

Newsletter

Greenore G.C
20th December 2024



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Incoming Lady Captain Stephanie Malone's Committee

- 🚩 Lady Captain – Stephanie Malone
- 🚩 Lady Vice-Captain – Róisín Finn
- 🚩 Lady Handicap Sec – Kay McCartan
- 🚩 Lady Honorary Sec – Elizabeth Donnelly
- 🚩 Committee Members – Alison Malone, Noreen Craven & Bronagh Daly

Below are two lady members serving on other subcommittees

Membership Committee – Bernadette Heaney
Greens Committee – Laura McSorley

Incoming Mens Captain Martin McGrath's Committee

- 🚩 Captain – Martin McGrath
- 🚩 Vice-Captain – Bernard Talt
- 🚩 Mens Secretary – Peter Grant
- 🚩 Competition/Handicap Secretary – Breffni McCabe
- 🚩 Greens Convenor – Richard Brennan
- 🚩 Teams Convenor – Patrick Lawless
- 🚩 P.R.O – Caolán Murphy
- 🚩 Committee Member – Robert Murphy

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Chairman's Column

In my last column I remember mentioning, with sadness, the passing of some Past Captains who had left a void in our club. Sadly, in the last week we have learned of the passing of another past Captain – Tony Eaton. Personally, I remember Tony very fondly from my earliest days in Greenore some 45 years ago. Now, Tony joins his good pals, Eric and Freddie on the heavenly fairways. RIP Tony.

Since that newsletter, we've also appointed our new Head Professional Zak Rouiller who started with us on October 29th. I think Zak has been made most welcome and I know he has settled in very well. I wish him the best of luck in his new venture with Greenore. It is very important that we all support our Pro !

Eugene Rafferty from our course staff also retired in October and when I spoke with him last, he was sitting with a cuppa and his feet up. Very well deserved Eugene ! I hope you have many happy years in retirement and thank you for all the great work you did around our course over the years.

While we initially got bad news about our application for the Sports Capital Grant, an appeal was lodged and, in recent weeks, got a much more favourable hearing, resulting in a substantial award that will enable us to continue with bunker and course improvements which we plan to progress between now and Easter. We are delighted to be able to continue this journey. A number of people, both inside and outside our club, helped to get this closed off in our favour so I want to say a particular thank you to all those involved.

Of course, as our year comes to a close, I want to say a big thank you to our men's and ladies' clubs and their respective captains, secretaries and all others who gave of their time throughout the year. I know some of you will be back in 2025, but for those whose term in office is concluded. Thank you ! I guess, of particular note, is the stepping back of our Men's Competition Secretary who, after 15 years' service has handed over the baton. So, to Michael Murphy – a huge thank you for all your work and support throughout the years.

I want to thank all our sponsors, contractors, staff, volunteers and all those in the background who's work and effort throughout 2024 has kept our club ticking over and improving every day. Thank you all.

May I conclude by wishing you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and a healthy, prosperous and successful 2025 both on and off the golf course.

Brendan Tumilty



Lady Captain's Column

As my year as Lady Captain 2024 comes to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members and staff of our Club for all their support throughout the year. It was very much appreciated.

It was a great honour and privilege to represent the Ladies section and the Club and I would encourage all the new Ladies we welcomed, to keep up the golf and to get involved in our Ladies section.

I wish incoming Lady Captain Stephanie, Captain Martin along with their Vice Captains Roisin and Benny, all the very best in the year ahead. Wishing you all, a very Happy Christmas and good golf in 2025. Best wishes

Lisa Crudden

Ladies Christmas Hampers

Our annual Christmas Hamper competition was held over 2 Saturdays in November/December due to course closures and bad weather, with the final round and presentation on the 14th of December.

It is a popular competition amongst our Ladies despite the winter playing conditions. Following the event, the Ladies were treated to the traditional, delicious mince pies from our catering team and hot port.

Congratulations to the overall winner, Antoinette Shields and to all who featured in the prizes. Sincere thanks to Elizabeth and Kay from the Ladies Committee for making up the fabulous prize Hampers.



Hogg Trophy

This competition is played annually between the Ladies teams from Warrenpoint and Greenore.

Hosted this year by the Warrenpoint Ladies, who were victorious on this occasion, despite all matches going to the 17th and 18th holes.

Congratulations to team Captain Róisín and her team.

Following the golf, the teams were treated to a beautiful meal in Warrenpoint Golf Club.

Operations Manager

As we wrap up another year, it's a great time to reflect on what has been a busy and productive season at Greenore. While the weather wasn't always on our side, the club has continued to thrive, and we've made significant progress across the board.

Financial Update: Revenue has increased across all departments, though we remain mindful of rising costs.

Pro Shop Changes: After 22 years of dedicated service, Robert Giles stepped down as Head Professional in August. We're delighted to welcome Zak Rouiller, who joined us in October. I encourage all members to support Zak and the Pro Shop. Alex has also begun his journey as a trainee golf professional, and we wish him every success.

