



THE DELGANY DISPATCH



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Captains' Message



Just as we expected, Met Eireann have confirmed that March 2023 was the wettest March on record. The effect of the incessant rain has resulted in us continuing to have placing on the fairways and the rough for an extended period. The course condition has improved following a few dry days earlier this week.



It may have rained plenty, but with the help of so many members we got our 'Drive In' completed at the second time of asking. The feedback from the day has been very positive, so it appears that the members enjoyed the day as much as we did. We are grateful to our Course, Competitions, House, Social, and Communications committees for all their input into making sure the day was such a success. Our head chef Simon and his team pulled out all the stops in serving up one of the finest meals that we have ever enjoyed at the club. Our bar staff were as pleasant and as professional as ever, ensuring that some of us reaped the pain we deserved the next day!.



Music on the night was provided by Chris Cole and Paul Feery and they had the members dancing the night away with some great foot tappers.

In particular, we the captains, our guests, and the members were so impressed by the wonderful flower arrangements prepared by Marian Lambe and Agnes Young. Our sincere thanks to all of you who helped with the day.



Captains' Message



We used the occasion of the Drive In to introduce Bee Hives to our golf Club. Environmentally sustainable projects such as this have become quite popular, but without Paul Ryan securing EY to sponsor the project and Ashford Beekeepers to manage the project, we doubt that we could have brought it to fruition. We look forward to selling our own honey to our members later in the year.

Immediately before the Drive In we launched our new Tee Box signs. Sue and Dylan Archer did the honours in unveiling the first tee box sign, kindly sponsored by Archer Windows and Doors. All the other signs are expected to be in place by the end of this week. The signs look amazing and are a great addition to the course. In the next edition of the Dispatch we will give a shout out to all our new sign sponsors. We encourage our members to support the businesses of these sponsors where possible. Archer Windows and Doors already had a request for a quote within three days of the launch.

We mentioned in a previous issue of the Dispatch that we would set up Noticeboard WhatsApp groups for the members of the Men's Club and the Ladies Club. We have now gone live with the Men's Club group and are well advanced with the setting up of the Ladies group. We hope that this initiative will improve the communications between Club and member.

As a further development of communications with members our Course Committee are holding an Information evening on Thursday 20th which will give a comprehensive overview of the ongoing and planned works required to maintain and improve the condition of our course. We encourage every member to attend.



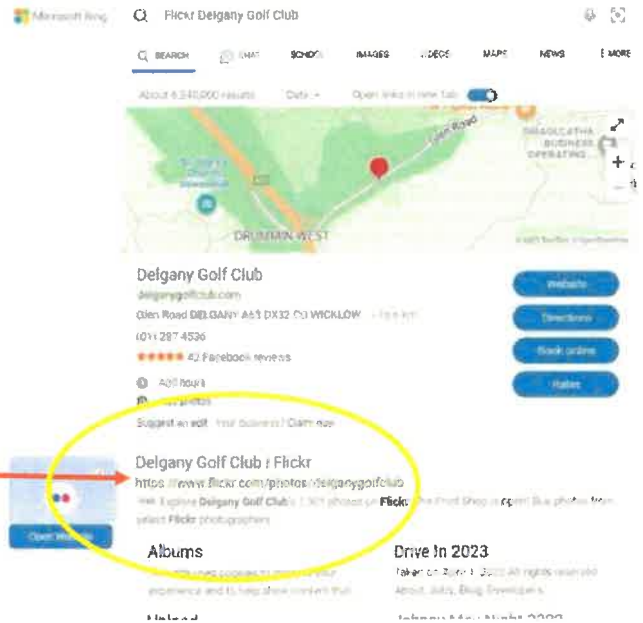
Captains' Drive In photos



Our Captains' Drive In photographs are all easily accessible online and available to download on our Flickr page. The Flickr page was established by the late great Chris Ball and contains over 1300 club photo's taken over the years. We are keen to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to view these photos and want to show you the various ways to access the page.

