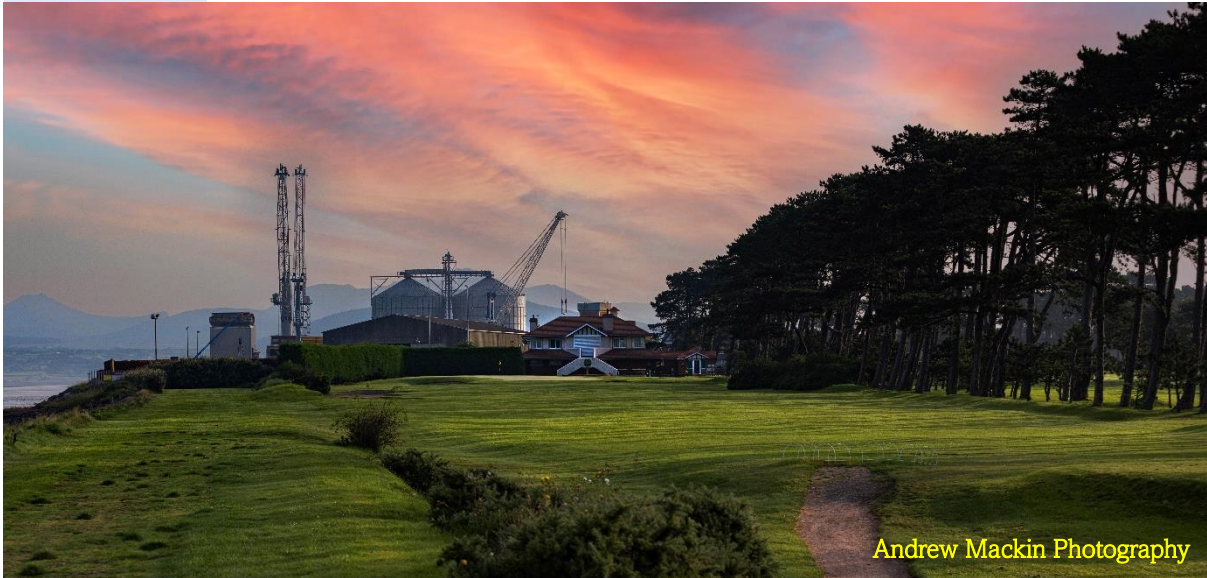


# Newsletter

**Greenore G.C**

13<sup>th</sup> September 2024



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## Notice of EGM of Men's Club

Please note that we are holding an EGM of the Men's Club next **Monday evening at 8pm** for the purpose of ratifying the new Vice-Captain, Mr Martin McGrath. No other nominations were proposed and therefore no vote is required, we anticipate a short meeting. However as per the Club Constitution we must have at least 30 full members present at the EGM in order to ratify Martin as Vice-Captain.

*John Daly, Secretary Men's Club*

## Bereavements

We of course saw the very sad passing of another historical, brilliant, character from Greenore this month. Honorary member Eric Hynes epitomized our Club. He knew so much and it's such a shame that his life and contribution ever had to be remembered in history rather than in the present. Other recent passings of past captains include Margaret Phillips, Odile Glynn, Peter Quinn, Eugene Begley and, while not captains, 97-year-old Freddie Barter and Henry McCrink also left our fairways for the last time. May they all Rest in Peace. Each could write a memoir, let alone get a mention in this newsletter.

*Chairman, Brendan Tumilty*

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## Chairman's Column

Last time I wrote a column I was welcoming in the summer. Where'd that go!! Unfortunately, not the summer weather that golfers wish for but nonetheless, the course and club have been busy throughout.

I want to thank Liam Power, who stood down a few months ago, for all his help and contribution while Vice Captain. We all respect Liam's decision and continue to wish him well as a member and golfer within our club. In the next week or so I know we have a Men's EGM where a new Vice Captain is to be proposed. I wish the men's committee good luck in this process and hopefully a new Vice will be in place when I return from holiday in late September.

Paula, our cleaner, left our club after 8 years, to pursue other dreams. I want to wish Paula well in her future and, in the same breath, I want to welcome our new cleaner Alma to our club.

Of course, in the last few months we've also had to manage the departure, on amicable terms, of our head professional Robert Giles. Robert, with us for 22 years, deserves a column of his own in this newsletter as there are so many stories over the last 22 years that celebrate our relationship together. I can't, in a short paragraph, say enough, but suffice to say a big thank you from me and from all our members over the years. An enduring legacy has been created during that time and Robert Giles will go down as a significant element in the history of our club. Thank you. We wish you every success in your new career direction. The Club continues to seek a new Head Professional and hope to be able to complete that process in the near future.

