



# THE DELGANY DISPATCH



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## Captains' Report



What a great start to the interclub matchplay season with a first round win for Delgany in the Fitzgibbon Cup. We are delighted to congratulate our winning team on their defeat of Killiney on Sunday with a very satisfactory 3.5 to 2.5 result. More details are provided in the Teams section later but we would like to say a resounding Well Done to all involved - the players, the managers and the Team liaison crew. The next round takes place on 19 February against Old Conna and we have no doubt our members will be out in numbers to support the team. Go Delgany!!!

Around the clubhouse we can feel the excitement building as the opening night of the Play approaches and the stage takes shape before our eyes. Ticket sales have gone extremely well and we expect a full house for each performance. We thank all associated with the production for the very hard work that has gone into bringing the show together and look forward to a very entertaining evening. Pre-theatre dinner bookings are also going very well and diners are advised to come early to ensure they have completed their meal before the doors to the show open at 7.30. The front of house team will be available to assist those with particular issues, e.g. mobility or hearing, with access to suitable seats.

We are grateful to our members for embracing the recent rules introduced by our course committee. Our fairways are already responding to the sand bag program and the requirement to walk in the rough. It is a reminder that we can achieve nothing without the co-operation of our members, and conversely the sky is the limit when we all work together.

Captains Betty and Tom

## Captains' Foreword

We are grateful to our members and their businesses for their support of the many events that we have in the golf club each year. We try to ensure that our sponsoring partners get good value for their support. In 2023 we have some new sponsorship opportunities aimed at our corporate contacts. Our roll out of the new tee box signs is well under way with sponsor partners secured for each hole and all signs on schedule to be in the ground by early March. We will be hoping to secure backing for the other opportunities listed below.

We would ask members to approach their corporate suppliers to get involved. Perhaps you can forward this note to your business contacts.

## New Welcome Noticeboard

We have ordered a new Noticeboard that will be erected adjacent to the practice putting green. This noticeboard will be the most prominent of all signage in the club. All players cannot fail to see the noticeboard en route to the first tee. The attached picture is similar to the noticeboard that we have ordered. We envisage that the sponsors panel will contain the sponsor's name, QR code, strap line and other critical information. At €1,500 per annum, this presents a great opportunity for a corporate to advertise their business. We hope to enter a three year or five year arrangement with the prospective taker. We can offer a discount on the annual charge for the longer term deal.

Potential sponsors can contact Fergus Cardiff (086 254 8495), our captains Tom Bergin (087 236 2629), Betty Sherry (086 225 3348) or Patrick Bradshaw, General Manager (085 252 6320) email [operations@delganygolfclub.com](mailto:operations@delganygolfclub.com)





# Business Sponsorship Opportunity



**Our Business / Corporate Day – 16th June 2023,**

**kindly sponsored by KPMG.**

Our Business / Corporate day is a 4-ball Shotgun format, on the 16th June, with both 9.00 am and 2.30pm Shot Gun starts. This event promises to be a fantastic event for the Club and all our participating Businesses. This is a great opportunity to bring your clients, work colleagues or friends. We are delighted that Sean Donnelly and Paul Farrar will be helping the Sponsorship Committee to deliver our Corporate Day. Each team will be treated to breakfast or light lunch on arrival, with our prize giving dinner in the evening in our lovely Clubhouse, where we will have entertaining & interesting Guest Speaker(s).

The cost of entering your team of four, is a very reasonable €500. We are asking all our members to get involved in this fantastic business & corporate event. Bookings are limited, so we will need your confirmation by the 30th April. If you cannot participate on 16th June, you or your company may be interested in profiling your Business and sponsoring one of the raffle prizes, golf prizes, or goodie bag items on the day (€200 to €500 range).