In Google, Bing, Firefox or any internet search engine, if you type "Flickr Delgany Golf Club" in the search box and press enter, you will see a link.

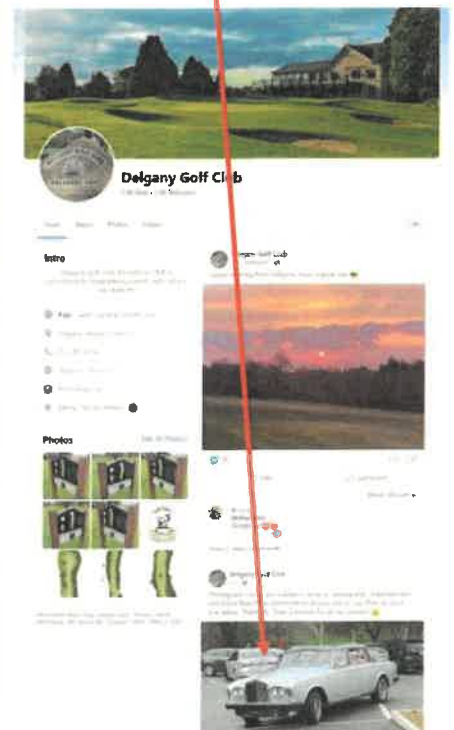
Click on the link for direct access to our Flickr page



Go to our Delgany GC homepage and sign in, then click on 'Members' and click on 'Photos' to go direct to our Flickr page

On FACEBOOK

Click on the car photo.



HOME CLUB MEMBERSHIP VISITOR COURSE COMPETITION MEMBERS CONTACT





Course News



Our Course Volunteers

The course volunteers have now completed their 3rd session of work to improve the general husbandry of our course and it's surrounds. We have completed the following:

- ◆ Spread bark mulch around all the trees in OB area on the right hand side (RHS) of the 18th to enhance the look of the avenue as one approaches the car park
- ◆ Swept the winter debris from the car park
- ◆ Cleared out the leaves, acorns, pine needles and debris from the plantations on the 2nd, 4th and the 9th so far.
- ◆ Cleared the ditch on RHS of the 10th, from the old 11th tee to the 10th green.
- ◆ Incredibly, we filled approximately 55+ of the 1 tonne bags. Many thanks to Steven and the lads for organising the relay of emptying these bags that allowed us to keep going.....
- ◆ The secret ingredient that sustained us was the delicious cake and biscuits provided by Nollaig Greene and Bridget Bergin.



The course volunteers that achieved this work were :

Vincent Leonard, Alison Graham, Ciaran Lyons, Frank Young, Betty Sherry, George Doolin, Nollaig Greene, Michael Behan, Tom Bergin, Mairead Coghlan, Ian Cuddihy and Ken Greene.

We have other volunteers who have not been able to join us yet.

If you would like to join in and volunteer, please email us at course@delganygolfclub.ie, many thanks Ken Greene.

We plan to continue this general tidy up over the coming weeks and to hide the black plastic that is so visible around the rhododendrons on the avenue. We are awaiting the delivery of more bark mulch for this job.



Course News

New Fairway Mower

After a wait of nearly one year, we finally took delivery of this key piece of golf course equipment last week. This €80,000 item of kit will be warmly welcomed by our team of five greenkeepers who have been keeping their thirteen year old machine going, held together by plasters and string for the last number of years. In fact, the old machine cost €7.5k in repairs last year alone. So this new Jacobsen mower is a godsend and will help with the fairway presentation standards coming into the new playing season.



The four wheel drive machine has a 50hp Kubota engine which will easily power up the steep inclines on some of our fairways. This new machine will improve the quality of cut, allowing for a cleaner, finer cut of grass blade thus improving the health of grass. Modern machinery and new engines lessen our impact on the environment which is a good thing .

Ken Greene

Chairperson

Course Committee





Easter Sunday Lunch



Why not join us for lunch this Easter Sunday,
great value, great food and great company assured.

