



Greenore Golf Club

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Epurse Top-Up Reminder:

ClubNet have implemented a new feature that sends you an email reminding you when your Epurse balance falls below €10.

Booking golf any day during 'Open Week' will **NOT** come out of your Epurse balance.

Chairperson's Column:

As part of our planning process last year when we did a complete review of our buggies as you may recall. We need and want to keep them rolling over, i.e. upgrading, replacing a batch every 2 to 3 years to keep the fleet fresh. For all members to know we have 12 buggies at our disposal normally for rent to visitors and members. We purchased 3 new buggies last year. We previously purchased 3 second hand buggies in 2019, these are now being traded in for 2 x new ones. We will have 9 buggies operational for Open Week which is more than we had last year.

As we did not have a member standing in to become our Treasurer we had to appoint KMR as our 'virtual treasurer' for the remainder of the financial year. This designated person from within KMR will work with us to review finances and help us with our future planning. This will be commencing in July as we are half way through our financial year.

I hope members spread the word around about our Open Week, inviting guests to see our lovely golf course.

Enjoy all!

Joe Molloy JNR, Chairperson of Management Committee



Greenore Golf Club's 51st Open Week

Members €10
Visitors €28

Friday 7 th July	Open 4 Person Scramble	Aerlinks
Saturday 8 th July	Open Fourball (Any Combination)	AJ Plumbing Supplies LTD Newry
Sunday 9 th July	Open Singles S/F	John Long Plant Hire
Monday 10 th July	Open 2 Person Team	Daniel Mallon Funeral Directors
Tuesday 11 th July	Open Gents Singles S/F	O'Callaghan Insurance
Wednesday 12 th July	Open 2 Person Team	Ready Mixed Concrete IRL. LTD
Thursday 13 th July	Open Singles S/F	CPAC Modular
Friday 14 th July	Open 4 Person Team	Diamond Shipping
Saturday 15 th July	Open Fourball (Any Combination)	Golf 365 Newry
Sunday 16 th July	Open Singles S/F	Truform Laser Dies LTD



Captains Column:

The year is flying by! It's July already, we have our 51st Open week commencing on Friday and I'm really looking forward to meeting and playing with more of you during Open Week. Since our last newsletter, I've heard positive feedback from you and from visitors on the course and great credit is due to Richie, Oisin and the team for the condition of the course and the greens in particular.

Many of you have asked me how my year has gone so far, and I have to say I have thoroughly enjoyed the experience. I set out at the start of the year to do what I could to help make Greenore Golf Club a better place being open to your thoughts and feedback, and I have tried to do that to date and will continue to do so.

A large part of my time has been spent supporting our Inter-club teams and despite our best efforts we are left with just the Barton Shield and Newsam Cup teams for the Men and the Challenge Cup for the Ladies. The support for our teams from our members has been fantastic to date and let's continue to support these teams for the remainder of the season.

Our Club Classic was a great success netting circa €20K which will go towards the redevelopment of the 6th green. Thanks to our Operations Manager, Robert Murphy, along with his son Conall and the Classic committee for making this event such a success. We had a lot of visitors to our club over that weekend and great thanks is due to our bar staff and the catering staff for their hard work and their welcome which was much appreciated.

The feedback on the changes to the course from you and from visitors has been positive and this has encouraged us in the Management team to look at further improvements to the course this Winter, including the redevelopment of the 6th green.

We recently had a very successful litter pick and divot fill and I'd like to thank all of you for your support on the night. There's a great buzz around the club at the moment and a can do attitude, let's keep this positive momentum going. Let's continue to respect the dress code, repair our pitchmarks, fill our divots, rake our bunkers and respect each other and our course.

Here's to good golf and good weather during Open Week

Paul Rogan





Course Development Update:

Nothing major has happened since the previous newsletter, just the usual course maintenance.

The greens have been sprayed with seaweed and iron in the last couple of days.

Oisín will speed up the greens for 'Open Week'.

The new mounds on the 2nd hole were scarified & reseeded a few weeks ago. Since then we have noticed an improvement in the growth in these areas.

On order are new tee markers along with new sand boxes.

GUR Areas: Can I remind everyone that it is **compulsory** to **drop** out of these areas (***Not place***). You must take **full** relief.

Greens Committee.



Teams:

Barton Shield: Our Barton Shield team have advanced to the North Leinster Quarter-Final in a superb win over a strong Headford team. Baltray is our next opponent. We will keep you all updated on the ClubNet app when this fixture is arranged.

Ladies Challenge Cup: The ladies Challenge Cup team are preparing for a North Leinster Semi-Final after they took down Roganstown G.C in the Quarters. Stephanie Malone secured the win as she won her match on the 3rd extra play-off hole. The Semi-Final tie is arranged for Sunday 16th of July @16.00. The opponent is Corrstown G.C and we have 2 matches at home and 3 away.

Newsam Cup: The Newsam Cup team have their first game against Royal Tara. It is scheduled for Friday 14th of July @17.00.