I want to say thank you to the green staff for presenting a course to us all summer that was applauded on so many occasions by so many. I personally don't remember so many plaudits. There is always more to do – so keep up the great work. Thanks guys.

It's been a busy few months to be honest and the commitment of our officers, our captains, convenors and the whole management team needs a big mention. The amount of work that goes on in the background without notice is huge. We strive to do this, and to get it right so that all our members can enjoy the facilities we have. Thank you all.

*Chairman, Brendan Tumilty*

### Bar Hours (September)

- Midweek:  
12pm – 8pm
- Weekend:  
11am – 10pm

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

*Updated: 09/09/2024*



**Our Professional for 22 years Robert Giles pictured with his family during his leaving party at the Club.**

## Lady Captain's Column

It is hard to believe that Summer is over and what a busy season we had. Our cups and trophy competitions are all complete, as is our Golfer of the Year. Our Thursday Series is also finished. It was a huge success and created excitement throughout the summer. This was a new feature in the Ladies section and thanks again to Andrew Mackin Photography for the generous sponsorship. Congratulations to all the winners and to our Golfer of the Year, Kay McCartan, a fantastic achievement. Heartfelt thanks and congratulations to all the teams who participated and played in the various interclub competitions, and we look forward to participating again next year.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Lady members and those ladies that joined our club following a successful Taste of Golf Programme which finished mid-August. Please don't hesitate to contact myself or any of the Ladies committee if you need further assistance.

**Lady Captain's Prize 2024:** I would like to sincerely thank everyone who made my two Captains' days such a memorable time. Your kind messages, cards, gifts, homemade bakes and fantastic support really made the event a huge success. I was very touched by it all. Your generosity was super, with a total of €571.20 raised for Turas, a local charity. Thank you all. A special thanks to the Ladies Committee who worked tirelessly to organise the finer details of this big event and I also wish to thank all the staff in Greenore Golf Club, the restaurant and the pro shop who ensured the event & presentation evening proceeded seamlessly. Congratulations, to all the prize winners.

**Finally, dates for your diary:** Our 18 hole Thursday Opens and Saturday competitions continue. We have sponsored competitions coming up, Gift and Art on Saturday 14th of September and Evergreen Care on Thursday 19th of September. Our Ladies Committee play in the annual Millenium Cup in Royal Tara on Monday 16th of September and Greenore Golf Club play Warrenpoint in the Hogg Trophy on 26th of September. We will move to our Winter Programme after the Cups and Trophy/White Elephant Presentation on Saturday 26th of October. More detail will follow on this in due course. In the meantime, I would encourage all our Lady members to come and play in our competitions.

*Captain, Lisa Crudden*



## Operations Manager

Greenore has had a productive year, even with less than ideal weather! 30,000 rounds of golf is an impressive number, showing that interest and participation remain strong despite any weather challenges. It's great to hear that the recent changes to the course have been well received, with positive feedback on the improvements. The efforts put into the upgrades are clearly paying off, contributing to the continued success and appeal of the course.

This time last year we submitted an application for a Sports Capital Grant which is due to be announced this month hopefully we will get some funds that will help to improve our practice facilities and help fund some future course works.

A reminder to all members: you can now start paying next year's subscription through the app or in the office. This is a great way to spread out the cost and make things easier when the renewal comes in January. If you're unsure how to top up via the app, just give the office a call and we'll be happy to assist!

