

THE DELGANY DISPATCH



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Captains' Message



Captain Pat and Men's Club wish Captain Ann every success with the traditional Ladies Club Captain's Night this evening, when a motley crew take to the stage to cast an artistic eye on her year – and other matters – in a melange of music, madcap mischief and mystery!

Congratulations to the many winners of medals, trophies and mementos in both clubs presented at the Annual Prize Presentations on Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th of October - well done especially to Joe Codyre and Alison Graham who scooped the titles of Golfer of the Year. It was certainly Alison's night as she was announced as Vice-Captain Betty's nominee as incoming Vice-Captain 2023, so our heartiest best wishes to her.

The Captains and Vice-Captains are currently formulating a process for appointment of a new Club Manager for ratification by Management Committee in due course. This process includes a review of the job profile for this critical position, taking account of the needs of our Club in the medium-to-long term.

We are very conscious that the recent inclement weather has significantly curtailed playing opportunities for those who depend on buggies. It has prompted thoughts on the need to examine the feasibility of extending our current buggy paths to address this issue as part of the Club's general objective constantly to improve Members' experience on and off the course. This, of course, would be a longer-term project over a number of years and contingent on Club finances.

Finally for now, we would like to thank all involved in this Wednesday's lovely Remembrance Service in the Seaview Room, led by Fr. John and Rev. Harry, assisted by the Captains and Vice-Captains, with particular gratitude to Briege as organiser and in linking with the families of our deceased Members.

Captains Pat and Ann.

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Introducing our 2023 Ladies Vice Captain Alison Graham

The Ladies' Club Presentation of Prizes event which was held on 24th October is always an evening of great excitement as it is also the occasion when the Vice Captain announces her proposed replacement for the following year. After feverish speculation among the ladies for many months as to the identity of Vice Captain Betty Sherry's nominee there was great delight and celebration when she announced Alison Graham as her Nominee for Vice Captain 2023.

Alison is a very well integrated and popular member of Delgany Golf Club. She has served on Committee as Honorary Secretary of the Ladies Club and has also represented the Club at numerous interclub matches.

Alison's extensive participation in interclub events reflects her talent as a golfer with lots of wins to her credit. Like many of our strong lady players her skills at golf reflect a long career in school and club hockey where she excelled as a member of Pembroke Wanderers. Alison is also a very keen tennis player and has the proud distinction of beating the inestimable Bernie Jones to take first prize in an inter-club league match shortly after she joined Delgany. Not the most diplomatic strategy for a rookie golfer as Bernie had just been announced as Lady Captain that year! Alison modestly acknowledges that she played out of her skin on the day in question. That ability to pull rabbits out of the hat in her sporting prowess has contributed to many wins for Alison in her golfing career in Delgany, culminating in her taking the prize of Golfer of the year 2022.

Alison, whose sister Helen Mitchell is also a member of Delgany, has two children and became a proud grandmother for the first time this year. Alison has worked in business with one of Ireland's leading industrialists for the last 35 years and when she gets the time to fit them in she also enjoys gardening, pilates and learning French.

We wish Alison every success in her Vice Captaincy.



Not acceptable....

Greenkeeper Steven Mc Donald has sent us this picture of the 5th green, taken on November 1st.

Both divots are clear and cannot be condoned, it is simply not acceptable that any golfer should carry out such an act of ignorance on a golf course.

Years of effort go into looking after our greens and somebody has just insulted all our course staff and members by this savage act.

We have no clue as to the perpetrator, all we can do is bring it to the attention of all our readers and ask that you always remain vigilant on the course and never hesitate to name and shame anyone who carries out such an abomination.



Peg Colleran RIP



It was with sadness that we learned of the death of Peg last weekend after a long illness. She will be remembered for her lovely smile and her great sense of humour. Peg was from Kanturk in Co. Cork and lived in Blackrock. She is pre-deceased by her husband, Denis and both were great members of the golf Club. Peg joined Delgany in 1982 and had many happy years in the Club. She was on flower and social committees in the Ladies club and did the flower arrangements for two of my daughters weddings. My fondest happy memories were of the times we went to Westport for Open Week. We were a team of 12 – the McKeever, the Collerans, the Rochfords, the Whelans, the Perrys and the Brooks. Myself and Peg were a good foursomes pairing and won many interclub matches together. Every Tuesday evening, up to relatively recently Peg would have been part of our Tuesday evening dining group which she always enjoyed. We will miss our dear friend, her beautiful smile and her great sense of humour.

