



# The Delgany Dispatch

May 25th, 2022

## Captains' Message

As with many things we reference in these Captains' Messages, you will find more detailed articles and reports within the Dispatch so do read on!

We were so pleased to be present for the lunch and prize-giving after the Delgany Schools Cup on Monday 16th last. The enthusiasm and excitement of the young players was infectious! They were all winners on the day and we want to say a huge 'Thank you' to everyone in-volved in the event – Jason Bradshaw and the Junior Committee, teachers, parents and other mentors and our Administration + Bar & Catering staff - which clearly ran so smoothly from beginning to end. It was a terrific advertisement for our club and we have high hopes that we might see some of the children on our membership lists in years to come!!!

Captain Pat was delighted to sponsor the first actual prize presentation of the Wednesday Summer Fourball season last week. Congratulations to our prize winners who produced such competitive scores on a very blustery (and wet later) day. Lest we forget, we want to thank most sincerely all those Members who have committed very generously to sponsoring various competitions over the season – it is greatly appreciated. Coincidentally, Wednesday last was also the 80th birthday of our esteemed and beloved Past President Joe Codyre and some of his usual 4-ball mates celebrated very modestly (non-alcoholic bubbles and cake!) to mark the occasion.

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## Captains' Message (Cont'd)

Heartiest congratulations to President Greg on the occasion of his Prize to the Ladies last Tuesday. The weather conspired to make life difficult for some players but the post-golf dinner and prize-giving helped lift the mood, as is the wont of our ever-active Lady Members.

One of the pleasures of Captaincy is the opportunity to visit other clubs for various events. Most recently we had a wonderful Visiting Captains' Day in Dun Laoghaire where one of the more in-teresting features was a hot whiskey delivered during our round! No pressure, Delgany!

Congratulations to our JB Carr and Irish Boys Foursomes teams (and Managers) on their recent victories against Bray and Carton House respectively and commiserations to our Barton Cup (v. Wicklow) and Shield (v. Arklow) teams (and Managers) who gave it absolutely all for our Club.

You won't mind, I'm sure, if we mention our Juniors in particular because their standard of play in both venues was excellent and we are so proud of them, not just in their victory, but even more so in their maturity and the manner in which they represented our club.



Finally, thanks to those Members who commented favourably to us on the constantly improving condition of our course over the past while. We acknowledge also some small, but important additional features that individual Members have sought and course staff have been advised. Could we ask again that you be particularly vigilant in repairing pitch marks on greens (your own + 1) and divots on fairways (PLEASE take a divot bag!).

Here's to faster fairways.....not sure about faster greens!!!!

**Captains' Pat and Ann.**

## President Greg O'Neill's Prize to the Ladies

It was a day of two halves and four seasons. Those who went out early morning almost got away without rain but had wind and those who were due to play in the afternoon either played and abandoned or did not venture out at all due to torrential rain. Saying that, we had very healthy competition up to lunchtime and many of our ladies got to play.

We are delighted to say that we had an evening presentation of prizes and President Greg would agree that the evening was made all the brighter by a table of 9 of our esteemed older members who brightened up the evening tremendously. We asked those attending dinner to estimate the total age of those at the table and Elaine McGrath must have had the inside track as she guessed the closest to the total which was an incredible 774!!

President Greg presented the prizes on the evening. We hope that he and Sonia his partner enjoyed the evening and we thank him for the beautiful jewellery bracelet and necklace that he presented to the Overall winner and the winner of the 5 day competition. The following are the results of the competition:



Overall winner	Susan Archer (27)	37 points
Winner 5 days	Joan Harding (37)	36 points
Runner up	Eileen Broderick (22)	34 points (c/b)
3rd	Sheila Heffernan (26)	34 points
1st Class 1	Alison Graham (18)	32 points (c/b)
1st Class 2	Ann O'Dwyer (24)	32 points (c/b)
1st Class 3	Marie Bolger (29)	32 points (c/b)
1st Class 4	Barbara McWilliams (41)	28 points
Winner 9 hole	Carmel Wyse (21)	16 points

Thank you to the bar and catering staff for a lovely evening and we look forward to having many more evenings during the summer with lots of celebrations.