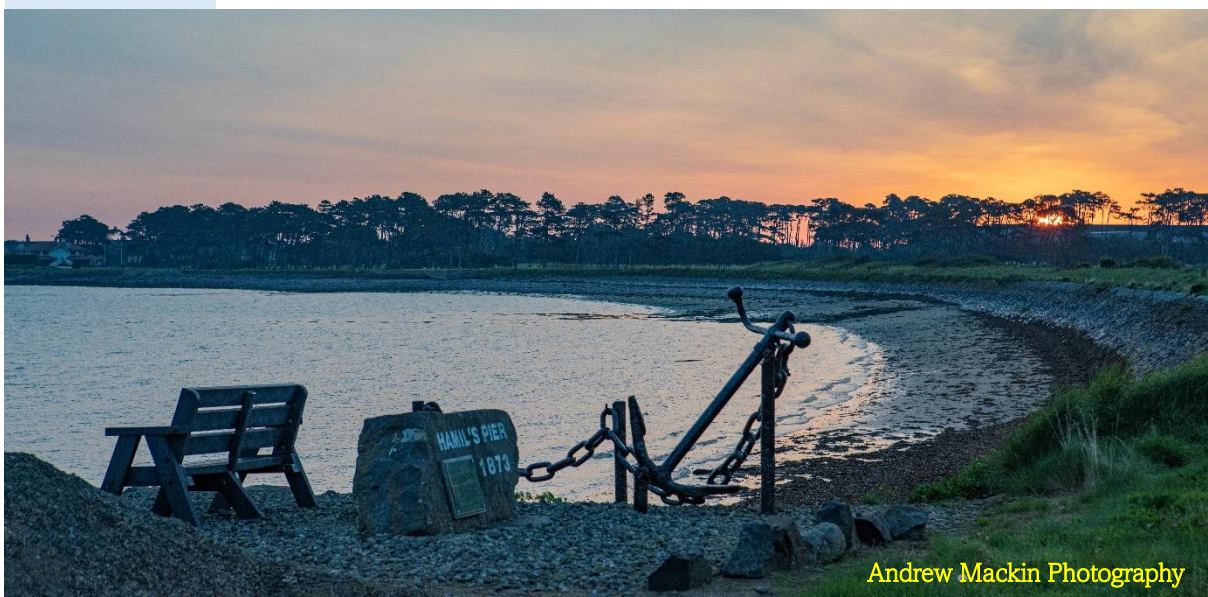
I would like to personally thank all the members and businesses that have generously sponsored events at Greenore this year. Your support is vital, and without it, we wouldn't be able to offer the quality prizes we do throughout the year. We are always on the lookout for new sponsors, so if you or someone you know is interested in supporting, please reach out to me or any committee member. We recently held a Sponsor Appreciation Day, which was a great success and a small way to express our gratitude for all the contributions. Your ongoing support truly makes a difference!

As we enter the final third of the year, I'd like to remind all members to use their bar and restaurant levy funds before the 31st of December 2024. Any unspent funds after this date will be retained by the club, so make sure to enjoy the facilities and use up your balance before the year ends!

It's fantastic to see so many juniors out on the course this summer. Juniors truly are the future of Greenore, and we hope they stay with us as members for many years to come. This year also marked the return of the Monarch Trophy for Juniors, after being absent since before COVID, which is great to see. A huge congratulations to our U13 team for winning the McCooey/Cassidy Trophy in a thrilling match against Co. Louth that went down to the final green. Our U15 team also made it to the final, though they were narrowly defeated by a strong Co. Louth side. The club's future is in great hands with these talented young golfers!

Lastly, I would like to kindly ask all members to refrain from using e-cigarettes in the bar, as it has become more of an issue recently. Your cooperation in keeping the bar a comfortable environment for everyone is greatly appreciated.

*Robert Murphy, Operations Manager*



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## Captain's Column

As we approach the 4th quarter of the year, which I find hard to believe, I want to take a moment to thank everyone, from our members to the staff and everyone in between, for making this year as Captain both enjoyable and memorable. Your support and involvement have been truly appreciated.

**Captain's Prize - Round 1:** The first round of the Captain's Prize took place on the 17th and 18th of August, where we were fortunate to have two perfect golfing days. The scores reflected the excellent conditions, with the top 30 after the two rounds posting scores between 62 and 70. For the first time in a while, even shooting 71 (your handicap) wasn't enough to secure a spot in the top 30.

Among the impressive performances was Cian Dullaghan's remarkable 65 gross, setting a new course record. His fantastic round featured 1 eagle, 6 birdies, 9 pars, and 2 bogeys. Congratulations to Cian on such an outstanding achievement!

**Captain's Prize - Final Round:** The second round proved much tougher with challenging conditions, and the scoring reflected that. A total of 254 players took part, and after a strong first-round score of 68 followed by a solid 70 in the second round, for a total of 138, Callum Giles emerged as the overall winner. I am both delighted and honoured to see Callum win my Captain's Prize.

Thank you to everyone who attended the presentation ceremony, and a special thanks to Clodagh Tumilty for her outstanding photography on the day.

**North Leinster Past Captains:** We also had the pleasure of hosting the North Leinster Past Captains this year, with 76 Past Captains playing on the day. Everyone I spoke to had high praise for the condition of the course and expressed great appreciation for the recent changes. It was wonderful to hear such positive feedback from experienced golfers.

**U13 Team Triumph:** Another highlight this year was watching our U13 team secure a nail-biting victory against Baltray at Dundalk Golf Club. These young players are a true credit to Greenore Golf Club, and I look forward to seeing their continued progress, along with the many other talented juniors coming through at the moment.

