

# Newsletter

**Greenore G.C**

21<sup>st</sup> June 2024



## Chairperson's Column

Welcome to Summer everyone! Our golf season is in full swing!

Since taking over from Joe, I've been quite busy in the background on many fronts. Nothing stands still!

I want to pay tribute to Linda who left the club recently after 24 years of committed service and did a great job. By extension, I want to wish Caolán every success in his new position as office manager. He has already slotted in very well and is learning fast. Best of luck Caolán.

Also on staff, James, our new barman has been an instant success and Alex, Roberts new assistant in the shop, is also settling in nicely after only 6 weeks. We have a new member on the greens staff, Shane Gallagher, for the summer and of course, helping to prepare our course for play is a number one objective for us all, so let's hope the extra hands help!

On the admin side, while there is much going on, the big-ticket item for us at the moment is the application for planning position by Greenore Port. While we wish them every success in their very substantial project, we are certainly reviewing their application and any impact on our Club.

As I write this, on Saturday morning, our Club Classic is in full swing. Thank you to Robert Murphy for all the work around this and to all our volunteers and supporters who continue to help to raise funds and make Greenore the great club that it is. Let's hope the event is a great success.

**Chairperson, Brendan Tumilty**

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## Teams

### Senior Men's Fourball (*Daniel Mallon*)

- Greenore Vs Laytown & Bettystown
- Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June
- Tee Time: 3.30pm
- 2 matches at home and 2 away

### Ladies Minor Foursomes (*Jane Fegan*)

- Greenore Vs Correstown
- Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June
- Tee Time: 4.15pm
- 2 matches at home and 2 away

### Challenge Trophy (*Maureen McCartan*)

- Greenore Vs Ardee
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June
- Tee time: 6pm
- All matches in Greenore (*9 Holes*)

### Senior Cup (*Martin McGrath*)

- Stroke Play Qualifying in Laytown & Bettystown
- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June.
- Greenore Tee Off: 2.10pm

### Barton Cup (*Sean Óg Crudden*)

- Greenore Vs Royal Tara
- Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July
- Tee Time: 3.30pm
- 2 matches at home and 3 away



## Captain's Column

As I reflect on the first half of the year, I am filled with gratitude and joy. I can't believe it has already been six months since I took on the role of captain. Your warm welcome, support, and active participation have made this period incredibly enjoyable and fulfilling. Thank you all for making my tenure so rewarding thus far.

I want to extend my best wishes to all the remaining teams in their upcoming matches. Play hard, stay focused, and enjoy the camaraderie that defines our club. Good luck to everyone competing; I am confident you will make us proud. Full support needed from all.

I am also delighted to report that our 8th Annual Golf Classic was a resounding success! This achievement was made possible by the dedication and hard work of Robert Murphy and his outstanding team of volunteers. Your tireless efforts in organizing and executing the event were truly remarkable, and on behalf of the entire club, I extend our deepest gratitude.



A heartfelt thank you goes out to our generous sponsors. Your support is invaluable and plays a crucial role in the success of our events. Lastly, to all the members who participated and made the weekend memorable, thank you for your enthusiasm and sportsmanship.

**Captain Augustine Goss**

## Honorary Secretary's Column

It's hard to believe that we are rapidly approaching the longest day of the year and as of yet, have not had any weather that might indicate that it's Summertime.

Our course however is in fantastic shape, and this is all down to Oisín and his hard-working staff. We recently had a successful litter pick and divot filling evening with the aim of presenting our course in the best possible light. We all have a responsibility as members to keep our course tidy and litter free and I ask you all to keep this in mind when playing.

Once again the number of favourable comments from visitors who played in our recent Club Golf Classic has been very encouraging. We have a fantastic product at our disposal and one that is the envy of many others. This is something that we should never take for granted.

I would like to thank our Operations Manager Robert for the tremendous efforts he put in to make the Classic the success that it was. To all those on the organising committee and those who helped in any way over the three days a sincere thank you. To our sponsors, without whom the event would not be possible, thank you for your continued support.

Finally. Congratulations to Captain Gussy, Lady Captain Lisa and Lady vice-Captain Stephanie on their recent victory in Dundalk and can I wish them good luck in the Final at the K Club in October.

**Honorary Secretary, David Rafferty**



## Lady Captain's Column

Following our successful Welcome Night for our newer Ladies at the start of the year and our follow on monthly Foursomes competitions, I am delighted to see some of our new ladies now playing in our weekly competitions.