For bookings contact Jamie / Kevin at the bar or

Phone 01-2874536 Ext 3



Dalgarney Golf Club

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Menu

Deep Fried Brie Wedges with a Spiced Tomato Relish (1,6,9,14)
Greek Salad with Mixed Leaves, Black Olives, & Sundried Tomato (6,10,11)
Classic Shrimp Cocktail (1,2,3,6,14)
Homemade Potato & Chive Soup (1,6,8,14)

Oven Baked Fillet of Seabass (2,3,8,9)
With Ratatouille

Roast Leg of Lamb (1,6,7,9,14)
With a Rich Roast Gravy

Roast Stuffed Peppers (V) (6,9,12)
With Mixed Vegetables, Topped with Mozzarella

Oven Baked Supreme of Chicken (1,6,7,8,9)
Wrapped in Smoked Bacon with a Rich Roast Gravy

White Chocolate & Raspberry Mousse (1,6,14)
Eton Mess (6,14)
Apple & Rhubarb Crumble (1,6,14)

Freshly Brewed Tea / Coffee

Mains/Dessert €25 Starter/Mains €27 3 Course €32

*1. Gluten 2. Crustaceans 3. Fish 4. Peanuts 5. Soybeans 6. Milk 7. Nuts & Celery 9. Mustard
10. Sesame Seed 11. Sulphites 12. Lupin 13. Molluscs 14. Eggs*



Ladies News



Our Captains' Drive In was a great success as you will have read, well done to all our Busy Bee's who looked great on the day and to everyone who helped out in the background.





Ladies News



Ladies Open Australian Spoons Foursomes Qualifying and the Ladies 9 Hole Singles Stableford

Many thanks to Centra Delgany, Liz Cuddiy for sponsoring the Ladies Open Australian Spoons Foursomes Qualifying and the Ladies 9 Hole Singles Stableford on Tuesday 21st March 2023. See below pictures of Liz presenting prizes to the worthy winners.

Ladies Open Australian Spoons

Foursomes Qualifying Results

1st Prize

Breda Murtagh and Emer Jennings



2nd Prize

Elaine McGrath and Niamh Rigney



3rd Prize

Denise McCarthy and Helen Kane



Gross Prize

Pauline Burke and Anna O'Loughlin





Ladies News



Ladies 9 Hole Singles Stableford Results

1st Place

Marian Waters

2nd Place

Marian Naught Barton Cup



Our **Ladies Barton Cup team** are photographed here with Captain Betty and President Ruth at their first leg match in Dun Laoghaire Golf Club. They won two of their five games and are well set up for the return match in Delgany on 28th April.

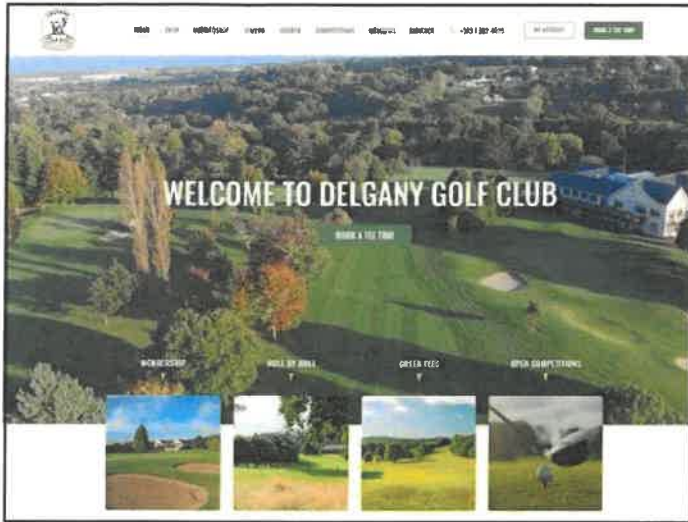
Team members who played:

Marian Naughton, Denise Byrne, Sally Lynch, Marie Woodlock & Louise Kennedy – well done ladies





DGC Website update



What has been changed

Old out of date information has been removed or replaced.

