



THE DELGANY DISPATCH

APRIL 27TH, 2022

Captains Message

And there goes Easter!!!!

We hope that you had a wonderful Easter break with your families! All that lies between here and July are small matters of Junior Cert, Leaving Cert and College exams, ends of terms and, for some, the traditions and formalities that might accompany key transitions in your young people's school lives. Whatever lies ahead, we wish you the very best of everything!

We have had a fairly busy time recently on your behalf! On Thursday 21st we welcomed over 50 new members from 2020, 2021 and 2022 to the clubhouse for our first New Members Night since 2019. Captain Ann writes elsewhere in this edition on this event, but suffice to say here that we both were so pleased with the turn-out and especially the 'buzz' created by those present. Thank you to all involved – staff and volunteer speakers – but especially to Operations Director Mark who did so much to engage with new members in the lead-up to the event.

One of the great privileges of Captaincy is to invite the Captains of neighbouring clubs for Visiting Captains Day, to participate in a not-too-serious competition and to dine together afterwards in convivial surroundings. Last Friday, DGC kicked off the Visiting Captains season in style, as we have done for many years now. We set the tone for the season and create a band of brothers and sisters that bonds across the year and often lasts well beyond our Captaincies. The course was in fine fettle – thank you, Dave and colleagues - and looked so well in the lovely sunshine. The post hollow-cored greens just added that extra challenge, but 90 points were still required in the Rumble to win! Our meal, courtesy of Shane and his staff, was top-class and the restaurant beautifully presented by Kevin and Kasia on the day. Delgany be proud!

Sadly that day, our great neighbours Greystones GC lost their beloved Captain, Danny Hatton R.I.P. after prolonged illness. We were privileged to lower our flag as a mark of respect and the company of Captains took a moment to reflect and remember. Our thoughts are with his family, friends and golfing colleagues at this difficult time.

'Qualifying' season and inter-club competition is now well underway and we wish everyone a fruitful and successful time ahead.

Happy golfing....and mind yourselves (Covid has ways of catching us out still!)

Captains Pat and Ann.

Contents

1. Captains Message
- 2-3. Golf Ireland App
4. Visiting Captains 2022
- 5-6. Ladies Team News
7. Mens Team News
8. Junior Golf
9. Mix n Match
New Members evening
10. RIP
11. Dear deer

Golf Ireland App

Now that we are well into the golf season and with the evenings getting longer, it's time to start working on getting that handicap down again!!

All of you will have heard of the **World Handicap Index (W.H.I.)** but some of you may not be aware that **Golf Ireland** launched an App which allows you to track all competition scores you have entered since the W.H.I. system was first introduced, and see how your handicap was calculated.

It's very easy to download it from whatever App Store you use normally – just do a Search for “**Golf Ireland App**” and look for this logo:



Once you've downloaded the App, the login details are the same as you would normally use for your Delgany Member Login e.g. 32881234 and your password.

Once in the App, you can do the following:

- Check your current W.H.I.

- See the history of your scores, particularly the last 20 scores which are indicated by a green line beneath the last of the 20.

- Check which 8 “Counting” scores (of the 20) are being used to calculate your Handicap Index – these are indicated with a Green circle and the Score is shown within that circle.

- Your Index is then calculated using those 8 scores and the 8 can change as you add new scores in or some of the 8 can get dropped off if they are outside the core 20 scores.

Golf Ireland App



One important thing to note is that the total gross score may differ slightly on occasion as the **World Handicapping System (W.H.S)** records a score which is the lowest score on a hole for which you would get no Stableford points (even if you didn't finish the hole out).

For example, if you had an "8" at the 1st Hole, the W.H.S. records it as a "7", and the same applies for other holes, even if you recorded a "0" (Scratch) in a Stableford Competition.

Entering Scores on the App:

You can enter both **Competition Scores** and **General Play ("Casual") Scores** on the App also. Please remember to select which Tees you played off if submitting a General Play Round and also the date on which you played.

If you do enter the scores on the App, **it is important to remember that your scorecard MUST be returned also**, with everything recorded correctly – especially the Player/Marker Signatures.

This is because every score has to be countersigned by one of your playing partners, and then checked by Competitions and Handicap Committees.

Try the App out yourself and see how you get on...

The App itself is supported by Golf Ireland but if you have a question, you can email us at:

competitions@delganygolfclub.com

Visiting Captains 2022 at Delgany G.C.



