



THE DELGANY DISPATCH

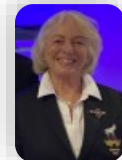


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Captains' Message



At last it has stopped raining and summer has finally arrived. Each season brings its own set of challenges for our course staff, but we are delighted to be finally out of the monsoon season ! It is great to see so many members and visitors enjoying their golf in Delgany.

The big news since the last issue of the Dispatch is the appointment of **Patrick Bradshaw** (pic right) as our General Manager.

Patrick has great experience in the industry and is motivated to ensure the smooth running of the club and to make sure that we move forward as a golf club. We wish Patrick every success in this role.



The long awaited painting of the decking structure to the front of the clubhouse and the decking areas is now complete. It looks great and we hope that members can enjoy their food and beverage on the decking during this lovely spell of weather. While we are pleased with the progress we are making on our Corporate Day on 16th June, we are still keen to hear from other members that might take a team or sponsor a hole on the Day.

Since the last issue of the Dispatch it has been the tale of two weekends. On the weekend of the 13th/14th, we exited from Junior Cup, Pierce Purcell Trophy and the Irish Mixed. It was scant comfort that we lost all the matches by narrow margins. The following weekend we enjoyed an upturn in our fortunes with our Barton Cup and Cullen Cup teams advancing to the next round. This Saturday our Metropolitan Cup team face Elm Park, and on Sunday our Senior Cup team take on Grange. Support at home and away is always appreciated. Win or lose, we are grateful for the great work of our team managers and players in representing the club.



Captains' Message



We are pleased to announce that Dublin Neurological Institute (DNI) is our chosen charity for the captains' charity day on July 15th. DNI carries out valuable and much needed research studies into how we can discover new methods of diagnosing, treating, and tracking the progression of neurological disease such as Parkinson's disease, Multiple Sclerosis, Epilepsy, Stroke and other such neurological conditions. Like most members, we know of families and friends that suffer from these diseases and so we are delighted to support this charity. While the Charity Day is still a few weeks away we would like to put a small team together to ensure the success of this day. We would be delighted to hear from any member that is willing to help.

Our bee hive sponsors, EY, sent a production team to the club earlier this week to get some video footage on the bee hives. They will use this material to produce a short video on this sustainability initiative. We will use some of these clips and some drone shots to produce a promotional video for the Club. We hope to have this video completed later in the summer.



We remind members that while the bees are usually not interested in interacting with us, they will if startled sting us intruders. Our course staff have therefore roped off an area around the hives that we are requested to stay clear of. For your safety we ask you to please observe this instruction.

Tom & Betty

Brent is coming to Delgany soon.... there's still time to join in the fun.



Delgany Golf Club
In partnership with

2023

Corporate Day

Friday June 16th

Funds raised in support of
Delgany GC 'Fairways Aeration Project'

9.00am & 2.30pm shotgun starts.
Teams of 4 players.
Stableford competition.
2 scores to count on each hole.
Buffet Lunch / Dinner 1pm & 8pm.
Pre dinner drinks 7.30pm.

After dinner Guest Speaker:
BRENT POPE

Why not treat your friends and clients
to a fun day of golf.

LONGEST DRIVE & NEAREST THE PIN COMPETITIONS

In aid of
Wicklow Rapid Response

Booking application

Cost: €500 per team of four

Why not promote your business and sponsor a tee box for the day @ €100

Team name: _____ Team contact name: _____

Contact email: _____ Phone: _____

Preferred tee time: Morning Afternoon

Completed booking forms should be left into the Club office or Emailed to admin@delganygolfclub.com

For further information contact DGC General Manager Patrick Bradshaw @ 01-2874536



Maura Devereaux: An appreciation



Maura Devereux (by Judy Brennan)



Maura was the most wonderful and engaging lady. She joined Delgany Golf Club in the early 1940's and was a valued and much loved member for 80 years. Her father, William Deely, joined the club in 1942 and brought 5 of his glamorous daughters, Breda, Maura, Kay, Anne and Peggy, all of whom were long term members. Peggy and Anne were past Lady Captains, and Maura and Peggy Honorary Life Members. Their brother Bill was Captain for 2 years in the 1960s. Maura was a fantastic pianist and contributed greatly to social events in the club during the 40's, 50's 60's, 70's,

80's, 90's and 2000's. She was always available for the frequent sing-songs which were such a great part of the social scene in the club over these decades.

In Delgany, Maura met her future husband, Michael Devereux. They had a long and extremely happy marriage, both were closely involved in the golfing and social life of the club. At one stage, 40 members of the extended Deely family, also known as "the Mafia", were members in the club - Deely's, Devereuxs, Brennans, Bakers, Hearnnes and MacKeoghs to name a few. The family were all involved in the golfing life of the club, from Senior Cup and Ladies Senior Foursomes down.