Live Scoring will be available for ALL matches upcoming.

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 on the new work that has been done on the course. It is a credit to the greenkeepers on the condition of the course after all the dry weather.

We recently compiled a HR audit of all the staff's contracts etc. This is still work in progress and hopefully we will have new structures in place in the coming weeks.

We have ordered 2 new golf buggies and we are trading in 3 of our older ones which have been causing issues recently. Our plan is to change them all over the next few years.

Open Week takes place from this Friday the 7th of July. We will have 1 presentation night on Saturday the 15th of July. Can all prize winners please try and attend as it is embarrassing to the sponsors of the competitions when no one shows up for the presentations. We will have entertainment from Sean Conroy on the evening of the presentation.

We are looking at getting Obbi Golf Health and Safety app in place for our staff which will help streamline all aspects of health and safety within the club. There is a duty of care on the club to all our staff and members and I personally feel that this app will be of great benefit to the club.

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



Our 7th annual golf classic was a great success with 139 teams playing, 78 tee sponsors and the main sponsors Greenore Port allowing us to raise €20k towards the redevelopment of the 6th green. I personally would like to thank all the people that entered teams, sponsored tee boxes and volunteered to help over the weekend. There is a lot of work and time goes into the classic and without the help we get from all we wouldn't raise the money we do.

Juniors:

Our young inexperienced U15 team were beaten 2/1 in the North Leinster U15 inter-club fixture away to County Louth. The team consisted of Gavin Crudden, Aaron Byrne and Tiernan McCann. This was the first competitive match play outing for two of the team but they acquitted themselves very well and the experience will stand to them in the future.

Our Golf6's (U13) team is lying 3rd in the Louth/Meath league with two matches left. The 4 boys and 2 girl format is working well and the young golfers seem to be enjoying it very much.

Our Juvenile Wednesday competitions will be in full flow this week as all the Primary schools are now on holiday. Golf starts at 9am sharp. Anyone who wants membership for their children so that they can play in these very enjoyable competitions needs to apply now and they can contact any of the Junior Committee.

Junior Convenor, Kieran Clarke



Images from the most recent Golf6's event held in Laytown & Bettystown



Lady Captains Column:

Firstly, it's very encouraging to see the growing number of ladies playing in the weekly Competitions, both on Thursday and Saturday. Congratulations to all the recent prize winners on their great scores and to those earning a reduction in handicap, well done. Thank you to the Competition Secretary, Stephanie and her Handicap Committee who are working very diligently in this regard. I would like to welcome all our new full and 5 day members and look forward to seeing you on the course in the near future.

Club Classic:

Thank you, to all the ladies who played and participated or helped out in any way over the weekend of our Club Classic, which was a great success. Well done & congratulations to all the prize winners and many thanks to Operations Manager Robert & his hardworking team for the organisation of the event.

Date for your diary – 22nd August Golf Outing:

The ladies Committee are organising a ladies outing on Tuesday 22nd August, to Ashbourne Golf Club. A notification with further details will be sent to all ladies when outing has been finalised.

Congratulations to the Prize Winners and sincere thanks to all who played on the day and donated to this worthy cause. We raised a total figure of **€1230** for Cancer Research.

Finally, Our ladies Committee is very busy planning and preparing for Lady Captain's Day and Presentation Dinner which will be held following the final day of the Competition, 29th July 2023. Please add your name to the sheet, which will be on the notice board in the locker room later this week, if you wish to attend the dinner.

In addition to the ladies' prizes, there will be a gent's 12 hole competition, following the ladies competition on the final day, 29th July.

Siobhan Byrne





On behalf of the ladies, I would like to sincerely thank President Michael Owen McGrath, for his beautiful prizes presented on 24th June. A fantastic day was enjoyed by all with Maria Duffy emerging as clear winner with a superb score of 68 nett. Runner-up was Ann King with 73 nett Congratulations and Kay McCartan was 3rd with 73 nett. Gross winner was Ailish Mc Cartan with a gross score of 83.

Testimonials

“Hi Robert

On behalf of the Greengates Society we just wanted to drop you a line to thank everyone out there for their hospitality. Everyone had a great time, 33 played and from all of us we’d like to say thanks.

The course looked and played fabulous, from Robert in the pro shop, the lads in the bar (obviously trained by a Blackrock man) and as for the Byrne’s- wow food fabulous.

So thank you to all”

Captain - Greengates Golf Society

“Hi Robert

Just a quick line to thank you for your hospitality last Friday.

The day was thoroughly enjoyed by one and all with the weather holding up well and a challenging course presented. 39 points won the day demonstrating the toughness of the course.

The meal afterwards was excellent and could you pass my thanks on to Doreen, Susan, the catering team and the bar staff.

I am saddened to think, that it has taken me so long to play Greenore since the last time in 2009, but I'll not make that mistake again.

Thank you for your generous gift of a fourball, I will present this to our charity partner TinyLife for use in their fund raising day later in August.

Wishing you all the best”

Captain - Rockmount Golf Club