Some broken links have been fixed.

The 'Photos' section link to our Flickr page is now up and running.

Club News is being kept updated.

Under "Members" a new selection "Applications for Membership" has been added. This allows administration staff to post applications to the website in addition to placing them on the Club notice Board.

Under "Competitions" old information showing 2017 results has been removed and new sections have been added for "Winter League", "Interclub Competitions" and "Mens Golfer of the Year".

Other sections can be added where the relevant information is provided.

The new "Winter League" section had weekly updates and team standings during the competition. The "Interclub" section currently only shows "Fitzgibbon Cup" as that was the only information available. If you are managing a team and want it featured, please send on information.

For new members Membership terms and charges have been updated.

There is now a downloadable Application form.

Visitor and Group Green Fees are updated.

Links for Open Competitions are fixed.

What's Planned

The main problem with the website is the speed, over the coming months there are plans to attempt to improve this.

Existing pages will be updated and refreshed.

New sections will be added, one actively being looked at is a means of accessing back copies of the "Delgany Dispatch".

The feasibility of adding a "Course Status" banner to the home page is being looked at.

A member recently commented that they were fed up with the bleak cloudy picture of the 18th Green and Clubhouse which was presented first on the home page of the website. So the sequence of the 3 images we use were altered, now it's the last image rather than the first one you see. The images used are under review and the plan is to organise a full course photo session once the weather is suitable. This highlights how important feedback can be.

What's Needed from you.

To make the website something which Members use regularly your input and ideas are needed. If you have something you would like considered for inclusion please email webadmin@delganygolfclub.ie with your suggestion.

All requests will be acknowledged; however, no commitment can be given that all will be actioned, a priority list will be created based on the most popular requests and these will be considered based on feasibility to implement within the current website framework and subject to the approval of club management.

The website is maintained on a voluntary basis and assistance from anyone with relevant expertise would be most welcome. We need a person with knowledge of website design and maintenance using Wordpress who might be able to assist with moving to a new hosting platform. If you can help, please contact us using the email above.

Dermot McCarthy, Website Administrator, webadmin@delganygolfclub.ie

COMPETITIONS MEMBERS CONTACT



Congratulations to **Kate Scannell**, who represented Ireland in the recent **Under 17 Netball European Championships** where Ireland won all their matches.

Kate is the daughter of member Niall Scannell and granddaughter of ex-Captain Michael and Mildred Scannell. Kate also loves her golf and is a junior member in Delgany with her brother Tom.

The Netball Ireland U17 squad finished 1st in the Netball Europe Under 17s event in March 2020. This is the first time Ireland have won the Challenge event at this age category.

Netball Ireland's U17's Squad regularly compete at Netball Europe's Championships. The squad is competitive and the players are dedicated to their craft. Kate was the only Irish resident player to make the team, all the other members of the 12 strong squad are resident in England where netball is played at a higher level than in Ireland. She started playing netball in her school Rosemont in Sandyford in 2019 and also plays with the St Annes Netball Club.

Well done Kate from all at Delgany GC.





Men's Competition News



1. Winter League Final:

Sunday March 26th saw the completion of the Winter League with the Final played that afternoon between Donal Meehan's Team C and Ian Barrett's Team D.

Suffice to say that the match lived up to all expectations...

Match 1 – Team D's Peadar 'Top Qualifier' O'Toole & Paul Bowtell took on Team C's Tony Corcoran & Ferghil Henderson. This match was a tight all the way around with no room for error and excellent golf all the way. Peadar O'Toole was 1 under gross for the last four holes and finally broke the opposition's hearts at the 18th, when faced with a 15 foot downhill putt he promptly took dead aim and drilled the ball at the hole. The ball hit the back of the hole at speed and jumped out about three inches, only to then spin back into the hole and give team D the victory by one hole.