Maura was a very good golfer and supported numerous teams over the years. The highlight was the Townsend Cup (Senior Foursomes) which the club won in 1974 - all 6 ladies in the final were members of "the Mafia". She continued to play and enjoy her golf up to a few years ago, hitting the ball straight down the middle of the fairway. Maura went every year to San Francisco to see her son Louis up until 3 years ago, travelling alone but always with her golf clubs in tow.

Last year for her 99th birthday the Lady Captain arranged a fabulous afternoon tea for Maura and her family and friends. During the tea, Maura entertained all the ladies with her virtuoso performance on the piano accompanied by her son John on the flute.



Maura Deveraux: An appreciation



In March, Maura celebrated her 100th birthday with 99 members of her family and friends in Delgany Golf Club and once again played the piano. Unfortunately, Maura died one month later. Delgany Golf Club was at the centre of the celebration of her long life, with wonderful music at her funeral and later in the club. Maura would have approved!!

We send our heartfelt condolences to Bridgette, John and Louis on their great loss. I will miss her greatly, to me she was a wonderful friend, aunt and godmother.

In addition to Judy's excellent piece on Maura, Captain Betty has provided us with this interesting article from a local newspaper mentioning Maura's early participation in Delgany's social scene. Captain of the Club at the time was Maura's brother, Dr Bill Deely, and it sounds like they knew how to throw a hooley!

If there were a census taken of the best-dressed women in Ireland, I'm sure Pat Whyte of Shankhill would be placed in the first ten. For elegance, economy of line, absolute discretion in the use of jewellery and a superb figure, this absurdly young-looking mother of two teenagers and an eight-year-old takes a lot of beating. Before her marriage to auctioneer Frederick W. Whyte she worked with one of Ireland's leading couturieres, and she still likes to design her children's clothes.

Pat was one of a happy crowd at Delgany Golf Club recently when this sociable club held a hooley. There are three hundred members and the golf course scenically is one of the most charming in the country.



DR. B. DEELY

Led by the club's Captain, Dr Bill Deely and the ladies' Captain, Mrs. Audrey Buttimore, the impromptu concert following an open four-ball competition was a huge success. Members provided their own entertainment, highly diverting and of almost a professional standard.

The M.C. was Paddy Daly, excellent raconteur, with a superb sense of timing and complete control of an audience. Raymond Baker is a fine jazz pianist—his charming wife, Kay, is a sister of Dr. Deely. Two other sisters are Breda and Maura (twins) who harmonised a delightful double act. Olive Wallace and Gwen McKillan, two lady associate members from the North of Ireland, sang duets to Maura Devereux's accompaniment, and Maureen Buggy's extempore modern ballet enchanted everyone. There were many more potential stars and the quality of their performances consistently good. This was an evening to remember.



Dates for your diary



Delgany Golf Club

BANK HOLIDAY EVENTS

Sunday 4th June and Monday 5th June 2023

Invite your friends to our special week-end Competitions

Sunday 4th June 2023

OPEN MEN'S & LADIES SINGLES STABLEFORD

Monday 5th June 2023

**INVITATION 4 PERSON (MEN & LADIES)
TEAM RUMBLE
(Any Combination)**

Timesheets are now open

Timesheet available at:

www.delganygolfclub.com - BOOK A TEE TIME



Delgany Golf Club

OPEN WEEK - JUNE 2023

Wednesday, 21 st June	Open Men's Fourball <i>Sponsored by Mark Wyse (Club4 2000 Ltd)</i>
Thursday, 22 nd June	Open Ladies Team of 3
Friday, 23 rd June	Open Men's and Ladies Singles Stableford
Saturday, 24 th June	Open Men's, Ladies Singles Stableford
Sunday, 25 th June	Open 4 Person Team Scramble
Monday, 26 th June	Open Men's Singles Stableford

Timesheets open on 24th May 2023

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Happy Golfing





Ladies News



Wicklow Hospice Perpetual Cup and Fundraiser

The ladies club qualifier for the Wicklow Hospice Perpetual Trophy was held on Thursday 18th and over the week Rita O'Brien and Pauline Toner ran a very successful fundraiser raffle. Funds raised from the qualifier competition and the raffle totalled over €2,800 which will go towards some badly needed projects.

Wicklow Hospice welcomed its first in-patients in December 2020 to its 15 bed state of the art facility in beautiful Magheramore. The site was kindly donated by the Columban sisters. It is operated by Our Lady's Hospice care services including Harold's Cross and Blackrock and the staffing is funded by HSE.

Fundraising is needed to repay the final build cost of €10million and to provide specialist equipment, complementary therapies, supporting the voluntary gardening programme and other projects which help to improve quality of life and help patients and families live with comfort, dignity and peace of mind.

Rita and the Hospice team extend a big thank you to all members who supported the fundraising event and give a special thanks to Delgany Golf Club for its wonderful support and for annually hosting the Wicklow Hospice Cup. This inter club team event is run to thank all the golf clubs in Wicklow and beyond who run a fundraising event for the hospice.

Captain Betty presenting a cheque from Delgany Golf club to Rita O'Brien following the raffle on Tuesday 23rd.