The sun gods shone on our Captains when they invited the Captains of other clubs to enjoy the facilities of our club where they played a shot gun rumble team of 4. Everybody arrived for lunch at 12.30 and golf commenced at 2.00.

Delgany hosts the first Visiting Captains' Day of the season so there is always a sense of excitement about the day. We welcomed the Captains of Bray, Dun Laoghaire, Greystones, Killiney, Old Conna, Powerscourt, Wicklow and Woodbrook.

After golf dinner and prize giving was held in the dining room. The Captains would like to thank everybody for making this event and the new members evening such a success but particular thanks must go to Mark Carwood and Briege Burton for the detail and management of the events. Thank you also to the committee members, Shane and his staff in the kitchen and Jamie and Kevin and the staff of the bar.

Another successful Delgany event was enjoyed by all.

Captains Ann & Pat

Ladies Team News

April 23/24/25 wasn't a good weekend for our ladies teams.

The Junior Cup team lost 1.5 - 3.5 on Saturday to Rathfarnham GC.

The Junior Foursomes team lost .5 - 1.5 on Sunday to Druids Heath GC.

The Mary McKenna who were struck heavily with covid in the first leg lost the second leg on Monday to Millicent.

Thank you to all who played, subbed and managed. The girls gave it their all and just came up against very strong opposition on the day.

Thank you to those who supported as well.



Ladies Team News

Next up is the Minor Cup team this Saturday v Straffan GC
3.30pm start time
3 Home & 2 away
Please make an effort to come and support.
Team was on previous dispatch.

8th May
Revive Active Fourball V Elm Park GC
2pm start
2 Home
Teresa Thompson & LVC Betty Sherry
Pauline Burke & Siobhan Mooney
Subs
Bernie Jones & Mairead Coghlan

3 Away
Anna O'Loughlin & Dee Mackay
Cliona Lyons & Carol Brady
Avril Dowley & Ann O'Dwyer
Subs :
Trisha Wyse & Susan Archer

Please make an effort to get out and support both
the teams above, it really does give the players a lift
seeing red jerseys around each corner.
We want to intimidate the opposition and the best
way is lots of clapping when Delgany putts drop.

Anna O'Loughlin
Ladies Team Liaison



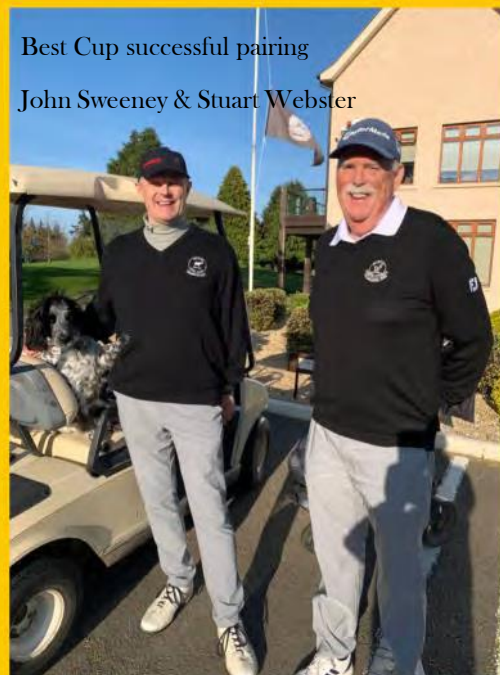
Mens Team News

The inter-club season is beginning to warm up with many games scheduled for May. Already our Best Cup is up and running and had their first outing on Sunday last against Corballis, who were last year's outright winners. Unfortunately, having fought back twice from good leads we lost narrowly, beaten two away and one at home. This team is managed by Seamus Byrne who was assisted by Greg O'Neill who took care of the team for this event.

Our JB Carr team play Blainroe in Delgany at 3.00 pm on Thursday 28th April and our youthful Super Seniors who take on our neighbours Greystones, who are hosts, at 3.00 pm on Thursday 5th May. Greystones are current holders of the Super Seniors so will make it difficult for us.

Next up are the Barton Cup team, led by Jason Bradshaw and Paul Hautz, versus Wicklow on Sunday 8th May at 2.50 pm. We have 3 matches at home in Delgany and 2 away in Wicklow.

That is a feast of Golf especially after the limited play in the last two years. Why not take advantage and go out and support these teams? You won't be sorry you did and remember you could be the difference between victory and defeat.