Membership Subscriptions: Subscription invoices will be sent in early January. Payments can be made via the office or app, and "Shop Local" vouchers are accepted. For structured payment plans, please contact the office.

Bar and Food Levy: Any unspent bar and food levy balance will revert to the club at year-end. Please check your balance in the members' hub on the app.

Grants and Upgrades: We recently secured a €4,000 Power-Up Grant from Louth County Council and a €158,000 Sports Capital Grant to support our course upgrade plan. Additionally, two EV charging points are scheduled for installation in early 2025.

Course Updates: Buggies are still permitted on the course, weather permitting, but this may change based on conditions. Members with personal buggies must ensure their insurance details are up-to-date with the office.

A huge thank you to our sponsors for 2024, your support is vital to the success of our competitions. If you're interested in sponsoring a competition in 2025, please let me know.

I'd also like to thank Captain Augustine and Lady Captain Lisa for their incredible work this year and wish incoming Captains Martin and Stephanie all the best for 2025.

Finally, to our amazing staff, your hard work and dedication is deeply appreciated.

Wishing all our members a wonderful Christmas and a fantastic 2025 filled with great golf and lasting memories.

Robert Murphy



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Captain's Column

It's hard to believe that I'm writing my final column as Captain of Greenore Golf Club! Where has the year gone? Looking back, I feel it has been a positive year for our club, and I hope my contribution has made a meaningful impact. I've done my very best and am deeply grateful for your feedback, encouragement, and support. It has truly been an honour and a privilege to serve as your Captain in 2024. The experience has exceeded my expectations, leaving me with wonderful memories to cherish.

A highlight of my year was the Captain's Dinner on Saturday, November 16th. Thank you to everyone who joined us to make it such a special evening. The feedback has been fantastic, and I'm delighted it was so well received. A special thanks to the Ramblin String Band for providing such great entertainment—I'd highly recommend them!

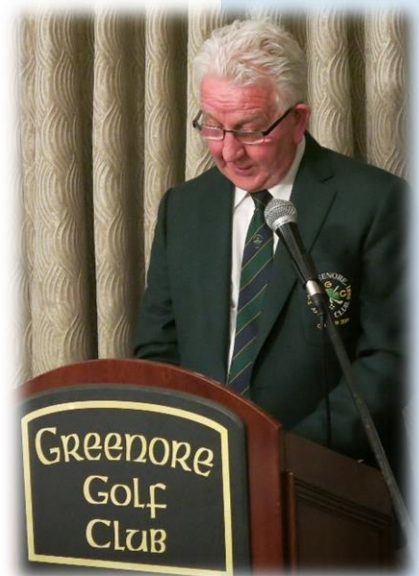
I would also like to express my heartfelt thanks to the Men's Committee, the Management Committee, and all our sponsors. A big thank-you as well to our Office staff, Bar staff, Greens staff, Catering staff, Pro Shop staff, and the many sub-committees who work tirelessly behind the scenes to keep the club running smoothly every single day.

I'd like to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to Lady Captain Lisa. Lisa, your unwavering support has been truly invaluable. I am deeply grateful for the time and effort you've devoted to our club and to me as Captain. Thank you for everything you've done, it's been an honour to work alongside you. I was extremely lucky to have such a fabulous lady like you by my side.

I extend my best wishes to the incoming Captain Martin, Lady Captain Stephanie and their Vice Captains, Roisin and Benny, for a successful and fulfilling year ahead.

Finally, I'd like to wish all our members and staff a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year!

Augustine Goss



Course Update

Over the past few weeks, significant progress has been made on course maintenance. Drainage work on the 16th and to the left of the 15th has been completed, which should greatly improve these areas moving forward. In the new year, we'll address the middle of the 11th fairway just beyond the mound.

Additionally, the back six fairways, along with the 12th and the area over the railway on the 4th, have all been sanded to tackle the ongoing issue of wormcasts. With certain chemicals no longer available, we are adopting alternative methods to manage worms. This is part of a long-term plan that will continue over the next few years. Sanding will be repeated in February, alongside overseeding these fairways.

The recent storm caused several trees to fall, but these will be removed by the end of the week. In their place, we plan to plant new pine trees this spring.

All greens have been mini-tined to improve aeration. However, some greens, the 1st, 6th, 18th, and the practice green are affected by a disease linked to their status as new greens and the damp weather we experienced in November. Oisín is actively working on these, and while they are improving, recovery will take time.

Work on the smaller wooden bridge on the 8th hole is ongoing, with the aim of reopening it in the new year.

Finally, there are several other tasks scheduled over the coming months to prepare the course for the upcoming golf season.

Richard Brennan



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Helix
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Pro Shop

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and perhaps more importantly express my gratitude for making me so welcome at Greenore GC.