Match 2 - Team C's Conor Tiernan & Karl O'Donoghue showed no mercy winning 3&2 against Team D's Christy O'Neill & Stuart Webster. Karl put all his lessons and winter league experience to good use with Conor's steady support in this match as the boys claimed a famous scalp.

Match 3 – saw Team D Captain Ian Barrett & Conor Grimley against 'The' Don Berkery & Tony Bennett. Club Vice Captain Ian and Conor were just as ruthless winning 3&2 and adding credence to Ian's prediction that he would be the tallest Winter League winner in Delgany. Later on, Tony Bennett revealed he was in fact known as Andy Williams at Bective, which caused all sorts of confusion. he was seen heading out to the car park humming 'Can't get used to losing....'

Match 4 – Team C's Alan McDonnell & Donal O'Sullivan...(how many Don's/Donal's were in that team?) won 1 up in another tight game against Fergus Rigley and Paul '46 points' Ryan. Rumour is Alan psyched the lads out and Donal revealed his preparation involved some serious glass lifting the night before.

Now it was all square at 2:2 and **Match 5** would decide the overall result...





Men's Competition News



Winter League Final:

Match 5

In a titanic struggle saw Ciaran Lyons & Richard Power (Team D) going 3 down in the early stages, but they clawed their way back to take the match all the way to the 18th. However, Eugene Davy & Geoff Dolly stood firm at the end and clinched victory for Team C, by winning 1 up. The overall result came down to those final putts on the 18th, a fitting finale for a great winter league.

Yours truly was positioned near the 17th tee (and then the 18th green) so I was able to provide regular updates to Donal Meehan, who was away in Portugal. It's safe to say that quite a few 'Del Boy' Pina Colada's were downed that evening...plus a good cigar.

Congratulations to worthy winners Team C and commiserations to Team D.

John Gallagher, Competitions Committee



Captain Donal Meehan

Men's Competition News

Completion of Cards:

Once again we have to highlight the standard of card completion which continues to be a cause for concern and a "time waster" for your fellow members who have volunteered to check them. It is disheartening to see the lack of effort in completing this most basic of tasks as a golfer.

We know we have mentioned this before, but it is baffling that we see the same errors being made when handing in cards..... so once again we ask:

Please ensure that you adhere to these basic principles of card completion:

- * Write legibly - poor figures/handwriting lead to errors
- * Check that all players handicaps are present on the card - at the very least we need the Handicap Index and Playing Handicap
- * Use the required columns and boxes appropriately - the "Res" column is the one that should be used for Stableford points
- * Please do us the courtesy of filling in the Stableford points as well as the gross score per hole. We don't have the time to check your card just because you didn't bother to!
- * Add up all your points please...at the very least you should provide the total points (or net score) achieved in the large "Result" box at the top of the card so we know if your card is a counting one or not.
- * You must have two signatures on your card...if one is absent then we will DQ that card. This happens very frequently and often when good scores are achieved.

Last but not least, hand in your card as soon as possible after your round - don't go upstairs and hand it in later.

Finally, here are a few diary notes...

- ◆ - April Medal on April 14th/15th...still a good few slots available
- ◆ - Monday, April 17th...we are trialling a 9-hole singles which will run early morning and late afternoon (with time for casual golf in between).
- ◆ April 23rd...Fourball Matchplay Qualifier
- ◆ April 26th...first Wednesday 9-hole Singles
- ◆ April 30th...Foursomes Matchplay Qualifier

John Gallagher, Mens Competitions Committee



Our new 'Wall' of Fame



Congratulations to Stuart Webster and the House Committee on the excellent decision to move our famous Delgany faces to their new home on our stairway wall, it has been a great success and prompted much debate as which current 'legend' will have the honour of joining them in years to come.

One of the famous faces on display was also part of the Dispatch's Delgany Centenary Book section in our last issue and we would like to thank Dougie Grey who gave this insight into the legend that was Connie Conroy:

Upon seeing the photo of Connie Conroy in the Dispatch, it reminded me of the day I was playing a few holes with my then 7 year old son. He was carrying my bag but like all youngsters wanted to have a "go".