President Greg O'Neill's Prize to the Ladies - Photos



## Mens' Team News - JB Carr team reach County Final

**Great Win in JB Carr County Semi-Final** : In a very tight match played at Bray GC, Delgany emerged victorious with scoreline of 3 matches to 2. At one stage we were down in three matches and level in the other two. The hard preparatory work put in by the entire panel in the preceding weeks surely contributed to the spirited comeback. With the score standing at two matches each and match 1 all square on the 18th it fell to Mike O'Brien and Frank Burke to go down the 19th and 20th in torrential rain before victory was eventually achieved on the 21st.

It was notable that the visitors were as well supported as the home team and as manager Sean Donnelly put it: "A mighty Delgany roar was heard over Bray Golf Club when Mike O'Brien sank that winning putt." Earlier, Delgany's Tom Bergin had ensured that the match went down the 19th, as his playing partner Ailbe Brennan explained: "We were all square after 17 and from 160 yards Tom hit an amazing third shot to twelve feet - he bent it like Beckham around a tree and avoided three bunkers on the way in"

Results were as follows:

**Mike O'Brien/Frank Burke won on 21st**

**Ken Green/ Michael Behan Lost 2 and 1**

**Tom Bergin/Ailbe Brennan won 1 up**

**Don Berkery/Conor O'Riordan won 3 and 1**

**Kenny Johnson/Peter Finlay Mulligan lost 2 and 1**

Delgany now move on to the Wicklow Final against Powerscourt GC in a home and away match.

### **Barton Shield v Arklow**

A valiant effort by the team, home & away.

A great victory at home by **Cathan McCarthy & Mark Behan**, 1up.

Unfortunately, with a loss in Arklow, the aggregate score was in Arklow's favour.

Arklow prayed for a breeze & they got a gale!! Well, it was a gale for Delgany & a wisp of wind for the home team.

**Liam May & Alex Coffey** held firm until the 7th. The home team had a good run around the turn, which proved decisive. Favourite comment was "the whole of Ireland is on the right & you put me in the cr\*p on the left!!" A couple of missed putts was the difference.

With Cathan & Mark 2up going down the 15th, Arklow sank a 30ft putt for a half. And that proved the over-all match difference, with Arklow securing the aggregate victory with a win on the 16th.

**Many thanks to Cathan, Mark, Liam, Alex, subs William & Declan & the rest of the panel.**

NOTE:- Kevin O'Reilly (bar)(Arklow) didn't gloat too much, yet.

# JB Carr semi final Photos



Reading the line....

Peter Finlay Mulligan and Kenny Johnston



**Team Captain Sean Donnelly was in Ryder Cup mode as he made sure his men got over the line.**

## Ladies' Team News

We have good news this week, the mighty Challenge team of Anne Marie, Bernie, Blanaid, Marie and Maura took a huge scalp in beating our local rivals Bray in round one.

The team was led by Ann, Helen and Bernie, supported by subs Sharon and Maura D.

Congratulations to the players, managers and caddies on a great win and keep up the good golf for the next round.



Next up is the Senior Foursomes this Sunday the 29th v Wicklow GC

Home at 2.30pm

Teresa Thompson & Cliona Lyons

Sub Margaret Williams

Away at 3.20pm

Anna O'Loughlin & Pauline Burke

Trisha Wyse & Valerie Stokes

Sub Ann Cafferky

Manager Dee Mackay assisted by Joan Brown.

The support at all matches so far has been very disappointing, I know everyone has busy lives post covid, but please try and support the girls in Delgany and Wicklow this weekend.

Anna O'Loughlin

Team Liaison

# Ladies' Challenge Team Photos





## Junior Members News

### **Terrific win for our Junior boys last Sunday**

After receiving a bye in the first round of the Boys Junior Foursomes our Delgany juniors moved on to the second round but were faced with a tough opponent in Carton House.

