

Newsletter

Greenore G.C

22nd March 2024



Chairperson's Column

When asked to write my first column, it was always going to be easy to know what to say!

So this column, echoing the sentiment expressed at the AGM, must offer a huge thank you to Joe Molloy Jnr for all the great work in and on behalf of Greenore Golf Club - particularly in the transition to the new management structure around which the club now operates. So on behalf of the Management Committee and all our members ... Thank You Joe.

Joe, along with various other volunteers and committee members makes for a hard act to follow. But let's not be measured on or compared to our past. Let's work to the future. I know that the current Management Committee, with some new blood, Elizabeth, some renewed blood, John and a body of continuing stalwarts will endeavour to continue the good work at Greenore on behalf of all our members.

The recent AGM highlighted some work to be done and this will be harnessed with other details and actions already in our brief. We look forward to serving for you and with you in all aspects of good governance of our great club.

Finally, I hope our course will soon be back in full play and in pristine condition for the coming season. I wish you all a successful year in golf.

Chairperson, Brendan Tumilty

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Teams

If you are interested in representing Greenore Golf Club please add your name to the appropriate team sheet which are posted on the Gents/Ladies notice board. Please review criteria on sheets when adding your name.

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) **€65** (previously €75)
- Greenore Golf Club Polo Shirt (Yellow) **€30** (previously €40)

Place your order with Robert soon to avoid disappointment.

Paddy Lawless, Team Convenor

Captain's Column

We are delighted to represent you as Captains of Greenore Golf Club for 2024 and appreciate your good wishes and support.

As Captains, we are grateful for the support of the various Committees and the Management Committee who volunteer on our behalf. A special thanks to the committee of volunteers and the Operations team, in particular, the bar staff who managed the recent Bar and Foyer renovations. We now have a comfortable clubhouse which combines a new look while keeping our history and tradition in mind. We would ask you to please support the bar and restaurant in 2024.

We wish all of our Teams and Team Captains every success in representing the club this year and we encourage all our members to make themselves available to play on teams and more importantly to go and support our players.

Finally, we wish you all a healthy and happy golfing year and we look forward to seeing you at our **Drive-In on April 7th**.

Best wishes

Augustine and Lisa



Honorary Secretary's Column

It's hard to believe that we are gone past St Patrick's day and heading for the Easter holidays but as the saying goes , "time waits for no man".

We have just had an extremely successful AGM where the overwhelming feedback from our members was extremely positive.

The ongoing upgrade and redevelopment of the golf course has continued with an extensive clean-up of the area around the ladies 6th box and the embankment below the gents 7th tee. The new bunkers on the 6th and 7th holes will be sanded in the weeks leading up to the Captain's drive in on the 7th of April and hopefully we will get a spell of dry weather in the coming weeks to allow this work to be completed without any damage to the course. The new ladies tee box on the 6th is yet another addition to our course and badly needed.

The refurbishment of the entrance hall and bar is now complete and again the reaction from members has been extremely positive. A special word of thanks must go to our Captains Lisa and Gussy who have put a tremendous amount of time and effort into this project. They were ably assisted by Convenor Pat, bar staff and other members in bringing the refurbishment of the clubhouse to a successful conclusion and under budget.

Hopefully this summer we will see the benefits of the course redevelopment and in particular the new green complex on the 6th hole and the realigned 7th. We all want a course that we can be proud of and our members need to play a big role in achieving this. No one should leave the first tee without a divot bag and more importantly a pitch mark repairer. Bunkers should be raked properly and left in a condition that is the way each player would like to find it. I would ask all members to be mindful of taking care of the course and doing their part to ensure it is presented in the best possible condition for everyone.

My best wishes to our newly elected President Eamonn McCartan. I would like to wish our Captains Lisa and Gussy and vice Captains Liam and Stephanie all the best for the coming year and wish members and visitors alike, good golfing in 2024.

Honorary Secretary, David Rafferty



Juniors

The presentation to our junior prize-winners from 2023 which was held on March the 9th was very well attended and appreciated by the club. The junior captains Matthew Lynch and Sarah Mallon announced the prize winners as they came forward to be presented their prizes by our 2023 captains Paul Rogan and Siobhan Byrne.

Golfer of the year went to Tiarnan McCann who was presented with the Adrian Fegan trophy by Jane Fegan. The presentation ended with a few words from our captains Augustine Goss and Lisa Crudden.

Photos from the event can be viewed in the junior section on our website.

The juniors attending received some guidance on safety procedures on the driving range, which is an unsupervised area.