Part of the Funds raised are being put towards our Sustainability agenda including our Captains' selected project to bring Bee Hives and honey production to our fantastic open grounds. We would like confirmations by the 30th April and the ask of members or the primary contact for the potential sponsor is to contact Patrick Bradshaw, General Manager (085 252 6320), email [operations@delganygolfclub.com](mailto:operations@delganygolfclub.com)



**Our Open Week – 21st June to 25th June 2023**

Prior to Covid, our Open Week was always a highlight of our calendar year. We now want to make our 2023 Open week a really memorable event for all our Visitors, our Members and Businesses who take the opportunity to get involved and sponsor one of the five days available. **This is a great opportunity for your firm or business to profile their Brand, profile their Services or demonstrate their products. Delgany G.C. will provide the sponsoring business every opportunity to utilise our clubhouse and outside facilities to promote their business on the day and over the week plus the sponsoring business will be the host for the Prize giving presentation on the evening of their sponsoring day.** The cost for this sponsoring opportunity is €1,000 - €1,500 for the day and will include playing slots and dinner for the sponsor. We would like confirmations by the 31st March and the ask of members or the primary contact for the potential sponsor is to contact either Fergus Cardiff (086 254 8495) or Patrick Bradshaw, General Manager (085 252 6320), email [operations@delganygolfclub.com](mailto:operations@delganygolfclub.com) This will be a fantastic week for all involved. **Our Sponsorship and Fundraising committee would be delighted to talk to you about any thoughts or ideas that you might have. Thanks for your support.**

**Committee: Fergus Cardiff (Chairperson); Gary Connolly; Aidan Lacy; Francine O'Byrne.**



# Captains' News



## Captains' Drive In – Saturday 11 March

Our first big golf and social event of the year, the Captains' Drive-In, is fast approaching. Captains Betty and Tom have selected 11th March for their Drive-In and look forward to a big turnout to get our 2023 season off to a rousing start.

The day will have a four person team rumble format with shotgun starts in the morning and afternoon at 8:45 am and 2:00 pm. We are aiming to



play 18 holes, course and weather permitting. The timesheet for booking will open on Sunday 26th February for Ordinary and Lady Associate members and February 28th for Intermediate & Student members. Entry fee is €15 to include lunch and will be taken from the Competition purse. Lots of team and individual prizes will be provided. Dinner with entertainment will follow at 7.00 pm and will cost €35. We recommend booking early at the Bar for dinner to avoid disappointment.



## International Women's Day – Unleash the Power of your Emotional Intelligence

The Ladies Club will mark International Women's Day, which falls on 8th March, by dipping into the wide range of talents and skills of our lady members to bring you a very special presentation.

Emotions can be a puzzle and get in the way of what we want to achieve. Eva Doherty, who has been a member of Delgany Golf Club for over 20 years, will explain what our emotions mean, how they make us tick and what we can do to manage them better. Eva is a Clinical Psychologist, Associate Professor and Director of Human Factors in Patient Safety at RCSI University of Medicine and Health Sciences. She designs and teaches professional and academic programmes which aim to equip doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals with the skills to enhance their communication, teamwork, leadership and stress management abilities.

Eva will demonstrate how an enhanced knowledge and awareness of emotions can help us to better understand ourselves and others. Her presentation, which will be open to all members, will take place in the Seaview room on Tuesday 7th March at 6.00 pm. In order to gauge the number of seats to provide we ask that you register at the bar your interest in attending what promises to be a fascinating presentation and discussion.





# Course News



## Thank You.....

On behalf of the course committee and the course team, we would like to acknowledge and thank all the members who have embraced and taken on board our new roping system, which is designed to rest, as much as possible, our fairways. Even after a couple of weeks, the difference is visible and real. The first fairway cutting, that recently took place, showed this improvement. The lack of rain in the last weeks of January also greatly assisted in drying out the course and this has added to the improvement.

We will hopefully be going to 15 holes at the end of this month so please keep up this support for our roping initiative until we can remove the ropes, when spring really kicks off.

There has been a huge jump in the use of our divot bags as evidenced by the need to refill the divot boxes twice weekly. This is up from only having to refill every couple of weeks. This is excellent and if we can keep this momentum up then we will see greater improvements as we head into the proper growing season.

However, there has only been a trickle of divot bags returned, so my request is that we need to further 'shake up' the search for the huge quantity of the missing divot bags.

In summary, working together we are making these initiatives a success. We really appreciate all your collective efforts.