The Boys Junior Foursomes consists of two matches, one at home and one away, with a maximum handicap index of 12. Seven boys from our team travelled to Carton House for a practice match on the Montgomerie Course and all played well in tough conditions. The pairings were decided and Cathan McCarthy (our junior vice captain) and Patrick Cavanagh would represent Delgany away and William Walshe and Oisin Ivory would be our home pairing and what a performance these young men put in.

Our Captain Pat and Junior Convenor Michael Behan travelled to Carton House and witnessed some exceptional golf form both teams and in the end the match was halved. Ken Greene was looking after our home match and with some great support William and Oisin also played terrific golf in winning 8 up.

A big thanks to Ken Greene and all the support at home and to our Captain Pat and Liam McCarthy for the support away. We look forward to the quarter final of the southern section against Wicklow.



### **Junior Parents Welcome and Information Meeting**

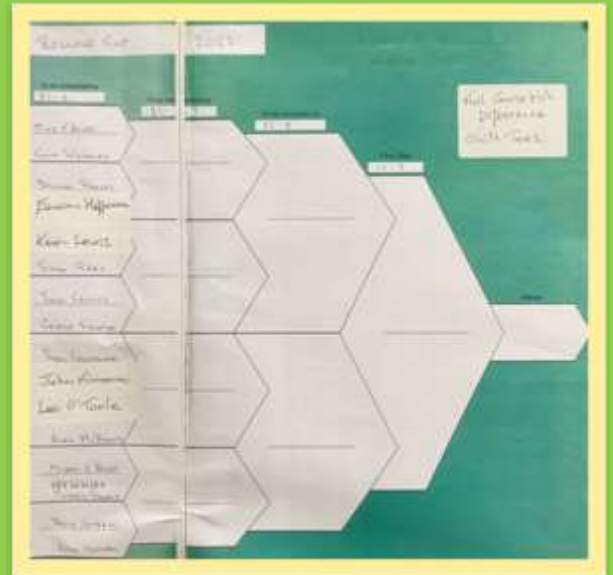
Our Junior welcome evening on Monday 23rd May was a great success. We were delighted with the turnout with barely enough seats in the clubhouse bar to accommodate those present. Our Captain Ann welcomed all parents and juniors present and spoke of the great family traditions of Delgany. Our Vice Captain Tom, who is no stranger to the juniors, introduced the junior committee who spoke on aspects of the game, competitions, coaching, child safeguarding and overall membership of Delgany Golf Club. Paul Hautz explained the handicap system and had some basic rules questions for our juniors.

All in all it was a great night and we received plenty of new applications for our junior section and maybe even a few parents. Our junior section will have close to 150 members this year with the majority being boys so we are looking for more girls and we would ask our members if there are any daughters or granddaughters who may be interested to please contact Mairead Coghlan who looks after our girls section.

## Competitions Committee News

The **Bellevue Cup** qualifiers were completed on 21st May. This long standing competition is always popular and for 2022 we had a large number of entries. Mike A. O'Brien leads the qualifiers shooting a superb 62 nett (76 gross) off a Course Handicap of 15 with his partner Declan Hanley (CH 8) coming in second place scoring nett 65 (also best gross). Mike will play Colm Whooley in the first round while Declan will play Eamonn Heffernan. Congratulations Mike on such a superb round. The good news for Mike's match play opponents is that his Course Handicap is now 12. Declan is on 7.

This year we have 16 players qualifying rather than the 8 players from 2021. It should broaden the level of interest in the competition quite nicely and generate an extra dynamic through the summer months. The draw has been posted on the notice board in the men's locker room. The competition will be played off the full difference for the players Course Handicap, White Tees.



Thanks to everyone who entered. Best of luck to all those who qualified.

### **Fourball Scorecards**

Fourballs Competitions on Wednesdays and Sundays have been very popular at Delgany for many years. Our computer based Competition Entry System now produces a label for your competition cards that, for singles, usually contains all of the necessary information to complete a valid entry for that given competition. Normally all that you need to do as a player is make sure that you and your marker sign your card. You are still obliged to check the rest of the information to make sure that it is correct.

