



THE DELGANY DISPATCH



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Captains' Message



The interclub matchplay season is in full swing this month with our mens, ladies and mixed teams making their way through a number of first round matches. Unfortunately, the matches last weekend did not go our way despite some excellent performances from our teams. Well done to all involved and we will fight another day.

We have big hopes of success this Saturday 13th when our team in the Flogas Irish Mixed Foursomes take on Edmondstown at 2.15 pm and the Jimmy Bruen team play Wicklow (2.20 pm in Wicklow and 3.15 pm in Delgany). Please come and support our players in either Delgany, Edmondstown or Wicklow. Also on Saturday the Junior Foursomes team will take on Bray in Delgany at 3.50 pm.

On Sunday 14th we welcome your support for the Ladies Boyne Trophy team who play Old Conna at 2.30 pm. Next weekend on Saturday 20th May the Ladies Challenge Cup team will play Arklow at 3 pm. On Sunday 21st May the Barton Cup team will take on Woodenbridge at 1 pm and the Cullen Cup team will play Wicklow at 4.30 pm. Compliments to all team members and managers for the hard work they are putting in for the club, we hope all are having fun along the way.

Our Delgany Bee's were housed last week in their new home between the 9th and 10th fairways, many thanks to our beekeepers Jean Taylor and Billy Markham for moving them safely into their hives and to Dave Caul and the Course team for constructing a base and pen to keep them safe from predators. In line with our sustainability agenda, only recycled materials were used for constructing the pens. The bees are adding to an already diverse wildlife on our lovely course.



Captains' Message



Our member Ronan Moore is an expert in the variety of animals and birds who have made their home with us. We often have wild animals crossing the course at all times of the day and night leaving tell-tale signs of their presence as they go - Badgers, Foxes, Grey and occasionally Red Squirrels (although the latter are rare), as well as our Sika Deer friends. Ronan tells us that well over 100 species of bird life visit or reside on our club lands over the year. Recently a couple of Red Kites stayed around for a few days. More commonly seen are Buzzard, Sparrow Hawk and Kestrel with Peregrine Falcons in mid-summer teaching their young to prey on Wood pigeons which are very common.

Jays and Greater Spotted Woodpeckers can be heard and seen in the trees around the course. Of the smaller bird species colourful Goldfinches and Bullfinches are very often seen around the carpark. During the summer we welcome many species of Warbler that make their way here from West Africa and Southern Europe. The song of the Blackcap which is likened to that of a Nightingale can be heard as can the Chiffchaff which is one of the first of our summer visitors. These are just a few of the great variety of birds which we can witness.

Many thanks Ronan for this fascinating information.

Finally, a big shout out to our Facebook organiser Jason Bradshaw and all the Communications team (led by Tony Corcoran) for their work on promoting the club and our activities on social media. We recently received a very favourable comment from a prominent local business person on the quality of our social media content which they consider to be way ahead of other clubs. Keep it up guys!

Tom & Betty





Visiting Captains Day 2023



Our Visiting Captains Day took place on April 21st as Captains Tom and Betty welcomed their local counterparts to Delgany GC.

Needless to say, a truly great day was had by all. Compliments were the order of the day as our guests paid tribute to the course and all our staff with special mention of our Head Chef Simon for the fantastic lunch he presented.



Course News

Member's Information Meeting on our Golf Course challenges:

The Course Committee hosted an interesting and informative meeting for over 60 members on Thursday 20th April last. This email is a summary of its main messages and key recommendations.

Our primary message is that members and golfers must be part of the solution to our course challenges. Therefore, we are asking everyone to follow the Four R's:

- ◆ **Repair Pitch Marks**
- ◆ **Replace and/or Sand Divots**
- ◆ **Rake Bunkers**
- ◆ **Ropes/ other Markings, heed...**



The 4 'Rs' of DGC

If we all take pride in our course and proactively promote these 4 'Rs' then we can make a real and sustained difference to its condition and playability. This support needs, on occasion, to include reminding fellow members and guests of how we do things at DGC, gently but firmly.

Talking Delgany up

When Captain Tom took up his captaincy, he announced that one of his mantras for his year would be to "talk Delgany up". And why not, we have a great club, friendly members, in a super setting, and a lovely course. Taking Tom's mantra on board, the Course Committee also seeks to elevate our course and our perception to increase our enjoyment and pride in our great club.

The work of the Course Committee

Our overriding objective is to work with our course staff, management committee, General Manager, and members to produce as playable a course as is possible within our resources and to enhance our member's playing experience.