The junior committee is currently engaged with Robert Giles to get a junior coaching plan in operation as soon as possible.

We hope to get some form of competitive golf organised for a few Sunday evenings.

We are interacting with local clubs in a discussion to set up an interclub competition which will include all age groups, in an event similar to the Monarch Trophy in the past.

Golf Sixes (under 14s) have their first fixture in Ardee Saturday April 27th. Greenore will host the event on Saturday June 8th.

During the school holidays our men's weekly Open Tuesday stableford competition will have a sponsored prize for the leading Under 18 in the competition. Details will be published later.

The junior section on our website will be fully up to date with all relevant information.

Michael Murphy, Junior Convenor



Operations Manager

I would like to wish all our members a good golfing season ahead.

- Renovations in the bar area and foyer are now complete. I would like to thank the committee for all the work they put into the renovations and the members that helped with the reorganising of the photos etc.
- The Captains Drive-In will take place on Sunday 7th of April. Music in the bar afterwards by Paddy & Conal McIntyre.
- We should have 2 new electric charging points in the car park over the coming months.
- We presently have 1005 members.
- We plan to run a 3-day Club Classic this year, from Fri 14th June – Sun 16th June 2024. I hope as many members as possible can support the weekend.
- I am looking to promote sponsorship 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.
- I am the contact for any H/S issues any members may have, all reports will be logged and actioned.

Robert Murphy, Operations Manager



Course Update

Unfortunately the weather hasn't been on our side and it has meant some of the winter works we had planned can't be done at this time. We have however got a lot done,

- New drains on 16th (more to do once the ground hardens along with 15)
- New drains in front of the ladies 5th tee
- New drains on the 8th fairway
- New drain on the right of the 9th
- The men's 5th tee has been re-levelled, irrigated and new turf added.
- The new ladies 6th tee is nearly finished, it should be completed next week.
- The clearance of the bank at the 6th tee will be seeded in the coming weeks.
- A new men's 7th blue tee will also start next week.
- The new tee box distance marks will be installed over the next couple of weeks.
- The screed for the new bunkers on 6, 7 and 9 will be added next week. The bunkers all going well will be open for the Captains drive in.
- The 6th green looks fantastic and is knitting in great.

Overall Oisín and his staff have got a lot done in such poor weather. Hopefully in the coming weeks we can finish a few jobs and get the course ready for a good golfing season ahead.

Richard Brennan, Greens Convenor



Competitions

- The fixtures for the year will be published to the website next week hopefully. There may still be some adjustments afterwards. Unfortunately, at this point we cannot predict when qualifying golf will commence but obviously it will be as soon as possible.
- Our Open Tuesday Singles Series is kindly sponsored again by CUSKEN SYNCIT. We are very grateful to all our sponsors for their continued support and would encourage members to consider our sponsors when purchasing goods and services.
- The red tees now qualify as a measured course for men with a par of 68.
- Golf Ireland and the WHS are introducing some changes from April 1st.
- The course handicap tables posted at the first tee and the clubhouse will be updated to take in the new changes to course handicaps.
- There will be a notable change in your course handicap and you're playing handicap, all to technical to explain but thankfully the software is responsible for all the calculations. e.g. Based on our current course rating and slope rating a handicap index of 18.0 will produce a course handicap as follows:
 - **Men's white tees** CR/SR 72.5/129, $(18 \times 129 / 113) + (72.5 - 71) =$ course handicap of 22 (21 currently).
 - **Men's blue tees** CR/SR 73.4/132, $(18 \times 132 / 113) + (73.4 - 71) =$ course handicap of 23 (21 currently).
- It is now imperative that your scores are entered in the software correctly to show that if a hole was not finished out by entering a '0', and holes not played at all should be entered as 'Hole not played'.
- For handicap purposes, holes not played are calculated differently by the software from April 1st by entering an expected score instead of a nett par.
- 9-hole scores will also be calculated differently. Previously you received 17pts for the 9 holes not played to produce an 18-hole score for handicap purposes. The new change will fill in the 9 holes not played with an expected score based on the 9 holes you did play.
- Members should regularly check the noticeboard and the website for updated notices referring to all competition and handicap matters.

Greenore golf club requires all general play scores for handicap purposes, both home and away to be evidently pre-registered before beginning your round and a paper scorecard must be returned to Greenore or the score will not be accepted. A score pre-registered but not returned will incur a penalty score.

Michael Murphy, Competition Secretary

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 you're looking to put your name forward contact.