Fourballs are a bit more of a challenge. The computer system cannot facilitate "cross overs" at the moment so this must be done manually. The big challenge however is handicaps. At the moment, the computer system does not print the players' handicaps on the card. **You are obliged to record your Handicap Index, Course Handicap and Playing Handicap for that competition.**

On Sunday 22nd May 2022 we had to disqualify 22% of the cards returned because the handicap information was missing.

Please ensure that your correct Handicap Index, Course Handicap and Playing Handicap for that competition are on your card when you return your card to competitions. No one should be disqualified from a competition so please work with us to help you enjoy your golf.

# Course update - 9th Tee Box



Construction work on a new all weather tee at the ninth hole is expected to be completed in the next week or so. The installation will be similar to the layout of the 17th tee in the K Club Ryder Cup course and was recommended to Delgany by agronomist Gerry Byrne who works at the K Club. Work has been carried out up to now by Course Chairman Stephen Keogh and his Club staff. The final stages will be done by an external contractor who will lay the artificial strip.

# New Member Profile : Introducing Ciaran Jacob

**Golfing background:** I took up golf in my 20s with some pals as a weekend activity as an excuse to get out of Dublin for weekends away. Into my 30s I joined Charlesland where my parents were members and took to playing more regularly.

**Why Delgany?** When Charlesland closed down I looked to the closest club to me as I have been getting my golf in mostly before work with the new ways of working.

**Golfing ambitions:** To get that handicap down towards 15 would be great, maybe some more rounds at the weekends in the summer!

**Sporting heroes:** Dalglish, Maradona, Christian Cullen

**Other sports interests:** I coach the U13 Girls team in Greystones United which takes up a lot of my time. I play a little 5 a side football and tag rugby still when the injuries allow it.

**Golfing successes so far:** In Charlesland I won the Captain's prize in 2007! It's a feat I'd love to repeat in Delgany...you need to have a goal!! I played on the Pierce Purcell team for Charlesland in 2008 also which was a great experience.

**Interesting facts:** I'm one of the members most likely to be consulting my smartwatch on the course – both for yardage and to keep an eye on my blood sugar #type1diabetes.



## Questions on the Rules of Golf...

### Today Paul talks about 'Movable obstructions'

John and Sue are playing the second hole. Sue hits a great drive into the left rough and as she is getting ready to hit her second shot she notices a red stake about 3 metres in front of her and checks the back of the card to see if it is immovable or not. Immovable obstructions only mentions disks in centre of fairway and not stakes, so stakes are movable. She lifts the stake and plays a lovely shot onto the green. Replaces stake and walks on.



### **What is the penalty if any ?**

- A. No penalty
- B. 1 shot penalty
- C. 2 shot penalty

Answer on the last page of this Dispatch.

### Local Rules

Each club has local rules which are either on the score card or on a notice board in the Clubhouse and vary from club to club depending on circumstances. Electric wires going across fair-ways, sprinkler heads on fairway or near greens, immovable obstruction from which you get free relief and integral objects such as pylons on right of first green and internal stone walls from which you have no relief. So before going out on a strange course check the local rules. In Wicklow golf club for instance they have internal out of bounds so if playing the fourth you drive onto the fifth fairway you are OB and have to play 3 off the tee.

## Delgany Schools Cup 2022

The twelfth Wicklow Primary Schools Cup final was organised and hosted by Delgany Golf Club on Monday, 16th May, featuring 13 Primary School teams from within the Wicklow area.

The initiative to encourage school children up to 12 years of age to play golf was developed and promoted by Jason Bradshaw and Delgany Golf Club since 2009. JPA Brenson Lawlor, Chartered Accountants co-sponsored this year's event. Local Wicklow Primary Schools have had weekly coaching and practice sessions which have been initiated by teachers and parents involving circa 500 school children from the ages of 8 to 12 years of age. The finals involved 52 boys and girls from fourth, fifth and sixth classes.