Thank you

Ken Greene

Course committee chair

## Fitzgibbon Cup 2023

### Delgany v Killiney – 5<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – Final Results

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#### Home

Alex Coffey (0.5)	Terry Day (14.2)	(14.7) – Won 4&3
Brian Fitzpatrick (3.9)	Charlie Fox (10.7)	(14.6) – Lost 3&1
Aidan Lacy (6.6)	Danny O’Hara (7.7)	(14.3) – Won 3&2

#### Away

William Walshe (3.1)	Kevin Bouwer (11.0)	(14.1) – Won 2 up
Liam May (2.9)	Ian Barrett (11.6)	(14.5) – Lost 2&1
Conor Tiernan (3.0)	Donal Meehan (11.2)	(14.2) – Half Match

**Final Result**                      **Delgany Win 3.5 / Killiney 2.5**

**Managers: Jason Bradshaw, Paul Hautz, Basil Mulligan & Donal Meehan**





## *Cupid wore skirts*



**Our Play "Cupid Wore Skirts" is sold out for the second week - however some tickets are still available for Thursday/ Friday/Saturday of next week 16/17/18 of February. Tickets can be ordered from Cheryl Ball at 0872520835 and collected at the bar in the Clubhouse.**

**Tickets are 20 euros each and remember we are also offering a special pre-theatre dinner in our restaurant ahead of each performance, contact Jamie or Kevin to reserve your table.**

**Thanks to Eugene Murray, we have a link to a short preview and give you an idea of the craic that's about to unfold....**

<https://youtu.be/m2iRDyTiaS8>







# Ladies News



## January 31st Shotgun Scramble Results

There was a great turnout for our first shotgun scramble of the year with 92 players taking part and everyone having a good time.

### Front 9 results



1st Place



Second



Third

### Back 9 results



1st Place



Second

Third:  
Anne Marie Gallagher &  
Catherine Bennett  
(No photo available)



The three deer who joined us for the shotgun !!!





# Ladies News



## Handicap Reminders

As we approach qualifying season there are 3 numbers we need to remember

- Handicap Index
- Course Handicap
- Playing Handicap



### Calculation of your Handicap Index

Your Handicap index is calculated to 1 decimal point by taking the average of the best 8 scores from the most recent score differentials on your scoring record.

A fully developed Handicap Index will have a record of at least 20 scores.

### Course Handicap

A course Handicap is used to determine the number of strokes a player receives before Handicap Allowances are applied on any golf course from any specific set of tees.

A Course Handicap is calculated using the following formula:

**18 H course handicap = handicap index x (slope rating/113)**

**9 H course handicap = (handicap index/2) x (9 H slope rating/113)**

What is slope rating?

Slope rating indicates the difficulty of the golf course for the “bogey player”: Compared to the “scratch player”. Slope Rating is used as part of the Course Handicap and Score Differential calculations.

### Playing Handicap

A Playing Handicap is the Course Handicap adjusted for any handicap allowances. It is the number of strokes the player gives or receives during a round and is the number used for the purposes of the competition.

**Playing Handicap = Course Handicap x Handicap Allowance.**

**Handicap Allowance might be 95% singles, 85% foursomes etc.**

It is important to remember that you may have less shots on some holes for your Playing Handicap than your Course Handicap so you should make sure that you play out each hole using your Course Handicap for Handicap purpose.

**Always play to your Course Handicap and let the competition software deal with the competition results.**

## Course is for handiCap

## Playing is for Prizes

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# Ladies News

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## Some photos from our Golf Quiz

Marian Waters who organised the Quiz did a great job testing our brains to the limit..... with cryptic questions. Great fun had by all.

The winners are pictured below:





# Men's Competition News



## 1. Winter League

The Winter League is really hotting up now with 6 rounds competed out of the 7 scheduled up to February 4th (Round 4 is going ahead on Sunday February 12th). Only 42 points separate 1st and 5th spot with all 10 teams vying for the coveted "Top 4" who will progress to the knock-out stages on March 5th. Rumour has it that Ian Barrett is considering resting all his players for the remaining rounds, so confident is he of making the final cut...

For the record, the leading teams (plus the chasing pack)...

- Team D - Ian Barrett - 779
- Team C - Donal Meehan - 743
- Team F - John Gallagher - 740
- Team H - Fran O'Hara - 738
- Team A - Tom Bergin - 737
- Team J - Michael Behan - 727
- Team E - John Sweeney - 709
- Team G - Brian McGee - 698
- Team B - Paul Hautz - 687
- Team I - Shane O'Loughlin - 655



Meanwhile, the Winter League Gross table is looking just as interesting...points are awarded for finishing in the top 5 in each round:

- 1st - Cathan McCarthy 34 points
- 2nd- Alex Coffey 30 points
- 3rd - Paddy Donohoe 18 points
- Joint 4th - Andy Murphy & Fergus McDonald 14 points
- 6th - Aidan Lacy 12 points

***Up to date winter league results are available on the website in members area, under competitions thanks to Dermot McCarthy***

## 2. Moving to 15 holes

Plans are in place to move from 12 to 15 holes on Monday, February 27th.