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To do this we aim to:

- ◆ Develop clear communications to ensure an exchange of information and views.
- ◆ Encourage members' support to keep the course and surrounding areas in good condition.
- ◆ To justify, where possible, the required investment in machinery and resources.
- ◆ Guide and support the Course team
- ◆ Receive a monthly report on course activity.
- ◆ Agree action items for clarity & accountability.
- ◆ Produce a healthy and disease-free golf course

To relentlessly pursue improvement in course presentation and playability within our resources.

I am delighted to say that since taking over as Chair of the Course Committee last November I have enjoyed excellent engagement and support from the members, the course team, the General Manager, and the Course Committee.

Resources

We have had a vacancy for a greenkeeper for some months now. Rest assured, we are doing our utmost to fill this position in a tight labour market and, in the meantime, we hope to find two temporary staff to cover the busy growing months.

We recently took delivery of our new fairway mower which is a big boost to the course team, and we are in the process of ordering a replacement roughs mower. These are major capital investment items and are badly needed. Over the past decade, meeting the ongoing challenge of our debt repayment has resulted in an underinvestment, most notably in our course plant and machinery and the clubhouse.

However, despite the new acquisitions, with the average age of our remaining course equipment being 12+ years, we need continued investment to catch up and a wish list would include our greens mower, aerator, bunker rake machine, tractor, digger, tees mower and a leaf blower.

In addition, there are a host of competing and important course related projects that will need addressing over the coming years such as a sprinkler system and piping upgrade, reservoir upgrade and new well, avenue upgrade, a major thinning out of our plantations, boundary marking and protection, a buggy path extension and other course development and upgrade works.

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Delgany, Winter 1969, looking up the course from the Clubhouse, a plantation free zone!

The course staff have an abundance of tasks, those prioritised in the growing season (now) and also the maintenance and improvement projects best suited to the winter months. At the course information meeting I went into some of these in detail but in this report, I want to reiterate the four R's, especially replacing divots and repairing pitch marks on our greens.

Repairing Divots

We cannot allow this on our course.....

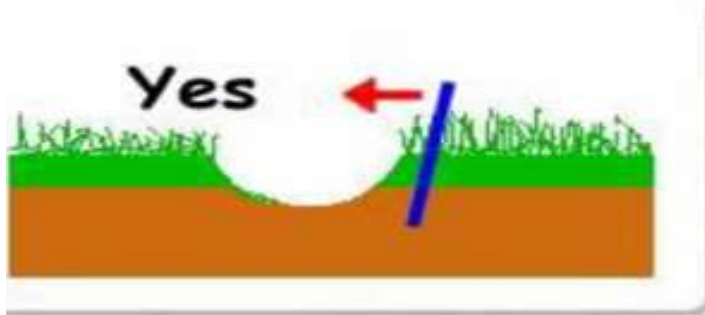


An unrepaired divot will take months to recover, and the solution is easy:

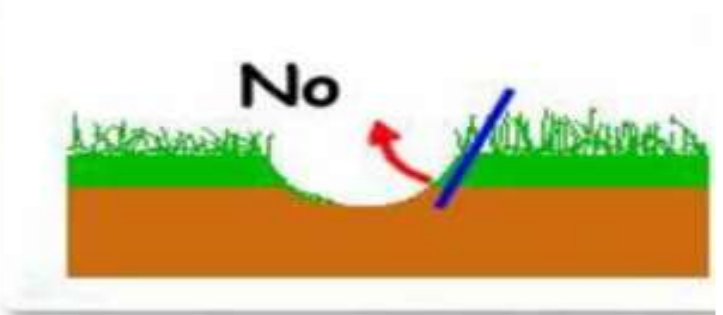
If the divot is intact with soil attached replace it and firmly press the divot into the ground. Any significant gaps with the surrounding turf should be filled with the divot mix. Alternatively, fill the divot with mix and press down.

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HOW TO REPAIR A PITCHMARK



Correct Method



Incorrect Method

It takes 20 seconds to repair a pitch mark, a fraction of the time each player spends on the green. Correctly repaired pitch marks will recover in 24 hours whereas an incorrectly repaired pitch mark takes 3 to 4 weeks. Worst of all, an unrepaired pitch mark takes up to 2 months to recover. So, find the grass, do not expose the sand, root mix or soil as this delays healing. Do not replace any displaced turf – correctly repair as per the diagram above and remember to carry a pitchfork repairer, in your pocket, not in your bag!