We were going up the old first (now the new third) when he hit a seven iron beautifully about 100+ yards (I wish I could do that now!). Later, on entering the bar and seeing Connie enjoying his "large ball of malt", I enquired what he thought of my son's swing. I will remember his response to my dying day - "Isn't it wonderful to see a young mind totally oblivious to the mechanics of a golf swing"

A great man and a wonderful character!

Yours,

Dougie Grey

Thank you Dougie for taking the time to write to us and share that wonderful story.

Tony





New members, new friends..



A big Delgany GC welcome to new members Austin and Anne Prior, our reporter Ian McMahon has been catching up with them:

What is your golfing background?

Austin and Anne took up golf relatively late in life as most of their friends played and talked golf (non-stop!). Anne sneaked off to the Driving-Range for a trial run to see if she would like it, she loved it and persuaded Austin to take it up too. Anne's first club was Kilcoole and she quickly realised, not only did she enjoy the game but also the social side of it. Austin was a little slower off the mark, he joined Ballymoney as a distance member to get his Handicap so he could play in Open days and Society golf with Anne. They both decided to join Charlesland Golf Club when Kilcoole closed, and really enjoyed the craic, the golf, the club atmosphere and friendships made. They were really disappointed when it closed, and joined Druids Heath, where they played their golf for the next couple of years before deciding to join Delgany GC in Jan '23.



Why join Delgany GC?

While Druids Heath offered good golf and great friends, they looked at joining Delgany GC for the added benefit of being a Members' Club with a Clubhouse and more Social events, as well as being a challenging and enjoyable course.

What are your golfing ambitions?

To get our Handicaps down and have some success (however limited) in competitions. Anne, being a little more competitive, would love to win one of the majors (while keeping her eye on a parking space)

Who are your sporting heroes?

Neither of them has a sporting hero as such, but they enjoy the achievements of individuals and teams across a wide range of sports.

What are your golfing successes so far?

Anne won the Lady Captain's Prize in Charlesland GC in 2018 and as luck would have it, was fortunate enough to have two holes in one, one in Woodbrook and one in Knightsbrook (she is looking for another club that ends in brook for her hat trick!). On the other hand, Austin's golfing successes have been limited to a couple of golf team society prizes, so he has all to play for!

Have you any interesting facts you would like to share?

Some members may remember Austin from the days when he played with the band 'Telephone Bill & The Smooth Operators'. Music is still a big part of his life and he's still entertaining in pubs and parties. Anne loves to paint using oils and is an active member of Kilmartin Art Gallery in Wicklow. She also has an interest in Angel Guidance and Angel Cards. Her artistic side helped her to come up with ideas and be involved with the fun side of things in previous clubs, she even dragged Austin along to help out with some of the social events.

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the committee investigate the lack of golf and social facilities afforded to Lady Associates. To our great surprise it was agreed that the Committee would investigate the whole matter. Later, a Captain of the day invited the ladies to play on the Saturdays of international rugby matches. Even then he encountered opposition from some grumpy male members, old and young. We had to wait until 2000 for the first of many meetings between the mens' and ladies' committees that ultimately paved the way for Lady Associates to become full members. Nowadays, ladies joining are treated in the same way as men; they become pavilion or 5-day members, and then wait their turn to become full members.

Delgany has been blessed with many great characters among the ladies over the years. In particular, I remember Kitty Cashman. She was a favourite with the men and had a great dry wit. She never had a television, but instead listened to the radio while knitting socks for her three farmer brothers who lived in Cork. Kitty was one of the pioneers of the ladies. She managed to play her golf on Saturdays or Sundays, making use of the unwritten rule that ladies could play during lunchtime as long as the tee was free and they played only in a two ball. Another great lady is Audrey Buttimore. For years she looked after our junior girls and encouraged them to practice and enjoy their golf. From 1977 to 1987 she was a selector on the Leinster Committee of Junior Girls Golf

and in 1982 and 1983 a selector for all-Ireland Junior Golf. She also deserves huge congratulations for winning the Lady Captain's Prize in 2000, at 80 years young. Well done Audrey!