## 3. Men's Foursomes Matchplay Qualifier

This year's qualifier for the Foursomes was omitted in error from the Diary.

It will be played on Sunday, April 2nd with 16 pairs to qualify.

This competition will replace the Men's Fourball which was scheduled for that date.



# Men's Competition News



Following a recent rule change by Golf Ireland, a player must have both the Handicap Index and Playing Handicap marked clearly on their scorecard.

The Course Handicap is not essential, but the latter two are.

It is the Player's responsibility to check this.

If the handicap on your card is absent or too high, this will result in Disqualification.  
If the handicap on your card is too low, then there is no penalty but the score signed for will stand (using the lower handicap).



## Ian's Cryptic Quiz



Congratulations to **Ann Roche**, who scored a very impressive 9/10 in our last quiz and wins the sleeve of TaylorMade golf balls. Our thanks to all who took the time to enter here are the answers : 1. Ruth Jenkinson, 2. Paul Hautz, 3. Colm Whooley, 4. Goat, 5. Leo Harmon, 6. Michael Sinnott, 7. Betty Sherry, 8. Sean O'Rourke, 9. Sue Archer and 10. Valerie Stokes.

Unfortunately no prize this week, so no need to email your answers.

- 1) Golfer of the year 2022 (6+6)
- 2) BRING ME TO your leader (3+6)
- 3) Treading the boards in February (5)
- 4) Ryder Cupper 1957 (5+8)
- 5) She looks out for the kid's welfare (7+8)
- 6) The oldest cup in Delgany (7+3)

Answers next issue.

Ian McMahon.







# Delgany GC Schools Cup 2023

It is that time of year again, Spring is in the air and we are delighted to announce that this year's Delgany Schools Cup Final has been confirmed for Monday, 15th May, 2023.

This will be the 13th annual Wicklow Primary Schools Cup final organised and hosted by Delgany Golf Club. The initiative to encourage school children up to 12 years of age to play golf has been developed and promoted by Jason Bradshaw and Delgany Golf Club since 2009.

Local Wicklow Primary Schools have weekly coaching and practice sessions which are initiated by teachers and parents involving circa 500 school children from the ages of 8 to 12 years of age. The event involves the children taking part in a team scramble golf competition and is supported by the professionals at Delgany Golf Club, Gavin Kavanagh, Geoff Evans and Catalina Mackelfresh, who provide the eager audience with a few valuable golf tips/lessons after the team event. This is a grass roots golf programme aimed at developing an understanding of and an interest in the game, as well as making it a fun experience for all the participants and who knows ..... possibly finding the next Irish golf super star. The event continues to grow in popularity in the Wicklow area and with Delgany GC as it's home, we are delighted to welcome all our young local golfers and hopefully see them develop a love for the game that will last a life time.

## Last years results...

**2022 Boys Winners: St. Brigid's, National School, Greystones**



**2022 Girls Winners: Delgany National School, Delgany**



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and Regulations issued in 1914, less than two months before the start of the Great War. Among other things they advised that 'No Lady Associate shall have any say in the management of the Club', and that Members and Associates bringing their own food should be 'charged 6d (€0.03) a head for the use of club china, glass, etc.' It directed that the Steward be reprimanded after 'complaints were received as to the appearance of his wife on several occasions' and that the Steward pay for three empty tins 'placed with the stock of full sardine tins.' When the Steward left the Club's employment he was replaced by a stewardess, but she didn't last long after 'she had been noted on several occasions under the influence of drink.' Her replacement fared no better and he also made a hasty departure after on one occasion being 'observed in an intoxicated condition.' At its meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> November 1913, the Committee decided to take on Sergeant Barry as the Steward. Edward Barry proved to be honest and reliable and was eventually appointed Secretary of the Club, a post at which he excelled. He served until his death in 1941.

