



# Greenore Golf Club

Newsletter

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## **Honorary Secretary Column:**

***Dear Member***

Greenore Golf Club had the pleasure of hosting 3 Golfing Union of Ireland qualifiers on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> of August last. Six teams representing Dundalk Golf Club, Greenisland, Donabate, Nairn & Portnoo, Malahide and Strabane all vied for a place in the next round of their respective competitions, with the ultimate ambition to secure a coveted Green pennant. We were very fortunate with the weather, which showed our course off in the best possible way, but it also provided a very stiff test for all the players involved. The feedback from each club was extremely positive, with the recent course improvement works coming in for particular praise. While it took some time away from our members on the day, it was an ideal way to showcase our course and hopefully we can reap some benefit, with some of those visitors returning to play our course and visit the local area at some stage in the future.

Can I finally congratulate Strabane, Malahide and our near neighbours Dundalk Golf Club who proceeded to the next round of the AIG Men's Junior Cup, Flogas All Ireland Mixed Foursomes and Revive Active Women's Four Ball, and wish the players, selectors and supporters of each of them the best of luck in the next stage of the competition."

***David Rafferty***





## **Captains Column:**

The weather forecast ahead of the qualifying weekend of the Captains Prize was not good so the Child of Prague was borrowed from the Ladies Section and she worked wonders! The weather ended up being so good that I was caught unawares, and I ended up taking some sun on both weekends! For the pin positions, working with Oisín while recognising that it was a Captain's prize, to be fair to players we did try to pick fair positions and in areas of the greens that were in the best condition.

The weather conditions, although tough especially on the Saturday, were nowhere near as bad as forecasted earlier in the week. Despite this, Paddy Lawless shot a superb score of 67 on the Saturday which ended up winning Round 1. We had 'Nearest the pin' on the 1<sup>st</sup> with some members commenting that it should have been 'Nearest the Green' rather than 'Nearest the Pin'! However, we had 3 entrants on the sheet, with the entrants posting their result in inches, centimetres, and millimetres so after a bit of deliberation and calculation, Stephen Gartlan won 'Nearest the Pin'.

From 6.30 am on the Saturday morning to the last entrants on the Monday evening (to facilitate the Barton Shield team) I set up base in the Starters Hut on the 1<sup>st</sup> tee. During that time, I met 258 participants and thoroughly enjoyed the experience of watching them trying to get off the 1<sup>st</sup> tee! Thank you to all the competitors and for your messages of support and it really was great to meet you all.

We had a tightly packed Top 30 going into the Final Round with scores between 67 and 73 and it was anybody's Captains Prize but popular local winner Keith Carron emerged from the pack to win his first Captains Prize, after many years of trying to win it. Onto the presentation in the clubhouse and Keith's eagerly awaited acceptance speech did not disappoint. It was fantastic to see such a crowd and it was great for me to have my family there to support me. The celebrations went on into the wee hours and the atmosphere was great as we toasted the new champion. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making the event such a success for the club.

We also had the Captains' Prize to the Juveniles and the Captain's prize to the 5 day members in the week between the 2 Captain's Prize weekends and I want to thank everyone who participated and congratulate the winners.

***Paul Rogan***







### **Course Development Update:**

The greens will be done on Wednesday September 6th. The 1st, middle of the 2nd and 18th will be the only greens hollow tined. The rest will be pencil tined, seeded and sanded. This means that the greens should recover quicker and we should have our greens back in good order in 2/3 weeks.

A winter program is being put in place for works to be carried out by our staff before the start of next season.

This will include new drains in areas, sanding of Fairways, Tees and Surrounds.

Paths will all be freshen up and bridges replaced.

Please remember to replace pitch marks even after the greens have been tined.

Use Divot bags where possible.

We ask all members to place their rubbish in their golf bags until you get to a bin at the 6th/7th walkway, 10th tees, 13th tee, 16th tee and around the Clubhouse.

We removed some bins as there was a mix of bin types and birds etc were pulling out rubbish.