I remember saying to my partner a few years ago that I would love to be the Pro at Greenore GC and live in the Cooley peninsula but I never thought my predecessor would leave before retirement age so didn't think it would ever be a possibility. So this is literally a dream come true for me and I am extremely proud to be the club professional at this great club. I look forward to making more friends and serving the members and guests for many, many years to come.

Greenore has a reputation for being a very friendly club and I have experienced this first hand and have received some cards and gifts which has been very touching.

A sincere thank you to everyone who has made some purchases already in the run up to Christmas I wasn't expecting such generous support.

A big thank you also to our Captain Guss our lady Captain Lisa and our President Eamonn and their committees for making my start in Greenore so seamless. Thank you also the club chairman Brendan and his management committee for their help and encouragement also. Thank you also to Robert and all the staff at Greenore and I look forward to working and representing this club well into the future.

Finally, if I can be of any help to you or if you need any last minute Christmas gifts you know where to find myself or Alex over the next few days. Keep an eye on social media posts and videos and I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Zak Rouiller



Membership

Members please note your bill for 2025 will be issued in early January.

Payments: You can pay using the following methods:

- Online using Stripe via the GGC ClubNet app.
- By using cash, cheque and credit or debit card at the Office.
- By using Greenore vouchers & or Shop Local Vouchers.
- Standing Order

The Deadline for payment in full is the 1st of March 2025 after which no Adhoc payments on your subscription will be acceptable.

Members paying with pre agreed MUST ensure that their final payment is received NO LATER than the 31st of October 2025

Martin O'Brien



We were delighted to attend the Golfers Guide to Ireland awards night at the wonderful Ballymascanlon Hotel & Golf Resort this week. Greenore Golf Club received the Leinster Hidden Gem award. Thanks to Paddy McCarthy for a great evening and for all you do for the golf industry. Also to Greg Allen (Sports and RTE presenter), Cormac Devlin TD and Des Smyth (Ryder Cup player and 2 times winning Vice Captain) for making it such an enjoyable evening. Thank you to our Greenkeeping team who keep the course in great condition. It's good to see the course getting recognition after the recent redevelopment.

Cormac Devlin TD and Paddy McCarthy present the trophy to President Eamonn McCartan and Operations Manager Robert Murphy.

Restaurant Christmas/New Years Opening Hours

- Mon 23rd Dec – **CLOSED**
- Tue 24th Dec – **CLOSED**
- Wed 25th Dec – **CLOSED**
- Thu 26th Dec – **CLOSED**
- Fri 27th Dec – 12pm – 5pm
- Sat 28th Dec – 10:30am – 6pm
- Sun 29th Dec – 10:30am – 6pm
- Mon 30th Dec – 12pm – 5pm
- Tue 31st Dec – 12pm – 5pm
- Wed 1st Jan – **CLOSED**
- Thu 2nd Jan – 12pm – 5pm
- Fri 3rd Jan – **CLOSED**

Normal hours will resume from here on. Closing & Opening hours may vary, please call to avoid disappointment. Booking is essential on Sunday.

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Bar Christmas/New Years Opening Hours

- Mon 23rd Dec – 12pm – 5:30pm
- Tue 24th Dec – 12pm – 4pm
- Wed 25th Dec – **CLOSED**
- Thu 26th Dec – 12pm – 6pm
- Fri 27th Dec – 12pm – 7pm
- Sat 28th Dec – 11am – 9pm
- Sun 29th Dec – 11am – 9pm
- Mon 30th Dec – 12pm – 7pm
- Tue 31st Dec – 12pm – 7pm
- Wed 1st Jan – 12pm – 6pm
- Thu 2nd Jan – 12pm – 5:30pm
- Fri 3rd Jan – 12pm – 5:30pm

Normal hours will resume from here on. The Bar may close in advance of advertised hours if there are no members present.

Adam



Juniors

Since our last newsletter, we had the pleasure of hosting our Juvenile Presentation Night, celebrating the achievements of our young golfers throughout the year. It was a fantastic evening, showcasing the hard work and dedication of these talented players.

Notable winners on the night included Tom Crudden, who received the Most Improved Golfer award, and Eoin Murphy, who was honoured as our Golfer of the Year. Well done to all our prize winners, you've made the club proud!

In other exciting news, we are delighted to share that three of our junior golfers, Harry Doyle, Eoin Murphy, and Tom Crudden have been selected for the Leinster Area Development Panel for 2025. This is a remarkable achievement and a testament to their commitment to the game. Congratulations, lads! We look forward to seeing your continued growth and success.

Overall, it has been an extremely positive year for the juvenile section. As a club, we are dedicated to fostering an environment where these young golfers can express themselves and thrive on the course. They are the future of Greenore Golf Club, and we are immensely proud to support them every step of the way.

Here's to another successful year ahead for our juveniles!

Michael Murphy

