

# Greenore Golf Club

Monthly Newsletter

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## Chairman's Note

This column should really be penned by Jim Sheridan our elected Chairman and so, a special mention goes out to Jim to wish him well in his treatment and road to recovery. We all miss you and look forward to seeing you back around the club again soon.

As Hon Sec and as 'stand-in' Chairman, I want to wish you all great golf in 2022. Already, we are seeing the easing of Covid restrictions. So hopefully we can now leave those difficult times behind and look forward to a healthier and busier year around Greenore Golf Club. Let's make this a good one and let's make up for the lost time of 2020 and 2021.

**Joe**

## Divot Bags

Divot bags are now available again. You can collect your one in the pro shop.

## THE BIG NEWS STORIES

### Practice Range Improvements Programme

Having received approval from the Management Committee, work has started on an upgrade of our Practice facilities. We are delighted to be progressing this as it was a highly ranked suggestion by members when surveyed a few years ago.

This is a 2-phase project and the initial phase will be the purchase of a new ball machine and washer, a new ball collector, and 3000 new range balls. We will also get some new yardage markers for the range.

In addition, we will have a new strip of approx 20m of new artificial grass fitted. This will allow for 7-8-9 players to practice at a time, while still leaving some grass area adjacent to same.

We hope to have this work completed for the official opening of the golf season in the coming months.

We are also looking to 'fence-in' or 'rope-in' the putting green once it is reinstated in the months ahead to give it a more 'golffy' appearance.

### Men Interclub Team Captains

- **Senior Cup:** Martin McGrath
- **Barton Shield:** Martin McGrath
- **Junior Cup:** Eamonn McCartan
- **Jimmy Bruen:** Keith Carron
- **Pierce Purcell:** Augustine Goss
- **Fred Perry:** Jim McKay
- **Barton Cup:** Sean og Crudden
- **Provincial Towns:** Ciaran Crawley
- **All-Ireland Fourball:** Larry Hughes
- **Irish Mixed Foursomes:** Frank Mullen

## **Course Development update**

The 1st Green is coming on very well, the surrounds have been laid and we are just waiting on the materials for the bunker to arrive. We are on track for Easter Weekend Opening.

The work with Ken Kearney and the Masterplan is ongoing and we will have a clearer picture in next month's report.

Other work to be carried out around the course next month.

- Fairways sanded in places.
- Some tee boxes sanded.
- 3 tee boxes are going to be re-laid/ levelled.
- Whin bushes at the back of the 13<sup>th</sup> green will be cleaned up.
- The bottom of the practice ground will be levelled off.
- The path at the back of the 17<sup>th</sup> green will be tidied up.
- Steps up to the 4<sup>th</sup> tee will be fixed.
- Works will start on the putting green.



## **Captain's Column**

I'm delighted to be Captain of the men's club for 2022 and I will represent you all as best I can.

I hope you find this new newsletter useful and informative. It is important that we keep our members informed of all developments when we can.

Thanks in advance to all the officers and volunteers for all the help in the year ahead... there is a lot of work going on behind the scenes already to organise teams, our course, practice range etc.

Maybe this year will see us excel at an inter club level – maybe this year we'll bring home one of those elusive pennants. Greenore Golf Club has such great pedigree – our time is near and let's give it our best shot!

Whatever happens – here's wishing you all great scores in 2022!

**Brendan**

## Junior News

2020 and 2021 were difficult years for junior golf at Greenore and at most other clubs. This year we hope to play catch up and get the juniors 'back on the map'. The junior committee has been discussing the way through 2022 and how junior golf can get greater profile in a covid free year. The Committee is already excited about the year ahead and are eager to get volunteers particularly through the summer months. Please help us with this volunteering by contacting Kieran Clarke or Eileen English. We have great junior golfers. Help us to help them.

**Kieran**

## Note from the 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 hope to have some events as restrictions have eased.
- Sky Tv is now back in the bar, and I ask members to support initiative to raise funds for Sky via the bonus ball lotto available at the bar.
- 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 are looking at promoting 5day membership more through social media etc.
- We presently have 908 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.
- Improvement to the buggy storage area is in the pipeline.
- We are building our sponsors for this 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**



## Ladies News

It's been decided to set up a Monthly Newsletter for club members.

### List of Officers & Committee 2022:

- **Lady Captain:** Rita Mulligan
- **Lady Vice Captain:** Siobhan Byrne
- **Lady Hon. Sec:** Ann Connor
- **Lady H'Cap Sec:** Kay McCartan

**Committee:** Fionnuala Gaffney, Lisa Crudden Stephanie Malone.

Sub. Committee Representatives:

- **Greens:** Celine Griffin
- **Membership:** Patricia Brennan
- **Junior Communication Officer:** Eileen English
- **Female Junior Convenor:** Lisa Crudden
- **Practice Range Committee:** Lady Capt. Rita Mulligan
- **Handicap Sec:** Kay McCartan
- **Sales & Marketing:** Catherine & Helena Mullins

## Lady Captains Update

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy and enjoyable year of golfing. Good luck and very best wishes.

**Rita**

## Breffni Shield

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

## Ladies Recent Results

Our Winter golf programme consists of a 12H SF competition running Midweek Sunday to Friday and our usual Saturday competition. Here is a list of recent winners:

- \*Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Jan - Winner: Lisa Crudden 24pts
- \*Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Jan - Winner: Catherine Woods 26 pts C/B, Runner-Up: Ines Moreno 26pts
- \*Sun 16<sup>th</sup>/ Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Jan – Midweek Winner: Siobhan O'Hagan 27pts
- \*Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan – Winner: Roisin Finn 24pts, Runner-Up: Carmel McCarthy 23pts
- \*Sun 23<sup>rd</sup>/ Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Jan – Midweek Winner: Marion Jordan 29pts, Runner-Up: Celine Griffin 28pts
- \*Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Jan – Winner: Ann O'Hagan 27pts, Runner-Up: Jane Fegan 25pts.

## Ladies Interclub team Captains

- **Minor Cup:** Ann Davey
- **Challenge Cup:** Anne McDonnell
- **Revive Active Fourball:** Margaret Hanley
- **Senior Mixed:** Rosemary Hanratty