Best Cup successful pairing
John Sweeney & Stuart Webster



Sundays Best Cup match attracted an international audience, when three Ukrainian ladies living nearby arrived to have their traditional Easter celebration.

They had thought they were in a public park, our President Greg welcomed them and made sure they were safe as they enjoyed their picnic and the golf of course.

Junior Golf

We had a great turnout over the Easter Holidays with over 60 juniors playing on April 14th and over 70 playing on April 21st. It was great to see so many returning and also some new faces.

Oisin Ivory won our first qualifying competition of the year with a great score of 45 points.

Quintin Lawlor went 3 better last Thursday with a magnificent 48 points.

Tayla Bouwer who joined us in February this year won both Thursday girls competitions.

Junior committee would like to say a big **'thank you'** to all our helpers who walk with our young 'scramblers' each Thursday.

Coaching for our juniors will begin mid May and each group will be contacted with appropriate times and dates through our WhatsApp groups.

Save the date - Monday 23rd May

Information evening for Parents of Juniors in Clubhouse at 7.30pm

Mix and Match Fridays

Our Summer season Mix and Match opens this Friday April 29th and will run for thirteen Friday evenings (watch the diary for other dates during the summer). It's a lovely way to start the weekend with a fun 9 holes of golf and something nice to eat with other members or your guests.

You can invite three guests at € 2.50 each so for the exorbitant sum of €10.00 the four of you can play. We don't stand on ceremony as regards Handicaps so anyone whose handicap has lapsed or are starting off is perfectly welcome. It is open to any combination of Mixed, all ladies or all men. It is usually played as a 4 ball rumble with the best two scores to count. Slowly but surely our new members have started playing with us and we would love to see a few more of you joining us. The time sheet opens on a Sunday evening at [8.am](#) almost two weeks beforehand. The Mix and Match runs between 4pm and 6pm and our social committee are at the desk in the hall waiting to welcome you and take your entries . We are in a bit of a time warp and take the entries in cash so it won't put any strain on your purse account.

Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible during the summer

Jim Blake

New members evening

What a great evening was had last Thursday when Captain Ann and Pat and their committee members welcomed new members who have joined Delgany since October, 2020. There was a fantastic turnout of 57 new members across all categories of membership within the club.

Everybody mingled and chatted as it was an informal gathering and conversation was interspersed with nuggets of information from Captains, their vices and their committee members.

Finger food and a complimentary drink was provided and the evening was well received by all. Many of those who attended are well integrated into the club and we look forward to others playing more golf and enjoying social events of the club.

RIP

Mary O'Reilly RIP

Mary (Lady Captain 1992) was one of the great Lady Captains of Delgany Golf Club in the halcyon days of the Club. Mary as a young woman, like many others, left Ireland and went to the UK. and became a Nurse and Officer in the Queens Alexandra Nursing Corps.

She rose to high rank and returned to Ireland, bringing all the nursing skills she learned nursing soldiers in far flung countries where soldiers were wounded. Mary often remembered all the young Irish men she nursed back to health who like herself were serving in these foreign lands. She returned to Ireland and was appointed Matron of the Royal Hospital in Donnybrook and brought all her experience to this important position. I was honoured to be one of her Nurses. Mary encouraged and proposed me to membership of Delgany Golf Club. What more can I say about Mary only long live Mna na hEireann

Emer Jennings SRN.

Noel Owens RIP

Our deepest sympathies to Lady member Geraldine Owens, whose husband Noel passed away recently after a long illness. Noel was a member of Delgany for a number of years. Our sympathies also to his sons Damien and Justin and their families on their sad loss.

A word of thanks

On behalf of the O'Rourke family I would like to thank the very many Delgany members and staff for their kindness and words of condolence following the recent passing of my brother Brian.

The family especially appreciated the presence of Captain Pat Kitterick at his funeral in Feakle, Co Clare. Brian was a wonderful brother, husband and father; generous, erudite and funny. Our sadness at his leaving us is tempered by the support we have received from so many people.

Sean O'Rourke.

Some kinds of sweets have a strong taste of 'more' -
to the point of becoming addictive.

There's been evidence of addiction
on our lovely golf course lately !!



Here's our crows helping out the
deer with a bit of nit picking and
some grooming in the afternoon !!



The Delgany Dispatch is produced by the Clubs

Communications Sub-Committee:

Sean O'Rourke (Chair),

Tanya Beattie, Ian McMahon

Eugene Murray & Tony Corcoran

With technical support from Briege Burton