**If every golfer repaired two pitch marks on a green, we could have
a pitch mark free golf course!**

Our volunteers

We recently introduced a volunteer group to assist with some tasks that the course staff cannot reach currently. Projects completed to date include bark mulch around trees at the OB on the right hand-side of the 18th hole, swept & tidied the car park, cleared out the plantations on 2, 4 and 9th holes and cleared out the top ditch on the right-hand side of the 10th.

It's a great group and the work is energetic but fun. When light permits, we will organise some evening sessions for those of you who are working but would like to contribute. Please get in touch!

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And finally, our members

I would like to thank Delgany members for your support over the past few months for the winter mats, walking in the rough and the greater usage of the divot bags and adherence to ropes and markings in vulnerable areas.

The purpose of this note is to provide you information about our prized asset, our golf course and to provide understanding of our challenges and how you can assist. I am delighted to acknowledge that the proceeds of the Delgany Corporate Day on 16th June are being directed to the course and enabled the fairway Verti draining that took place last week (by the way, it's not too late to put a team in the **Corporate Day**, contact **Fergus Cardiff** or **Captain Tom** and you will be looked after).

Remember, if you see something that needs our attention, please take a picture, and send it to us at course@delganygolfclub.ie I can't promise we will fix everything, but we will try!

A member wide attention to detail, particularly for the next few months on pitch marks and divots will have a huge overall impact and hopefully eliminate them entirely...

And that could make us unique!!!!

The Power of 1 player.....

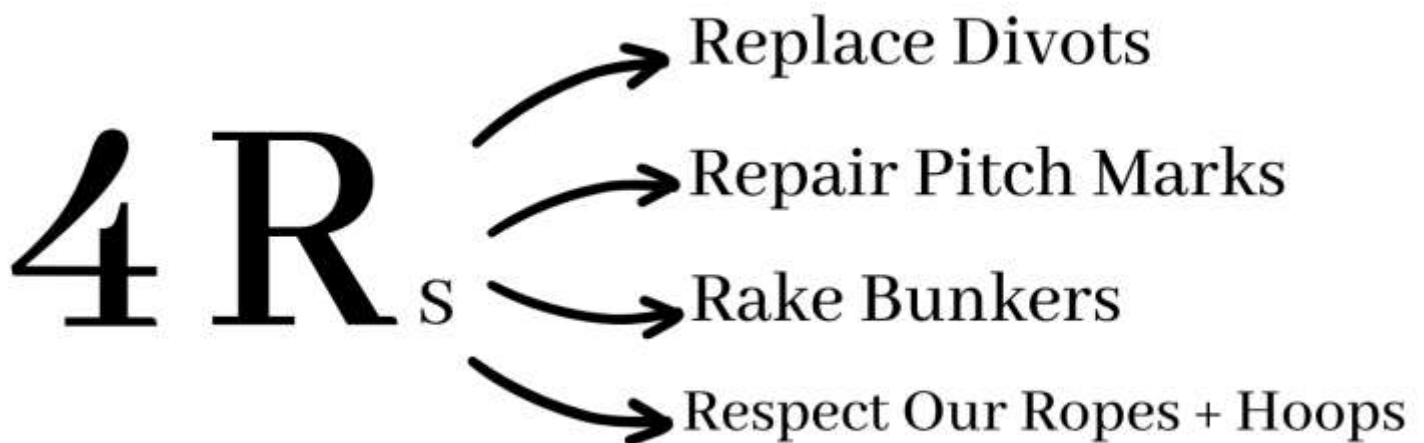
Empty 2 divot bags per round
and
Repair 2 pitch marks per
green and
YOU will have a
course to be proud of.

Yours

Ken Greene, Course Committee Chairperson.



The Delgany Way



As we take pride in our course, please remind fellow players
what we do at DGC gently but firmly

Power of 1 Player:

- Use 2 divot bags per round
 - Repair 2 pitch marks on each green
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Ladies News



Dates for your Diary

President Ruth's Prize to Ladies will take place on Tuesday 16th May. It would be great if as many members could support Ruth by playing in this event and by coming in numbers to the dinner and prize-giving. This is a major event for the club and deserves full support from you the members.

Best of Luck President Ruth have a wonderful day!!

In addition to the presentation of President Ruth's prizes, the April Medal and May Medal prizes will also be presented at the Dinner.