Delgany was always a favourite venue for lady golfers to come and play in open competitions. It was renowned for its warm welcome, friendship, hospitality and great fun. For almost a lifetime it has always been my second home – as my children often told me. I am now an Honorary Life Member, along with all the other ladies who joined in the 1940s. We feel privileged and delighted with this recognition.

5.5 THE LADIES GOLFING YEAR

The Ladies' calendar in Delgany is like a circle in which you could trace a graph and wrap your golfing year around it, closely linking it to the pattern of the seasons. It starts in December after the AGM with the Christmas Spirit Scramble – 9 holes, no fee, a prize for everyone, a gentle start. And as it is the new Lady Captain's first official night, an air of levity and fun pervades. For the next few weeks 9 holes are the order of the day to take us through the darkest part of winter: then it slowly moves to 12 holes, drifts into 15 as the days lengthen, and finally springs into action with an 18 hole competition at the end of March. But before that happens there is the White Elephant Rumble at the beginning of the month....15 holes, no

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fee and a prize for all. At this stage, the ladies instinctively know that it is time to emerge from the closet and launch the new golfing season: five Majors, eight Medals and team fever. The battle of the Majors and Minors has begun and it spans the whole summer and early autumn, ending only with the fading light of October and a slow drifting back into the winter months of 15 holes, then 12, then 9, thus completing the golfing cycle.

There are currently 241 lady members in Delgany (a figure which includes 114 ordinary members). Enormous changes have taken place in the ladies' club over the last few decades, both on the course and off. For those ladies who remember the good old days when there were no dog-legs, when you followed the principle of up the mountain and down to the sea, when your handicap stayed intact once you played to it three times a year, when greens were often compared to fairways and golf was seasonal...for those ladies it is 'all changed, changed utterly'. While the new course has made ladies' golf much more challenging and the new handicapping and points system have made it a fairer game, it was the introduction of equality in 2001 that revolutionised the ladies' club. 'Person' has become an equality word, so while we gain we lose. To be a 'person' in Delgany you play the men's game, with a gracious nod or a wink from them towards the challenge involved. First we were granted a sex shot (or two), then it became a courtesy

shot, now it is a course alteration shot, as sanctioned by the I.L.G.U. However, being a Lady Golfer in Delgany is much more than being a lady or a golfer: it is being a member who truly belongs to a club where there is a strong feeling of camaraderie, a keen interest in golf and a great sense of loyalty.

Intertwined with the golfing calendar events are the ladies' Tuesday social evenings, with the weekly game of cards before and after dinner, the monthly Book Club meeting and major competition presentation nights. There might also be a quiz, wine tasting, a fashion show, golf rules with Gavin and team talks, all culminating in the night of the year in early November – the Lady Captain's Show. During the weeks leading up to this event, there is an air of feverish activity that is almost tangible, when prowess at golf and a career on the stage vie with each other. The show eventually explodes on the scene, when the ladies take over the club, much to the chagrin of the men, some of whom have been known to protest vociferously that they were actually barred from the bar on the eve of the show. The tradition of the show goes back as far as memory serves. In those early days it was a musical variety show that lasted all night, when days were longer and time moved more slowly. It is still a musical variety show, but it has become more streamlined, more tailored, slicker and shorter: now it is snappy, in line with the zapper age, but essentially it is the same show that pays homage to the lady captain and

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marks the ladies' appreciation of all her hard work on their behalf during her year of office.

The Lady Captain's Show marks the slowing down of the golfing cycle and the end of the golfing year, with thoughts turning to winning turkeys, preparing for the AGM and pondering the turn-around in committee personnel. The circle does not break: it is a continuum that slackens and gathers pace in line with the seasons, all the while maintaining its own integrity. And so the ladies' club continues with its great spirit of friendship and care and solidarity.