May she rest in peace.

Miriam McKeever

Men's Prizegiving Night photos 2022



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Men's Competition News

Cancellations and Charges:

Normally charges for weekend competitions (Friday/Saturday/Sunday) are processed through the Competition Purse on a Monday/Tuesday.

Wednesday competitions are usually processed on Fridays.

In the event of a competition cancellation, an instruction is given to the Accounts Team not to process charges for that competition. If the charge has not been processed when the instruction is received, then it will not come out of the Purse.

If the charge has already been processed, the Accounts Team will have to process refunds manually and this could take more than one working day, depending on the total entry on the BRS.

Turkey Cuts:

The first Turkey Singles Competition was held on Saturday, October 22nd.

The next one will be this coming Saturday, November 5th.

Please note that a "Turkey Cut" will be applied to players placed 1st, 2nd & 3rd in the first competition and this will apply in subsequent Turkey competitions.

This means that anyone placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in a Turkey Competition will have a 1-point deduction applied when next playing in another Turkey Competition.

These deductions will be applied when the results are being finalised.

A cumulative maximum of 3 cuts will be applied while the Turkey competitions are in operation.

These cuts will stop once we finish with the Turkey Competitions.

Last Man Standing update

Then there were three!

In our last update on Last Man Standing we had fifteen survivors, but following a few shock results we are now down to three players standing. Liverpool's poor form took out a lot of players. Congratulations to Tony Doyle, Don Mc Grane and Pat Craig for making it this far. Its getting harder and harder to find a winning team.

With two more rounds before the premiership breaks for the world cup, we hope that a winner will emerge before the break.

Thanks to all members that supported this event.





SPORTS SURGERY CLINIC TALK



SPORTS SURGERY CLINIC
DUBLIN

“Training for Golf – staying fit
& injury free for the season”

*will take place in the
Seaview Room, Delgany Golf Club*

on

**Tuesday 8th November 2022
at 7.30 pm**

**The talk will be given by Jack Dent – Strength &
Conditioning Coach**

All Welcome



Mushroom Magic



Those of us who have the unfortunate habit of avoiding the fairways will have noticed that our Fungi are flourishing.

This excellent photo from **Don McManus** shows the thriving Fly Agaric (*Amanita muscaria*) with its classic toadstool look. It appears between August and November and is generally associated with acidic soil beneath birch and spruce trees, with which it forms a symbiotic relationship. **Fly agarics are poisonous and should not be eaten.** Reports of deaths are rare, but ingestion often causes stomach cramps and hallucinations.



Fungi are neither plant nor animal, and belong to a completely separate group of their own. They are unable to use sunlight to produce food, like plants, and instead acquire their nutrients from living or dead plants, animal or other fungi. The visible part of the fungi is the fruiting body that magically appears from nowhere overnight to produce and distribute the fungi's spores. Beneath the fruiting body is complex network of fine threads, known as hyphae, that permeate the fungi's food source and absorb the nutrients it needs.

Sometimes mushrooms can cause consternation for golfers as seen in this photo from fellow DGC member Paul Ryan. Paul asked us for a ruling and who better than our very own rules expert Paul Hautz to shed some light on the subject. His reply was clear "Lovely picture, but like everything growing there is no relief. You could take penalty relief and drop within 2 club lengths or back in line with pin or back to where you last played from, all for 1 penalty shot".

Paul also noted that members are having a lot of trouble finding balls in the accumulations of leaves etc. and suggested we could bring in a local rule F14 "During play of the 6th hole any ground with temporary accumulations of leaves in the general area is treated as ground under repair from which free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1"

As they say in Fr Ted, that would be an ecumenical matter.



And finally....

This photo arrived to us without explanation.....



Our Director of Operations Mark has clarified that the lettering will be corrected as soon as possible. Since the markings were done a couple of weeks ago there have been no dry days to get it done.

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