Another date for your diary 23rd May is our hugely popular McManus Jewellers Open day kindly sponsored by Aileen Kirker and Don McManus. Please invite your golfing friends as visitors are a very important part of our open events, and in recognition of that we are offering two extra shots for visiting players in a four person Champagne Rumble format. Prizes will be presented at the Dinner on the night.

Wicklow Hospice Day

The qualifier for the **Wicklow Hospice Perpetual Cup** is taking place on Thursday 18th May and the timesheet has already opened.

The competition is an 18 hole Fourball. The winning players will qualify for the Inter-county Final to win the trophy which will be played in Delgany on 28th September.

Sponsors of the Qualifier are Rita O'Brien and Pauline Toner. As many of you know Rita and Pauline have been heavily involved from the outset in the Wicklow Hospice project which provides a wonderful and very valuable service in our county and which Delgany Golf Club are delighted to support.



Rita is also organising a fundraiser raffle and would welcome donations of any unwanted prizes or gifts for the raffle. If you have business contacts who would support with prize donations that would also be appreciated. Prizes can be brought to the clubhouse and left in the back of the Ladies locker room any time before the competition day or you can call Rita on 086 0794961 to arrange collection. **Rita will be selling raffle tickets on Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th and on the qualifying day Thursday 18th, please remember to bring cash for buying tickets.**



Ladies News



The Delgany team who played in the first round of the Mary McKenna Cup against Powerscourt GC on 4th May.



The Del-
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Winners of the Buddy Programme 2022 to 2023



First Prize



Second Prize

Thank you to Anna O'Loughlin who put a huge amount of work into organising the Buddy Programme this year. It's a great opportunity for new members to play with more experienced members and have a bit of fun at the same time.

Team Event Ladies Nine Hole sponsored by **Windyridge Garden Centre**, Rochestown Avenue



First Prize



Second Prize

Prizes presented by
Marie Harvey from
Windyridge Garden Centre.

Many thanks to Marie for her very generous sponsorship .



Third Prize



A CELEBRATION OF PRESIDENT RUTH'S PRIZE 2023



**TUESDAY 16TH MAY
DINNER 7.30pm
2 COURSES €25**



Followed by Prizegiving
(Including accumulated prizes in April & May)

**COME ALONG, SHOW YOUR SUPPORT
LET'S MAKE THIS A GREAT EVENING**

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR SEAT FOR DINNER WITH THE BAR

**Don't worry if you are on your own,
We will sit you with a friendly group!**





Get Into Golf.....GIGs



A Ladies Golf Ireland sanctioned course for beginners starts in May and it is a great stepping stone for those starting or wishing to play on a more regular basis.

If you have a friend or a family member who would like to take an eight-week taster course run on either a week day or weekend, there are a small number of places free.

The course will have 24 participants learning the game in a very relaxed social atmosphere with our Golf Professionals Gavin and Geoff commencing from 18th May (with a break at the June public holiday week).

The Basics:

8 Week course.

6 weeks tuition included plus 2 weeks of play on the course.

€90 pp.

6 (approx) pupils per class.

Each lesson 1.15 hrs with tea and a scone following play included in the price.

Course Schedule: Thursdays or Saturdays

Thursdays: 18th May- 13th July (except 1st June)

Times: 10.00 or 18.00

Saturdays: 20th May – 15th July (except 3rd June)

Times: 10.00 or 11.30

Contact admin@delganygolfclub.com for an application form.



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Next Up

Saturday 13th May

Irish mixed Foursomes

3 Home - 2 Away

Saturday 13th May at 2.15pm

Home

Liam May & Niamh Rigley

Brian Fitzpatrick & Karen Crowley

Conor Tiernan & Emer Jennings

Tom Bergin & Mary Brennan (subs)

Away

Alex Coffee & Rachelle Nelson

Ian Cuddihy & Carol Brady

Simon Rees & Breda Murtagh (sub)

Managers Bernie Jones & Dermot Browne

Sunday 14th May

Boyne Trophy v Old Conna Golf Club at
2.30pm

Away

Grainne Moran & Eileen Bates

Bernie Clarke & Barbara Dolan

Pauline Burke & Bernie Flynn

Sub Carol Newlove

Home

Vice Captain Alison Graham & Captain Betty
Sherry

Ann O Dwyer & Sue Archer

Subs Mags McDarby & Bernie Roberts.

Manager Bairbre Smith

Asst Manager Anna O'Loughlin



Schools Cup



The thirteenth Wicklow Primary Schools Cup organised and hosted by Delgany Golf Club will take place this Monday, 15th May, featuring most 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**. The event will allow children to take part in a team scramble golf competition and is supported by the professionals at Delgany Golf Club, Gavin Kavanagh, Geoff Evans and Catalina Mackelfresh.