**End-of-Year Presentation:** We are in the process of organizing a date for the end-of-year presentation, and I want to personally emphasize how much it would mean to me, and everyone involved in organizing the competitions and presentation evening, if prize winners could attend. Your presence is greatly appreciated.

*Captain Augustine Goss*



**Winner: Callum Giles pictured for Captain Augustine collecting his prize!**

## Course Update

As we transition into the cooler months, the Greens Committee is pleased to provide an update on the condition and ongoing work on the course. The dedicated efforts of our grounds team are focused on keeping the course in excellent condition for all members and guests to enjoy throughout the season.

This Monday (9/9/24), our winter work on the greens commenced. Greens 1 and 18 were pole forked, while greens 2 through 17 were mini tined. We are pleased to report that these works are now complete, and it's just a matter of waiting for the greens to recover fully.

During our latest Greens Committee meeting, we laid out plans for the work to be carried out over the winter months. Our primary focus will be on improving drainage in key areas of the course, as last year's wet conditions heavily impacted play during the autumn and early spring periods. Addressing these drainage issues should result in better playability throughout the year.

Additionally, the new mounds will be cut down and scarified to enhance both their appearance and their playability, aligning them with the original design intentions.

Finally, we would like to remind all members of the importance of maintaining the course by repairing divots, raking bunkers, and fixing pitch marks. These small actions go a long way in preserving the quality of the course we all enjoy.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you on the course!

*Greens Convenor, Richard Brennan*



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## Gardening Committee

Another summer has come and gone—though some might wonder if it ever really began! Despite the unpredictable weather, the Gardening Club has been busier than ever over the past few months. Our dedicated team of volunteers has worked tirelessly, showing up daily to water and care for the flowers, ensuring the clubhouse and its surroundings remain beautiful and inviting.

While I won't name each volunteer individually, they know who they are, and I want to express my heartfelt thanks on behalf of all Greenore members. Your hard work and commitment are truly appreciated.

As we head into the quieter months, we look forward to the same level of help and enthusiasm from all volunteers next year, continuing to make Greenore Golf Club a beautiful and welcoming environment for everyone.

*Martin O'Brien*

## New Course Record

Cian Dullaghan's remarkable 65 gross, setting a new course record. His fantastic round featured 1 eagle, 6 birdies, 9 pars, and 2 bogeys. →

Competition: <b>Captain's Prize Rd 1B</b>							Date: 18/08/2024					
Course: Greenore (Full Course)							Handicap:	Index:	Course:	Playing:	Tees:	
Player A: <b>Cian Dullaghan</b>							+1.8	0	0		Blue	
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3	4	3	5	5	1		12	4	4	3	3	3
4	4	9	4	4	2		13	4	6	5	5	1
5	4	5	4	4	2		14	3	12	3	3	2
6	3	15	3	3	2		15	4	8	3	3	3
7	4	1	3	3	3		16	4	2	4	4	2
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9	4	17	3	3	3		18	4	10	4	4	2
<b>Out</b>			<b>33</b>	33	20 <sup>6</sup>		<b>In</b>			<b>32</b>	32	22
							<b>Out</b>			<b>33</b>	33	20
							<b>Total</b>			<b>65</b>	65	42

**65 + 0 = 65**



## Past Captains & Presidents Outing 2024

Wonderful photo of 36 past Captains and Past Presidents pictured with their Greenore blazers.

## Juniors

Firstly, it's a sincere club thank you to our Wednesday volunteers who gave up their Wednesday mornings to assist with our junior days through the summer.

We will hold a presentation night to present the prize-winning juniors in a few weeks.

It has been a busy year as the Monarch Trophy has been resurrected again after a four year absence. Five clubs playing foursomes Matchplay, consisting of three categories, U 18s, U15s and Under 13s, playing for points in a league to earn a place in the final.

Our under 18s lost out in the last leg but our Under15s and Under 13s made it through to the final, both teams playing Co Louth which was played in Dundalk on Sunday.

Our Under 13s were worthy winners having been six down earlier in the match, needed the last putt on the 18th to seal the win, which they did with great delight to a well-attended event with Greenore support and took the McCooey/Cassidy Trophy back to Greenore.

Team: Tom Crudden, Harry Clarke, Eoin Murphy & Danny Murchan.

The Louth/Meath Golf Sixes league has also finished with Greenore finishing fourth.

*Michael Murphy, Junior Convenor*



Winning Team: Danny Murchan, Tom Crudden, Eoin Murphy & Harry Clarke