



THE DELGANY DISPATCH

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Captains Message

A very warm and genuine Delgany welcome to Catalina and Geoff who have begun work in the Pro Shop as Assistant Professionals! As you will have read in Gavin's bulletin this Monday, they have very impressive CVs and we are looking forward to the coaching programmes – individual, group and team – they are developing together with Gavin. If you are passing the Pro Shop, please say 'hello' and introduce yourself! We wish Gavin a speedy recovery from this week's surgery and look forward to having him back among us very soon.

It is lovely to see Members enjoying refreshments on the front balcony, a sure sign that the weather is on the 'up'! We would also encourage Members to use our Ryder Cup Room again from time to time and perhaps introduce your visitors to a unique part of the history of our 114 year old Club.

Finally, as better course conditions allow more regular use of the buggy fleet, and in the interests of Members' overall safety, could we gently and respectfully remind buggy-users that the machines are intended for designated buggy paths or suitably accessible parts of the 'general area' (Rule 2.2 – the entire area of the course except tee-boxes, bunkers, greens, penalty areas) and should never be driven in places that may cause damage to the course, increase risk of accidents, impede play in any way or result in costly repairs to the machines themselves.

Keep hitting them long and straight! And don't believe Mark Twain when he said 'Golf is a good walk spoiled'!

Captains Pat and Ann.

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Non>Returns

We've all felt like giving up after one or two bad holes and writing "N/R" on your card or the card doesn't get handed in at all...

Here's why you shouldn't do that...

The World Handicap System are now asking all club committees to discourage this behaviour with the possibility of a penalty score being applied which will ultimately affect your Handicap Index.

We are encouraging all of you to submit your card, no matter how bad you think it is. All our singles competitions have the ability for you to enter "Did Not Play" or "Did Not Score" at that hole. This means even if you have a disastrous 10 (or more) at a hole, the handicapping system will adjust that to a lower score - one where you would not have had a Stableford point.

For example, say you had a 10 at the 12th hole and you had two shots there, the system will adjust that downwards to an 8, and so on.

Then your whole round will be used for handicap purposes and your Handicap Index adjusted accordingly.

Your round need not be wasted just because of one or two bad holes or losing a ball...

From a Competitions perspective all N/R's are still checked and recorded and if there is a "pattern" then this is duly noted also and may result in a penalty score adjustment.

Finally, of course we understand that a player may not be able to complete a round due to injury or in the event of an emergency necessitating leaving the course.

Let's do our best to submit all cards as it is a fair reflection of your golfing ability, regardless of what handicap you play off.

Happy Golfing !

Mens Competitions and Handicaps Committees



Ladies Windyridge Shot Gun Start

A Super day out was held last Thursday when we had a 9 hole rumble with a shot gun start and lunch afterwards. It was kindly sponsored by Windyridge Garden Centre and its owner Marie Harvey who had lunch with us and presented the prizes. There was a great atmosphere, super lunch and colourful array of prizes



Ladies Matchplay Update

8th May

The Revive team unfortunately lost to Elm Park after a very close fought battle 3.5 to 1.5. Hard luck to the team and managers Ruth and Helen.

Next up is the Challenge Team
Sunday 22nd May.

2pm start
2 at Home in Delgany

Ann Marie O Grady
Bernie Flynn
Sub
Maura Dennehy

3 Away in Bray

Blanaid Farrell
Marie Bolger
Maura Lernihan

Sub
Sharon Byrne

Best of luck to all players, caddies and managers.

Please make an effort to get out
and support the Challenge team.

Anna O'Loughlin
Ladies Team Liaison



So you think you know the rules

The Rules of golf are there to help you and have changed a lot since I started playing. On the greens now you can move almost everything with the exception of dew and frost (even if you move your ball accidentally, all you need do is replace it for no penalty.)

Sand and loose soil can be moved on the green but not off the green so be careful when on the fringe not to move or improve your line of play with the exception of loose impediments. No re-pairing plug marks off the green or replacing divots back where they should be.

The best way to check on the rules is the R&A rules of golf App which you can download from your phones App store. In it you will find a Visual Aid which shows you the six different areas of the golf course and equipment and ball. If you click on General Area you will get a list of different sections including 'Searching and identifying ball'. Click on this and the final section there is 'Lifting and identifying ball' which brings you to Rule 7.3 and all the information you will need to answer the question above.

Other useful apps are :

Members. brsgolf.com/delgany/login for entering competitions and checking your competition purse (Menu on top right)

Howdidido.com for competition results (but not always prize winners as that depends on the card being correctly filled in and checked by the club)

Delganygolfclub.com / sign in and go to the Competitions page for Prize winners .