DO NOT leave rubbish in the sand boxes.

***Greens committee.***

### **Teams:**

Another year of interclub golf came to an end on Sunday 13th in Castleknock when the Barton shield team sadly lost their North Leinster semi-final in extra holes. They did Greenore and themselves proud.

To all our team captains and their assistants, to everyone who tried out or played for Greenore Golf Club and to all those who followed and supported our teams, thank you for your commitment and we really hope you enjoyed it.

If you are interested in captaining a team in 2024 please let us know.

***Patrick Lawless***



## **Operations Manager:**

Another summer has passed by in Greenore and although the weather wasn't good, the numbers playing are very high. We have had 32k rounds of golf played so far this year which means the course is busy. The new changes to the course have now bedded in and we are receiving plenty of praise for the work done.

Next week we will submit an application for a Sports grant which will hopefully help to improve our practice facilities and help fund some future course works.

From the 1<sup>st</sup> of August we have moved all Subscription payments to the office I know it may be a big change from previous years, but it makes more sense to keep all payments in the office. We are hoping to also go cashless for subscription payments. You can still make payments through the app by topping up your savings. It is a great way of easing the burden when your subscription renewal comes in January. Any member who doesn't know how to top up from the app myself or Caolan can help you out.

In early 2024 we will have 2 new electric charging points installed in the car park.

I would personally like to thank all the members and businesses that have sponsored events this year in Greenore. Without sponsors we would struggle to give the prizes out that we do over the year. We are always looking for new sponsors so if you are interested or know someone who would like to sponsor let myself or any committee member know.

We received an energy grant rebate of over €8k from Sports Ireland for the rise in energy prices over the past few years and I recently signed up for an energy grant to assist us in trying to go greener and be more sustainable.

It's coming to the last third of the year and I would like to remind all members to spend their bar/restaurant levy monies as after the 31<sup>st</sup> of December all monies unspent will be retained by the club.

It's great to see so many juniors playing this summer with a lot of new members. Juniors are the future of the club. Hopefully they will remain members for years to come.

Lastly can I please ask all members to refrain from using e-cigarettes in the bar

***Robert Murphy***







## **Juniors:**

### **Captains Prize Results:**

- **Green Course** – Winner: Andrew Clarke, Runner-up: Tiarnan McCann
- **Red Course (12 hole)** – Winner: Tom Crudden, Runner-up: Ana Gaztambide
- **Yellow Course (12 hole)** – Winner: John Hanlon, Runner-up: Christopher Carron
- **Yellow (6 Hole Scramble)** – Winners: Dean Ryan, Adam McAteer, Mia McParland & Aishling Keenan.

Thank You to current Junior Boys Captain Matthew Lynch for being present at the presentation of prizes on the Junior Captains Day.

*All prize winners throughout the year can be found on our website under the 'Junior Section, Competition Results'*

Another summer of golf has come to an end and despite the bad weather throughout, the number of juniors who showed up each week was extremely healthy. I would like to thank ALL volunteers who came out all summer to give a helping hand. You are truly appreciated.

This year we have seen 6 of our juniors move up to 'Competitive Juniors', Tiarnan McCann, Dylan Carron, Mario Liam Gaztambide, Aaron Byrne, Lorcan McSorley & Andrew Clarke. We hope these few and more to follow will go on to be the future of this golf club.

A special thank you to both Captain Paul, Lady Captain Siobhan & Lady Vice Lisa for their support throughout the year.

***Junior Convenor, Kieran Clarke***







## **Lady Captains Column:**

What a busy summer season we've had in the ladies section!

I am delighted to see that the weekly competitions, continue to be well supported, with some very impressive scores. Congratulations to all who have featured in the winning enclosure, over the summer months, with many of you managing to reduce your handicap in the process. Well done.

A reminder that, all results are published on our ClubNet App and also on our club website. Photos of all presentations & events can also be viewed in the Gallery sections of the website. Sincere thanks, to all who update the App and the website, regularly and efficiently.