We have a new Taste of Golf Programme for beginner ladies starting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July. This involves 4 weeks of golf lessons with our Club Professional and 2 on course fun scrambles with other Lady members. There are still a few places left and I can be contacted for further details.

A successful Play in Pink day took place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June. €1037 was raised for Breast Cancer Research. On behalf of myself and the Ladies Committee, we would really like to thank all our members for their support.

Thanks to all the ladies who played and helped out in any way over the recent Club Classic weekend. It was a great success, well done to the prize winners and to all in the Club involved with the organisation of this important fundraising event.

I would like to wish every success to the Ladies Minor Foursomes team playing Corrstown in their next round on Sunday, 23 of June and the Challenge Trophy team, playing Ardee on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of June. Commiserations to the other Ladies teams who proudly represented our club with a great sporting spirit. A special thanks to the team captains for all their hard work, I really appreciated your input.

Finally, dates for your diary. On Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> of June, we are looking forward to the President's Prize to the Ladies. We are busy planning for Lady Captain's Competition (Day 1: 27<sup>th</sup> July, Day 2: 3<sup>rd</sup> August) and the Presentation Dinner which will be held following the final day of the Competition on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August 2024.

**Lady Captain Lisa Crudden**

## Operations Manager

I hope all our members are enjoying the good golfing weather and the super condition the course is in at present. We are getting great praise from visitors and groups for the new work that has been done on the course. It is a credit to the greenkeepers for the course's condition.

Our 8<sup>th</sup> annual Golf Classic took place over the weekend with 123 teams playing over the 3 days. I would like to thank all members and visitors who entered teams, all sponsors that help us so much throughout the year (See 'Open Event Galleries' on the website for a full list of sponsors). I would also like to thank all the volunteers who helped over the weekend as without you the running of the classic wouldn't have gone so smoothly. Finally, I'd like to thank my son Conall for supplying the ice cream which went down a treat.

We recently purchased 2 good secondhand buggies. Our plan is to change them all over the next few years.

Open Week takes place from this Friday the 12th of July. We will have 1 presentation night on Saturday the 20th of July. Can all prize winners please try and attend, as it is embarrassing for the competition sponsors when no one shows up for the presentations.

Since our last newsletter we have lost and gained a members of staff. Linda retired at the end of May, and I would like to wish her a happy retirement and thank her for her hard work and years of service to the club. James Sharkey has joined the bar staff team and would like to welcome James to the team. Shane Gallagher has continued his summer work on the course as he did last year.

I would like to congratulate Caolán Murphy on his new role as Club Secretary and hope he has a long and successful career working at the club.

We are still looking at options to try and reduce our carbon footprint, we have engaged with both solar panel and EV charging companies to see what our option may be in the future. We also will have to look at replacing the heating boiler in the future.

We still have sponsorship opportunities available if any member wants to contact me for more details.

If any member has some good photographs of the course that you may have taken, can you pass them on to me and I can get them up on our social media platforms.

**Robert Murphy, Operations Manager**



## Course Update

Thankfully, since the previous newsletter, the weather has improved drastically and the course has benefited immensely because of this.

Here are a few highlights of the recent improvements:

- **Drainage Work:** The drains on the 8th hole have been filled in and covered with topsoil and seed, enhancing the overall course drainage system.
- **Greens Maintenance:** Early this week, the greens were pencil-tined to help with irrigation. A dusting of sand will be added to the greens early next week to further enhance their condition.
- **Tree Removal:** A few weeks ago, trees fell down behind the 17th tee box due to winds and soft ground. They were promptly removed shortly after.
- **Practice Area Update:** Two new mats have been added to the shed in the practice area, and more holes were added to the putting green for improved practice options.
- **Tee Box Inserts:** We are awaiting two new inserts for the tee boxes on the 6th and 11th holes due to an error in the initial order.
- **Mound Maintenance:** Some areas on the new mounds are thick and will be thinned out and scarified at the end of the season. As it is new grass, this is an ongoing process. The mound on the 7th and the area around the water have been seeded. This mound should be thin and wispy as there was no topsoil on it.
- **New Tee Boxes:**
- The new ladies' tee box on the 6th has been a great addition, beautifully defined by the wispy grass surrounding it. The new tee box on the 7th hole is coming along well and will hopefully be used before the end of the season.
- **General Maintenance:** Ongoing general maintenance continues to keep the course in top condition.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped out during our annual litter pick and divot fill before the golf classic. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

We look forward to seeing you out on the course, enjoying the beautiful conditions. Stay tuned for more updates and happy golfing!