5.6 EVOLUTION of the GOLF COURSE

The layout of the first golf course at Delgany is not known. Although Tom Hood of Musselborough origin (also the professional at Royal Dublin) was the official designer, it should be remembered that the founders of the club were strong-willed people with influence and standing in the community. They were also golfers, or at least they played golf. This combination would likely lead them to scrutinise, and probably adapt, Mr. Hood's vision of the most appropriate layout and features. In addition, in 1909 Harry Vardon made suggestions to change the design, in keeping with his views on layout established from his experience as a player and winner in Great Britain and America.

In the many years since Vardon made his recommendations, it is certain that the course would have been 'tweaked' here and there. For example, the larch spinney between the present 10th and 15th fairways was planted during Andy Ross's years of captaincy (1955 and 1956). So far as is known professional course architects were not involved in these 'tweaks': nevertheless, it is hard to imagine that any changes would have been made without the club having sought the views of the resident professional of the period – not least the Bradshaw family of Ned, Harry, Eddie and Jimmy.

To move on to what we know for certain about developments on the course, let us reflect on the layout of the course that had evolved by the early 1970s:

- 1st (par 4):* from present 3rd tee (approx) up the present 4th fairway to plateau green level with current 3rd green and beneath the current 4th tee
- 2nd (par 4):* from tee in/at the edge of the northern woodland, downhill to current 2nd green location, via the area between the current 4th and 5th fairways: there was an internal out-of-bounds area to the right of the 2nd fairway
- 3rd (par 4):* the current 1st hole, essentially
- 4th (par 4):* from tee close to current 6th green (nearer the gate), uphill to plateau green located close to hedge on eastern side of the course

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5th (par 3): from tee well above old 4th green, uphill to green in top north-east corner of the course (a blind tee-shot!)

6th (par 4): from tee in/at the edge of northern woodland, down the current 6th fairway to green located on current 2nd fairway

7th (par 4): from tee on left side of current 2nd fairway (close to the chestnut tree) uphill to plateau green located close to current 7th green

8th (par 3): the current 8th hole (essentially), but from 'old' teeing ground

9th (par 4): the current 9th hole, essentially

10th (par 5): the current 10th hole, essentially

11th (par 4): the current 12th hole, essentially

12th (par 4): the current 13th hole, essentially

13th (par 3): the current 14th hole, essentially

14th (par 4): the current 15th hole (essentially), with men's tee close to current ladies' tee

15th (par 3): the current 16th hole, essentially

16th (par 4): the current 17th hole, essentially

17th (par 4): from tee close to bell at current 17th green, via the rough on left side of current 18th hole to flat green now used as a practice pitching green

18th (par 4): the current 18th hole, essentially, but a par 4, with men's tee close to ladies tee for current 10th hole and an open 'ditch' across the fairway at the current 'gap'

Par for the course was 69 (men) and 71 (ladies). The 'old' practice area was located on, and to the left, of the current 3rd fairway, and the teeing areas for the 'old' 2nd, 6th and 9th holes had been acquired from the State Forest Service (now Coillte) in 1965. Declan Clarke (with a 64 on 16/6/1973) and Doreen Brennan (72 on 24/7/1973) set the respective record low scores for this course.

In the early 1970s, a judgement was made that the 'uphill-downhill' nature of the course (especially on the front 9 holes) was placing undue physical demands on golfers: just as importantly, it was also felt that the quality of the golf course (bunkering, width of fairways,





It must be spring if the shorts are on,
hardy bucks these Delgany lads !!

Lost items

We are happy to assist any members looking for items they may have lost on the course by advertising it here.

This issue we are looking for Phil Farrell's
[Taylor Made Fairway M6 red and black head cover](#)

and Ian McMahon's

[Ryder Cup 3 wood head cover.](#)

If you have come across either item,
please contact the owners or email us at:

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