Port:

Secondary Sponsors:

Alltec Fibre, Ian Smyth, Michael Mallie, Fiona's Therapies/Breffni McCabe, Cooley Credit Union, Tom Duffy Trophies, Slieve Foy Tool & Die, Murduff Enterprises & Insulations Ltd, Declan Strain, Aidan Brennan Jewellers, Brendan Begley, Value Centre Dundalk, Parkview provisions Newry, Dundalk Credit Union, Goss Fly Screens, Perfect Food Solutions, Pat Keenan Coach Hire, Fishy Dishy Carlingford, Kevin McMahon, Kelleher Insurances, Crilly's Londis, AV Direct, Diageo, Fyffes, Liquidation Bathrooms, Glen Dimplex, James Clarke, Peninsula Kitchens, Donal O'Hagan, Seamus Murphy & Sons, Hanlon Transport, Duffy PVC, Daniel Mallon Funeral Directors, Drink Link Newry, Tommy McGuinness, Ciaran McGoey, Frank Brady, Jim Fegan, Oriel Office Supplies, Anonymous.

The classic was a success despite the weather on the Friday. We are very grateful to all our sponsors for their continued support of the club & thank all teams that played. Please support out sponsors!