Jason Bradshaw founder of the event, said he is very pleased to see this grass roots get into golf programme continuing to grow in popularity so well in the Wicklow area and looks forward to another successful event this Monday.





Men's Team News



Jimmy Bruen V Wicklow on Saturday the 13th home team teeing off at 15:15

Irish Mixed Foursomes V Edmondstown also Saturday the 13th home team teeing off at 14:15.

Our Juniors are playing Foursomes against Bray at 15.56 on Saturday afternoon.

Unfortunately we lost our JB Carr, Junior Cup and Pierse Purcell matches by the narrowest of margins. The Fred Perry and Barton Cup are coming up in the next Couple of weeks.

Tadhg Dolly, Teams Manager





Men's Competition News



Pace of Play Observation – Saturday, May 6th.

On Saturday, May 6th., we carried out a Pace of Play Observation exercise from 7.30am to the end of the May Medal. Official Starters were in operation for the full timesheet which meant that all the Players were required to adhere to their designated tee times. Key to this was the introduction of 10-minute intervals which worked very well on the 1st Tee as Players waited until the group ahead were on or very close to the 1st Green.

Going forward, this is one of our initial recommendations for all competitions but particularly the Saturday Singles which are typically full timesheets. In addition to the Starters, we also had a number of “Spotters” operating at key points on the course. Feedback from this Committee and the Members involved has been very positive, so we are going to repeat this exercise on Saturday, May 13th. I’d like to take this opportunity to thank your fellow members for giving up their personal time to support this initiative.

Finally, we are making a special award to this Member in the light of his pre-shot routine which is impressive to say the least...

- ◆ Sets up for his 2nd shot to the green.
- ◆ Walks over to golf cart and takes out range finder.
- ◆ Walks back to golf cart and puts away range finder.
- ◆ Chooses club.
- ◆ Set up over the ball and takes a few practice swings.
- ◆ Stops and goes back to change his club.
- ◆ Sets up again and lands short of the green.



HolmPatrick Cup Qualifier – Sunday, May 14th

Next Sunday (May 14th) sees the fourball qualifier for the Holmpatrick Cup in aid of the National Council for the Blind of Ireland. All proceeds go to the NCBI so we would encourage you to enter as soon as possible. The leading pair will be nominated to represent Delgany in the Leinster Regional Final (date TBC).

John Gallagher



New members, new friends..



First up this week is **Gerard Whelan** and we asked him: **what is your golfing background?**



For the past 25 years I've been either living abroad or travelling overseas extensively, so I wasn't a member of a golf club, as weekends were for family time. I was lucky enough to have a few friends who invited me to play as a guest with them fairly regularly – mainly in The Grange, Dun Laoghaire and more recently in Delgany. I also went on golfing trips to Portugal, Spain and Florida from time to time and to different courses around Ireland. My work travel decreased significantly in the past few years so it has allowed me a bit more time to play golf – although my game is very inconsistent at the moment.

Why did you join Delgany?

I was invited to play social golf as a visitor a number of times last year by my friend Paul Ryan, a Delgany member. I really enjoyed playing the course and Paul introduced me to a number of the members who were all very friendly and welcoming. He suggested that I apply for membership late last year when a few vacancies came up and I was very glad to be accepted as a member from January.

What are your golfing ambitions?

To develop a level of consistency in all areas of my game. I guess if I can achieve that, my scores will improve steadily and my frustration might diminish...

Who are your sporting heroes?

I'd say Pádraig Harrington, Leona Maguire, Roger Federer and Brian O'Driscoll would be high on my list.

What other sports are you interested in?

I'm interested in most sports but mainly Football, Rugby, Tennis. I also do a fair bit of hiking and swimming when time allows.

What are your golfing successes so far? (Teams, prizes, other golf achievements).

Regrettably I have not yet achieved any significant golf prizes yet. I hope to at least help challenge for some in the months and years ahead although I can see that the competition in Delgany is red hot!

Interesting facts you would like to share?

I was a founding member of the first Warsaw Golf Club 30 years ago with a few other Irish ex-pats – the first golf club established in Poland after the collapse of communism. (Prior to that, golf was dismissed in the old 'Eastern Bloc' as a pursuit of the corrupt capitalist West!) Now Poland has a very successful golf network, and several successful touring professionals.



New members, new friends..



Next up is new Lady member **Barbara Cohen**.