The Captain of Delgany Golf Club, Pat Kitterick and Lady Captain Ann Boyle stated that the Club was proud to be associated once again with this event and congratulated all the teachers, parents and the young golfers for their tremendous performance during the year and on the day. The event involved children from Wicklow primary schools taking part in a team scramble golf competition and was supported by the professionals at Delgany Golf Club, Gavin Kavanagh, Geoff Evans and Catalina Mackelfresh who provided the school children with a golf exhibition after the team event.



Jason Bradshaw founder of the event, said he was very pleased to see this grass roots get into golf programme continuing to grow in popularity so well in the Wicklow area and congratulated all the schoolchildren who competed and announced the 2022 winners as follows:

**2022 Boys Winners:**

**St. Brigid's, National School, Greystones**

**2022 Girls Winners:**

**Delgany National School, Delgany**



## Delgany Schools Cup 2022 Photos



### **St. Brigid's National School, Greystones -**

### **Winning Boys School of Delgany Schools Cup held at Delgany Golf Club on 16th May 2022**

Left to right – Jane Ahern, Jason Bradshaw (Founder of the event) , Benjamin Cojocar, Ruadhán Murray, Pat Kitterick (Captain, Delgany Golf Club) Matthew Gormley, Patrick Murray and Ann Boyle (Lady Captain, Delgany Golf Club).



# St Laurence's N.S. Golf Classic at Delgany GC



St Laurence's National School have been coming to Delgany for over a quarter of a century.

They're our most loyal green fee customers and 111 people enjoyed the excellent fare presented by Jamie and his team in our restaurant after golf.



## Pro Shop News

As most of you know by now, our Professional Gavin is now thankfully in recovery following his successful back surgery and we have two new faces to help out in his absence. Geoff Evans and Catalina Mackelfresh have started work in the Pro Shop and are available for Coaching right now. We are planning some comprehensive coaching programs for all golfers over the summer.

### **Introducing Catalina Mackelfresh**

Catalina has been an active member of the LPGA Teaching Professionals for over 20 years, bringing knowledge from working with many of America's top golf instructors Mike and Sandy LaBauve, as well as Jim Hardy and the Harmon brothers. She served as the Head Instructor at Kierland Golf Club in Scottsdale, AZ and as the Director of Instruction at Medinah Country Club in Chicago. Catalina has specialized in building and growing youth golf programs for the last 10 years with great success.

Catalina grew up in Colombia, South America and successfully competed in many international tournaments as part of the Colombian National team. She was also a member of the golf team for four years at Brigham Young University in Utah and placed in a number of professional tournaments after her college years.

Catalina moved to Ireland in 2020 with her husband, two daughters and Pepper their dog.

### **Introducing Geoff Evans**

Geoff has been a golf coach to all levels from Juniors to Tour players for the last 24 years. He has worked in Ireland, Germany, Australia, Mallorca, Barcelona, Kazakstan and Abu Dhabi. During this time he has continued to upskill and attended golf clinics hosted by David Leadbetter, Greg Norman, Christy O'Connor Senior, Sergio Garcia, David Pelz and Karl Morris. During his time in Spain he worked at the Girona Golf club as their Head Professional. For six years he was resident at PGA de Catalunya as teaching pro with the Sergio Garcia golf academy, specialising with Gears and Trackman. He also was Head of Junior golf Development with the Spanish Golf Federation for the Girona region working with juniors and people with various disabilities. Most recently Geoff worked as a golf consultant in Kazakstan and was in charge of Junior golf development at Astana and Nurtau golf clubs.

He is a native of Greystones and learnt his trade caddying in Delgany and Greystones Golf Clubs when he was young.





## Golf rules question.... were you right ?

**Now the answer to above is A**

A- There is no penalty for removing a movable obstruction even when it's not near your ball. But if it's a distance stake or similar it will have to be replaced.

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

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## Last but not least ....

A big Happy Birthday to our former President Joe Cordye celebrated his 80th birthday recently and word is he has his eye on the Captains Prize this year as he enters his prime.



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