If there is one person in Delgany's history who contributed more than anyone else to the reputation of the club, then surely it was Edward Barry's wife. Through two world wars, through our own war of independence, civil war and economic war, through the great depression and through the hungry years of the 1920s, 1930s and 1940s, the one consistent shining light for Delgany members and

visitors was Mrs. Barry's legendary cooking. On the busiest nights when she might have served more than 80 excellent meals she still had time for a friendly word for everyone. She smoked about 90 cigarettes a day. Largely because of her, word spread far and wide about Delgany hospitality. Golf societies came regularly to the Club and green fees, particularly from Britain, visited again and again. She retired in 1950, and despite the smoking, she lived to her 98<sup>th</sup> year.



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## 3. CHILDHOOD

### 3.1 THE GREAT WAR and DELGANY

The outbreak of the Great War stalled the progress of the Club and could have brought it to its knees. Many members joined the British Army. A special meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1914 passed a resolution that 'the Committee of Delgany Golf Club tender their heartiest congratulations to their Hon. Sec. George Morphy on his patriotic service at this crucial period when our Empire is engaged in a mighty war.' A couple of months later, on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 1914, a resolution was passed stating that, 'On account of the war, the Committee has decided that Members serving with H. M. Forces will not be required to pay their subscriptions until they return, and then only on a pro rata, i.e. quarterly, scale.' Along similar lines on the 16<sup>th</sup> of July of the following year the Irish Life carried the following letter from the Club:

'Sir,

It may interest those persons who are good enough to take wounded soldiers for drives in the country that, if they visit Delgany Golf Club, they will receive a hearty welcome and that tea will be provided for them by the Club every day of the week, including Sundays.'

When the war dragged on longer than anyone had expected, Delgany's future began to look bleak. The Irish Times of 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1916 reported, 'It is not surprising to learn that the Committee

of the Delgany Golf Club find it hard to carry on owing to the conditions prevailing just now. A large proportion of the membership is with the Colours, and the petrol shortage has had the effect of reducing the number of visitors to an enormous extent. In the case of a club such as Delgany having to close its links, there is the danger that this admirably suited venue may never again be opened as a golf links. Once the Committee are compelled to close down, the links will be devoted to other purposes, and the expense of re-laying out the ground after the war would be so considerable that very likely it would never be undertaken. The club depended greatly on visitors for its revenue, and those who spent so many pleasant days at Delgany in the past will, we hope, respond to the appeal of the Committee and help to keep the club going until happier times arrive.'

Referring to Delgany, the Irish Field wrote on 13<sup>th</sup> March 1926, 'In 1916 the Germans were hammering their way through on the Western Front, and there was a general stoppage of all sport. No one had the heart to play golf, and at the end of the year the Committee was faced with an alarming situation, for the membership had dropped to 80. It seemed as if the Club was doomed to utter and complete extinction.' During the war the minutes of the Committee meetings were short, presumably because there was so little to discuss. However, a major issue arose when a claim was received from the La Touche estate for

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£16 (€20.32), ‘the alleged value of a horse which had died as a result of injuries following a kick from the Golf Club mare.’ There is no record of the claim being met or further pursued.

Not much is known of what became of those members who went off to fight in the Great War. According to word of mouth, many of them were killed, and if any survivors returned to the club when hostilities ended, it was not recorded. After 1915, the Committee minutes make no mention of members serving in the British Army, and no plaque was erected in the memory of those who served or died – it was as if they had never existed. It is, perhaps, even more remarkable that during the whole period of World War I and subsequently, there is but a single reference in the Minutes to the dramatic events that were taking place in Ireland itself—the landing of guns and ammunition by the Irish Volunteers at Kilcoole in August 1914, the 1916 Rising, the War of Independence, the Truce or the Civil War. The reference is in the minutes of a special meeting held on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1922 and reads: ‘It was passed unanimously that the Club house and Links be closed on tomorrow 24<sup>th</sup> inst. in compliance with the order issued by the Irish Labour Party’ – almost certainly, this was in response to the manifesto of the National Executive of the Labour Party calling for a general stoppage of work/strike on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 1922 to protest against militarism and the general state of affairs in the country due to the Civil War.



# *And finally...*

Our congratulations to Bray native Darren Reynolds and former Delgany GC member who will work alongside Shane Lowry in the coming weeks and possibly longer after being named as the Offaly man's new caddie.

Darren's proud Dad Tony is a retired ex Delgany member who often visits our clubhouse with his friend Terry Day.

Darren will be on Lowry's bag up until the Masters in April, starting at the WM Phoenix Open in Arizona this week.



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