What is your golfing background

I have been a member in Ballinscorney GC, Charlesland GC, Druids Heath

Why did you join Delgany?

The social life and general connection to Delgany, as I have lived and made my life here for over the past 25+ years. Delgany GC has a nice club house atmosphere and friendly atmosphere.

What are your golfing ambitions?

Last week it was to get up the 7th without having a heart attack. next week I'm working on the 10th.

Who are your sporting heroes?

Padraig Harrington, The Irish Women's Hockey Team

What other sports are you interested in?

Bridge, Snooker, Dog Walking

What are your golfing successes so far? (Teams, prizes, other golf achievements)

President 2014 Charlesland GC. I played on various teams for Charlesland. Win, lose or draw they were all very enjoyable.

Any interesting facts you would like to share?

Only to be heard on the course!!



Where is Derek ?



Our regular 'course' photographer extraordinaire

Derek O'Brien

has sent us one of his latest photo's for identification.

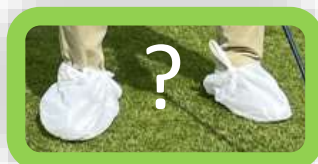
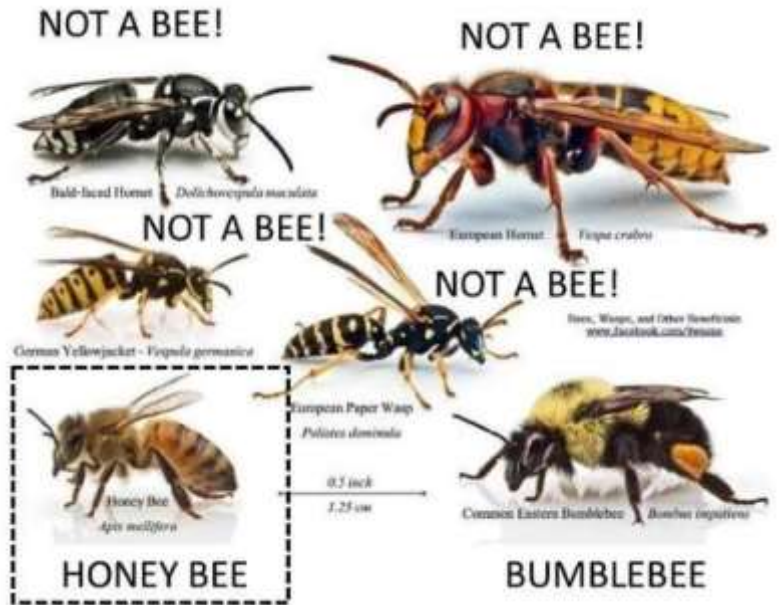
Leave your answer in an envelop marked 'Comms Committee Xmas Party' with €50 behind the Bar if you want to know the answer,

otherwise wait till the next Dispatch to find out ;-)



Our busy Bee's..

For those of you who thought aliens had landed in the woods to the right of our tenth fairway, we are sorry to disappoint you it is our expert Bee Keepers Jean Taylor and Bill Markham working away on installing our new bee hives. Over 60,000 Bee's will now have a new home in Delgany thanks to our 2023 Captain's initiative. Next step is to train them to upset the opposition in inter-club matches !!



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green. In fact, because the green was directly gouged out of the slope, there was a residual bank at the back of the green, and shots that were too big would often hit this bank and bounce back on to the putting surface. Mr. Merrigan transformed this hole by a combination of subtle changes. Firstly, he moved the green further back into the hill and a little to the right. Secondly, a hollow gully between the back of the green and the exposed rock face was created so that recovery from this area to a green sloping away from you is quite difficult. Thirdly, he protected access to the green by incorporating a steep bank at the front and a deep bunker at the left front edge, both designed to punish shots that fall short (similar to the changes that were made to the 12th green and its

surrounds). The effect of Mr. Merrigan's adaptations to the 7th hole has been to reduce the index from 12 to 4 for men, and from 5 to 2 for ladies. It is worth mentioning here that the 7th green was the only location on the course where the underlying parent material of the soil (shattered shale) was encountered and the parent rock was left exposed as a memorable backdrop to the hole.