**Richard Brennan, Greens Convenor**



## Juniors

The Golf Sixes junior event held in Greenore on June 8th was a day enjoyed by all participants and complimented by the visiting clubs. Greenore was amongst the higher scorers on the day, holding our runner-up position in the league after three events. The next event on July 21st will be held in Dundalk.

Other team events are planned for the summer.

Junior Coaching with Robert Giles is under way with two groups of eight just completed an hour session over four weeks. The next two groups will commence on Saturday June 22nd.

Weekly Wednesday competitions with a 9am (sharp) start time are under way in line with school closures. Our valued and appreciated volunteers will be required to assist in getting the juniors around the course with guidance, etiquette and building a knowledge of the rules of golf.

Junior Competition on Tuesdays: Our weekly Open Men's Tuesday Singles now incorporates a sponsored prize for juniors. It will run until August 27th. Maximum handicap index 30.0. Maximum age 17. Visiting juniors date of birth required.

Non-Competitive Junior's weekly competition: For juniors who have not upgraded to competitive junior status yet. A 12-hole handicap qualifying competition played off the red markers which can be played on the day of your choice as detailed on the noticeboard.

Juniors who do not have a qualifying handicap index yet, can return scores to obtain a handicap index, if the card is marked and signed by a player who has a handicap.

President's Prize to Non-Competitive Juniors; Sunday June 23rd: For Juniors who play 18-hole & 12-hole competitions and cannot play in adult competitions. The competition is a 12-hole competition played from the red markers.

**Michael Murphy, Junior Convenor**



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## Greenore Golf Club's 52nd Open Week

Fri 12th July	<b>4 Person Scramble</b>	Logix Aero Ireland
Sat 13th July	<b>Fourball</b> (Any Comb.)	Helix Innovation Partnerships
Sun 14th July	<b>G/L Singles Stableford</b>	John Long Plant Hire
Mon 15th July	<b>2 Person Team</b>	Golf sure
Tues 16th July	<b>Gent's Singles Stableford</b>	O'Callaghan Insurance
Wed 17th July	<b>2 Person Scramble</b>	Ready Mixed Concrete Irl Ltd
Thurs 18th July	<b>G/L Singles Stableford</b>	Altecfibre
Fri 19th July	<b>4 Person Team</b>	Diamond Shipping
Sat 20th July	<b>Fourball</b> (Any Comb.)	AJ Plumbing Supplies Newry
Sun 21st July	<b>G/L Singles Stableford</b>	Truform Laser Dies Ltd

**Timesheets Open Wed 26th June at 8pm**  
**Visitors €33 Members €10**

Prize winning visitor's club membership will be verified.



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### Bar Opening Hours

- Midweek: 11am – 10.30pm
- Weekend: 11am – 11pm

*These hours are at the discretion of the bar person.*

### Restaurant Opening Hours

Restaurant weekly hours are posted on the [website](#), under 'Course/Facilities'. It is updated every Monday morning for the week ahead. Call to avoid disappointment.



### Gardening Club:

Since our last newsletter, we've been hard at work enhancing the beauty and presentation of our beloved club. Our team of dedicated volunteers has made significant strides in several areas, contributing to the vibrant and welcoming atmosphere we all enjoy.

**Flower Planting Along the Port Wall:** One of the major highlights of our recent efforts is the planting of a variety of colourful flowers along the port wall as you enter the club. These beautiful blooms not only add a splash of colour but also create a warm and inviting entrance for our members and guests.

**Hanging Baskets:** In addition to the flowers, we've filled and hung charming hanging baskets around the perimeter of the clubhouse. These baskets are brimming with a mix of seasonal flowers, providing a continuous display of beauty throughout the year.

**Steam Cleaning:** To further enhance the overall look, we've steam cleaned the external stairs leading up to the bar and the surrounding areas, including the curbs. This thorough cleaning has given the clubhouse a fresh and pristine appearance, ensuring it remains a pleasant place for everyone to enjoy.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all our wonderful volunteers who have dedicated their time and effort to these projects. Your hard work not only keeps our clubhouse looking fantastic but also ensures the flowers are well-watered and thriving.

Would like to thank Pat Phillips who has recently fixed the boundary fence along the main road, he has also painted it (1km total)

Together, we continue to create a beautiful and welcoming environment for all to enjoy. Happy gardening!

*Martin O'Brien*