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Martin O'Brien



Membership

Please disregard this news item if you have already paid in full or set up a payment plan.

Your 2024 Subscription is due for payment. Payments: You can pay using the following methods:

- Online using Stripe via the GGC ClubNet app.
- By using cheque, credit or debit card payable at the Office.
- Pre agreed standing order. Those members paying by this method **MUST** ensure that their final payment is received **NO LATER** than the 31st of October 2024.

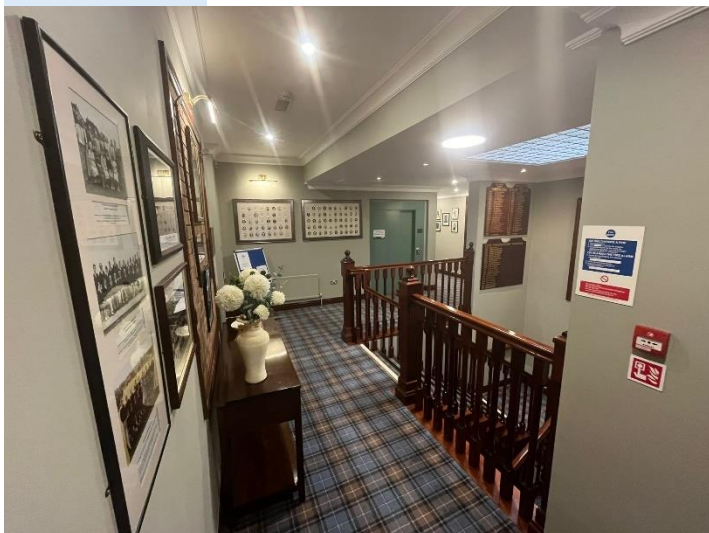
Members who are not paying by pre-agreed Standing Orders must make payment in full by 1st of March 2024.

Adhoc payments on your subscription will **NOT** be acceptable.

Greenore Golf Club accepts Shop Local Vouchers.

Members wishing to apply for Re-grades/Exemptions **MUST** have their application submitted by 28th of February 2024.

Management Committee



Bar Opening Hours

- Monday: 12pm – 7pm
- Tuesday: 12pm – 7pm
- Wednesday 12pm – 7pm
- Thursday 12pm – 7pm
- Friday 12pm – 7pm
- Saturday 11am – 9.30pm
- Sunday 11am – 9.30pm

These hours are at the discretion of the bar person.



Restaurant Opening Hours

This Weeks Opening Hours (Weather Depending)

Monday 18th March - 11am - 6pm
Tuesday 19th March - 12pm - 5.30pm
Wednesday 20th March - 12pm - 5.30pm
Thursday 21st March - 12pm - 5.30pm
Friday 22nd March - 12pm - 5pm
Saturday 23rd March - 10.30am - 7.30pm
Sunday 24th March - 10.30am - 7.30pm

Closing & Opening hours may vary, please call to avoid disappointment.
Booking is **ESSENTIAL** on the weekend.

Please find 'Restaurant Opening Hours' on the website under Course/Facilities. It is updated every Monday for the week ahead.




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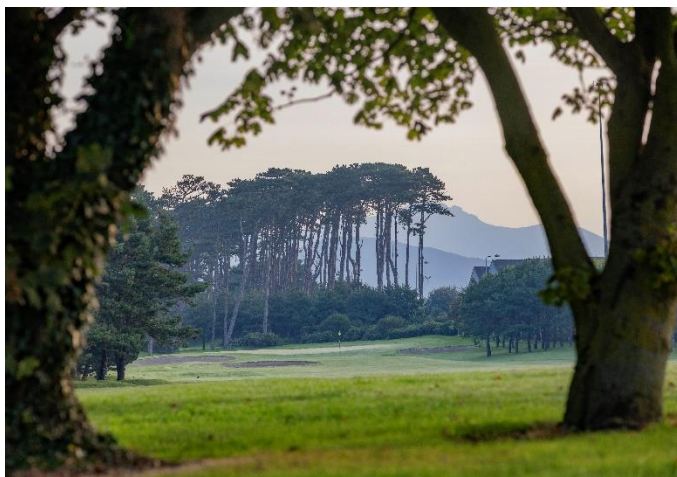
ClubNet Update (Timesheet)

Added a countdown timer to days not yet released.

Added auto refresh to release times, so when waiting for a competition to release you do not need to refresh the screen.

If a day is not released, you will be redirected back to today's date.

If your Epurse balance is below €10 it will show in bold text on the top of the timesheet.



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