Vardon believed in 'the desirability of having undulating putting greens instead of flat ones'. He felt that putting requires more attention on sloping greens than on flat ones and 'concentration of the mind is the surest means to successful putting'. Later course designers have taken this idea a little further and incorporate slopes, ridges and shoulders



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on most new greens. These require golfers to be accurate with their approach shots, aiming at specific areas to allow subsequent straightforward access to the holes. Mr. Merrigan's overall view is that the modern golf course should require golfers to improve their game while being aesthetically pleasing and memorable. Greens have not only to be hit, but hit in the right place—being long at the 11th gives an extremely difficult approach to most pins on this green. In contrast, Vardon makes little mention of the 'appearance' of the course though he would probably approve of the modern contouring of greens, environs and fairways: on the other hand he would likely believe that the shaping, 'striping' and fertilising of fairways to be bordering on pandering!

Mr. Merrigan's revision of the par three 8th hole illustrates the modern view of course design. The new green was raised considerably and inclined slightly towards the tee: shots that are too long or too left will bounce off the resultant slope and end up some distance from the target. There is a slightly raised shelf at the back of this green for the blue pin positions: only the brave attempt the carry to this level. The medal tee was also elevated and moved further back to the right, thus bringing the green into tantalising view and forcing players to flirt with the trees on the right should they wander even slightly off line. The green itself is subtly contoured with a testing diagonal ridge giving rise to demanding pin positions, and clenched

buttocks.

The 9th hole was creatively upgraded from a straightforward and relatively short hole to an excellent test of power combined with accuracy. The tee was moved back into the woods and elevated. The green was moved to the left, widened and also elevated, with subtle 'shaping' around the perimeter. It is one of the most level greens on the course but is protected left and right by two large bunkers, leaving a narrow entrance between them: an overlong approach will kick off the bank at the back towards the 18th fairway. On medal and major days the pin may be at the extreme left or right side of the green, presenting the golfer with a difficult approach over either bunker, with limited landing room. Golfers who encounter trouble early on in the hole can however attempt to thread the ball through the front gap on to the green.

Increased difficulty is not a universally welcome change, but a relatively short course requires features to test the golfer and encourage shotmaking. The new layout and design has brought the whole course to a new level, reflecting the evolution of course design since Harry Vardon walked its hills. Harry Vardon was one of the first celebrity golfers, and his views on the emerging science of golf course architecture carried some weight, and reflected the thinking and the equipment of his time in both Great Britain and America. He standardised the golf grip which has laid the basis of

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competitions indefinitely owing to the war' (10/8/1914).

- '.....proposed that a number of competitions be arranged for the coming season' (3/5/1919).
- 'as the lease of the club would expire to-night, he considered that it would be advisable for some person to sleep on the premises for a few nights. The Secretary promised to have the necessary arrangements made' (31/5/1926) – Advice to Committee by Club Solicitor.
- 'The sanction of the Committee was granted for writing off liquor to the value of £2-16s-2d supplied during March, April and June 1932 in entertainment of visitors' (9/1/1933).
- 'It was ordered that the following articles be obtained: two shoe horns (long) and two clothes brushes, to be hung in Gents Dressing Room: one shoe horn (long) and one clothes brush to be hung in Ladies Dressing Room' (20/4/1936)–nothing spared in the furnishing of the new clubhouse!
- 'no quorum in attendance' (10/8/1936) – Committee meeting not held!
- '£5 gratuity to be paid to Davis' (9/5/1938) – i.e., Murt Davis, because he only charged £30-11s-6d to erect a coal house compared to a price of £78 submitted by a local contractor for the same job.
- '.....after discussion of prices charged for liquors, it was decided to reduce Club Orange from 7d to 6d a bottle' (14/12/1940).
- 'in view of present conditions, no entries would be made this year for the Barton and Junior Cup competitions' (3/3/1941).
- 'charges for Scotch Whiskey and Gin should be advanced by 2s-4d per glass in each case' (8/11/1943).
- 'A further complaint that a member of the club was observed caddying is to be enquired into and the result reported to the Special Meeting' (8/7/1944).
- 'The stocks of sherry are to be increased, and enquiries are to be made as to the possibility of obtaining further supplies of Scotch Whiskey and Gin' (13/11/1944).
- 'The Captain is to arrange to have an offer made for the piano being sold at the forthcoming local auction, the offer not to exceed £30' (8/1/1945).
- 'It was noted that a piano had been purchased and installed in the Clubhouse at a cost of £25-4s-0d' (12/2/1945).
- 'It was noted that there were six dozen golf balls on hands and it was decided to hand over one dozen to the Ladies Committee and to retain the remainder until the Captain's Prize on which occasion each competitor would be allowed to purchase one ball' (12/8/1946).
- 'Messrs Mitchell wrote to say that the supplies of Scotch whiskey have to be reduced to three bottles per month.