Heartfelt thanks and congratulations to all the teams who participated and played in the various interclub competitions throughout the season. While we didn't manage to bring home a pennant, on this occasion, all teams and their captains can be very proud of their performances and we all look forward to participating again next year. Keep up the good work ladies and keep practicing!

### **Ladies Committee News:**

On 5<sup>th</sup> August last, the ladies committee, bid a fond farewell to our friend and very popular colleague Aileen McGahon, who has taken her leave and moved to Perth, Australia. We wish to thank Aileen for all her work on our committee and wish her well for her future. "Go n'éirí an bother leat!"

### **Lady Captain's Prize 2023:**

I wish to sincerely thank, Captain Paul, and all the members who made my two Captains' days such a memorable and special occasion, for me, something I will cherish. Your kind messages, cards, gifts, homemade treats and overall support contributed enormously to the success of the two days and are very much appreciated. Your generosity has been incredible, with a total of €870 raised for the local branch of Cancer Society. Thank you all.

I also wish to acknowledge and especially thank the Ladies committee, club manager, course staff, proshop & office staff, bar & restaurant staff who ensured the event & presentation evening proceeded seamlessly.

***Congratulations, to all the prize winners.***

***Siobhan Byrne***

## **Professional's Prize to the ladies:**

The Professional's prize has been rescheduled from August 5<sup>th</sup> to **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**

The ladies would like to thank our Professional Robert Giles for sponsoring the competition and hope the weather is more favourable this time round.





### **Ladies Golf Outing:**

The ladies held their annual golf outing in Ashbourne Golf Club on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August. It was a most enjoyable day, with good weather, good golf, a lovely meal and more importantly good fun!

Thank you to Rita and Lady Vice Captain, Lisa for planning and organising the day.

Our sincere thanks to the Pro. Ciarán Carroll and the members of Ashbourne Golf Club, who extended a very warm welcome to us all.



### **Autumn Matchplay:**

*This year our Autumn Matchplay Competition has 2 categories. Category 1 – Handicaps 0 – 28 & Category 2 – Handicaps 29+*

*If interested in participating, please read the rules of the competition and add your name to the list on the notice board in the ladies locker room before 26<sup>th</sup> August.*

Thank you to Alison Malone for organising the competition.

### **Hogg Trophy 2023:**

This competition is played annually between Greenore & Warrenpoint ladies and this year it will be held in Greenore on the 20<sup>th</sup> of September, commencing at 1pm.

Le gach deá-ghuí.





# Testimonial's

## Dublin Journalist Outing

Philip Quinn here from the Dublin Journalists Golf Society with a belated note of sincere thanks for the outstanding kindness shown to our members on the occasion of our visit this week to Greenore.

The welcome was five-star, the course was in pristine condition, the weather was excellent and the stunning views over Carlingford Lough, where two of my balls ended up on the 12th, added to the experience of a great day out. The visit formed the second half of our 'Oriol Swing' along with Dundalk, another terrific track down along the coast.

We posted some (positive) comments on X, Facebook and Instagram about our visit.

Our Society is 50 years on the go next year and we'd be honoured if we could include Greenore on our itinerary again - I suspect there'd be a riot if we don't!

One of our members put it superbly when he said that there is something happening on every hole at Greenore. I loved that observation.

In two short years, we feel we've made a great friend in Greenore and we'd be thrilled if the association could continue.

Thanks again for the warmth of the welcome - it made us all feel at home - and all the best for Greenore for the remainder of 2023, and beyond. It's a special place.

Regards,

***Philip, Honorary Secretary***

***Dublin Journalists Golf Society***

***Irish Daily Mail***

***Member of the Association of Golf Writers and Irish Golf Writers' Association***



**Little Mourn Blog**

August 20 at 6:55 PM · 🌐

Sunday dining [Greenore Golf Club](#) and it was fabulous 🍽️  
The food was so tasty and portion size was unbelievable 🍴

Starter: Battered Garlic Mushrooms

Main: Scampi

Desert: Chocolate Fudge Cake

Definitely would recommend 😊