Use the Golfireland app to check your handicap and for entering general play scores etc.



Now check test your knowledge ***Sue and John newcomers to golf and the rules.***

John hits his ball on the first into the rough, finds a ball and not knowing if it is his he turns it over with his finger and sees that it is the right make and number and has his red dot on it.

He moves the ball back where it was and plays it.

A. No penalty ?

B. 1 shot penalty ?

C. 2 shot penalty ? **See if you got it right, the answer is on our last page**

Paul Hautz

Birthday Celebrations

HONORARY LIFE MEMBER HAS MILESTONE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Our honorary life member and past Lady Captain, Eileen Whooley reached the great age of 90 on Monday, 2nd May. Eileen is a member of Delgany Golf Club for over 50 years and some of us got to celebrate with her during the week at a lunch hosted by Mary Markey.

Eileen has been a sea swimmer and regular golfer all her life and her energy and positivity has inspired all of us who know her. On doctor's orders she is currently taking it easy but I am sure we will see her back in the "Cove" doing what she loves soon again. A very happy 90th birthday to you Eileen from all your friends in Delgany Golf Club.



Ladies to opt out of Twos

It was agreed at the Ladies Committee Meeting of last Wednesday, 4 May that, for the foreseeable future, ladies will opt out of 2s in all competitions.

The reason for this is two fold

1. The current process of opting out of "2s" rather than opting in is unsatisfactory
2. There is lack of clarity regarding the "pay out" for those who are rewarded for getting a "2"

As this currently only affects our weekend ladies you will continue to have €7.50 taken from your purse for competitions but on Monday of the following week €1.50 will be returned to your purse. Please check your purse regularly to see that this is refunded and hopefully sometime soon we will be able to get our software adjusted to allow us to choose to opt in or out.



RIP

It is with regret that we advise you of the passing of our esteemed Member **John Colgan**. The President, Captains, Trustees, Management Committee, Members and Staff of Delgany Golf Club extend their deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

Details on RIP.IE May he rest in peace

New Member Profile - Sean Farrell



1. Golfing background: I started playing in 2000, joined Kilmashogue GC. In 2017 I joined Charlesland and moved to Delgany in 2021 after closure of Charlesland.
2. Why Delgany: My wife, Blanaid, had played Delgany on several occasions and was impressed with the course and the members.
3. Golfing ambitions :
My golfing ambitions would be to reduce my handicap as much as possible.
4. Sporting heroes: Shane Lowry, Johnny Sexton and Nadal.
5. Other sports interests: I have an interest in all sports having played GAA and Soccer as a kid.
6. Golfing successes so far: Some success with local Delgany Monday and Friday events, but nothing major to report so far!

New Member Profile - Blanaid Farrell



1. Golfing background : I started playing golf in the Glen of the Downs Friday society, moved to Delgany Friday society for a short while. Then joined Charlesland where I remained until it closed in 2020. Joined Delgany as a 7 day member in January 2021.
2. Why Delgany? : Having experienced the lovely course, the beautiful clubhouse and friendly/welcoming atmosphere at Delgany while playing in the Friday society, I convinced my husband, Sean, to take part in a free round to see what he might think. We both loved the course and the friendliness in the pro-shop so decided to join up.
3. Golfing ambitions : To get my handicap down to at least 18 and to play in some of the club and inter-club competitions.
4. Sporting heroes: Andy Murray, Rafael Nadal, Rob Kearney, Tiger Woods and Shane Lowry.
5. Other sports interests : Tennis (I played up to 2021 in Deerpark Tennis Club in Mount Merrion), watching Rugby matches and golf tournaments.
6. Golfing successes so far : Winning a couple of in-club ladies competitions in Delgany and being part of the Challenge Cup team which got to Semi-Finals stage in 2020.
7. Interesting facts : Sean and I are self-employed retailers being owners of Foot Solutions in the Stillorgan Village Centre. We also run a successful Podiatry Clinic upstairs there (Stillorgan Podiatry Clinic Ltd).

Golf rules question.... were you right ?

The answer is B

A- would be correct if he had marked and replaced the ball. note the ball must not be cleaned more than needed to identify it

B- is correct as he replaced the ball where it was without marking its position. One shot penalty

C- would be correct if he had not replaced the ball where it was. Two shot penalty.

If you have any rules queries please send them to phautz@gmail.com and I will answer them to the best of my ability.



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