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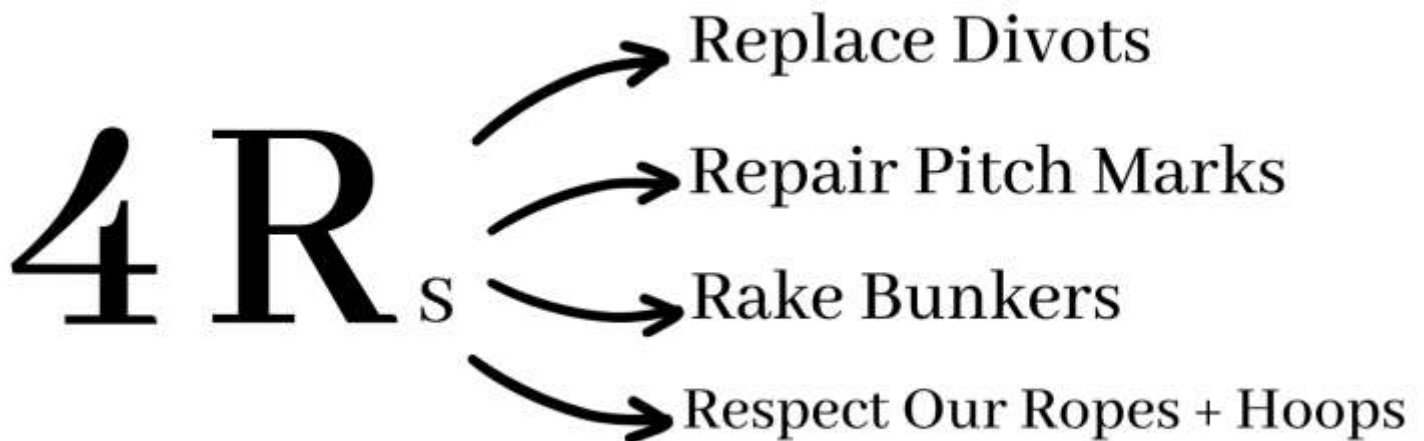
Messrs Jameson intimated that they would increase the Club's allocation of Irish whiskey by one dozen bottles per month' (12/5/1947).

- '...reported that a tractor had been bought for £410' (13/10/1947).
- 'The tractor is to be taxed immediately so that the petrol allocation may be obtained' (10/5/1948).
- 'Five-day membership category proposed and carried unanimously' (Annual General Meeting (7/3/1958).
- 'It was noted that the number of Ordinary members had fallen by approx. 100 as against 1957: the number of Lady Associates was about 10 less than last year' (8/12/1958).
- 'Student Associate category proposed and carried at 1½ guineas per year' (Special Meeting, 22/11/1959).
- 'there is now a waiting list for full membership' (17/2/1964).
- '.... course is closed to visitors during the Foot and Mouth Emergency period' (15/12/1967).
- 'Foot and Mouth ban on visitors stands' (12/1/1968).
- 'Jackets or blazer will be worn in the Lounge Bar and Dining Room after 7pm each evening' (7/6/1968).
- 'the effect of the breathalyser had yet to be experienced' (discussion of accounts at Annual General Meeting, 29/11/1969).
- 'The buggy is now fixed but has a flat tyre' (16/11/1993).
- 'The sponsors of the members who contravened the dress code rules recently have spoken to the members concerned' (20/4/1996).
- 'Letter from Wicklow Co. Council advising that the Club entrance pillars and gates are now listed as a preserved building' (30/7/1998).
- 'Letter from Prize Bond Board informing the club that it had won £100 in the latest draw' (28/1/1999).
- 'It was agreed that chips are now permitted in the bar' (7/12/2000).

We are all in this together



The Delgany Way



As we take pride in our course, please remind fellow players
what we do at DGC gently but firmly

Power of 1 Player:

- Use 2 divot bags per round
- Repair 2 pitch marks on each green

Take pride in our course

And finally...



Delgany GC re-use / re-cycle...

Eamonn Ryan and his friends in the Green Party have been on to us to offer their full support for one of our members latest recycling initiative. As you can see, our mystery man has taken his shopping bags and used them to keep his new expensive patent leather golf shoes clean.

We asked the photographer 'how did the tee shot go?' to which he replied laughing '**what do you think? he made a bags of it**'. We are not sure if this new fashion will take off, but the word is our man is working on a full outfit next...



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