Team News - The Cullen Cup

Delgany **won** the first round of the Cullen Cup last Sunday with three matches away and two at home. It was a tightly fought contest but we are delighted to say we won two away and one at home. We are currently awaiting the outcome of other first round matches to see who we meet in the 2nd round which has to be played by 18 June.

The victorious Delgany team was:

In Wicklow: Dermot Browne and Debbie Barry, Geoff Dolly and Karen Crowley, Donal Meehan and Ann O'Dwyer

In Delgany: Piaras Morris and Liz Hurley, Tom Brennan and Anne Prior

Well done all.

Managers Ann Boyle and Pat Kitterick



Ladies News



President Ruth's Prize to Ladies was held on Tuesday 16th June and was marked with lovely weather on the day and a very full timesheet. The evening dinner and prize-giving were very well attended and the ladies enjoyed a delicious meal with thanks to Chef Simon and all the Bar and Catering team. The President's prize was won by Anne Dodd, to the great delight of members. Anne is not only a doyen of the Bridge Club, she is also a nifty golfer - big congratulations Anne.

President Ruth presenting her prize to Anne Dodd



The always popular **McManus Jewellers Open** team event was held on 23rd May with a very full turnout of members and a large contingent of guests. Many thanks to Aileen Kirker and her brother Don McManus for their generous sponsorship of this event. Our guests and visitors could not fail to be impressed by the array of beautiful jewellery on the prize table, as well as the excellent condition of the course, the stunning weather and, not least, the superb dinner provided by Chef Simon.

The day was made particularly special by a Hole in One on the 16th scored by one of our visitors, Kathryn Connolly of Milltown Golf Club. First prize was taken by Siobhan Mooney and her team - Barbara O'Gorman, our President Ruth Jenkinson, and Dale Holt from Bray Golf Club.

A note of appreciation to Competitions Secretary Ann Cafferky and her team who put huge work into the organisation and marking of two consecutive weeks of big competitions, well done ladies.



Aileen Kirker and Maura MacKeogh presenting first prize to Barbara O'Gorman, Dale Holt and Siobhan Mooney



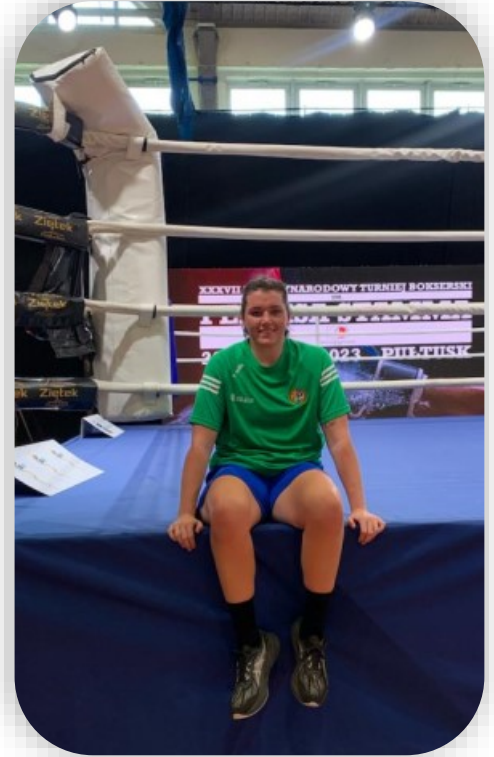
Ladies News



Our Delgany Boxing Champion

Judy Bobbett, age 23, a former Intermediate member of Delgany Golf Club, granddaughter of Miriam and the late Luke McKeever, is making her mark representing Ireland from the Liberty Boxing Club Bray. Judy's coach is Trevor McMahon brother-in-law of Katie Taylor. Judy is training with team Ireland since March. She is currently in Poland for a Multinational tournament with over 21 countries and the great news is that Judy will be bringing home a European Bronze medal. Our congratulations Judy, on a tremendous feat.

Judy played inter county GAA for Meath in her teens and then went on to play on the Irish women's rugby team . She has 3 caps. All this took place before covid, she then turned to boxing which she loves.



Congratulation's to Vice Captain Alison Graham,
who had a Hole-in-One at the 8th
on Sunday, May 21st.



Ladies Photo Gallery





Schools Cup



Delgany Schools Cup – Celebrates its 13th Year with 17 Teams battling for glory! The Wicklow Primary Schools Cup final was organised and hosted by Delgany Golf Club on Monday, 15th May, featuring 17 Primary School teams from within the Wicklow area. The initiative to encourage school children up to 12 years of age to play golf was developed and promoted by Jason Bradshaw and Delgany Golf Club since 2009.

JPA Brenson Lawlor, Chartered Accountants co-sponsored this year's event. Local Wicklow Primary Schools have had weekly coaching and practice sessions which have been initiated by teachers and parents involving circa 500 school children from the ages of 8 to 12 years of age. The finals involved 64 boys and girls from fourth, fifth and sixth classes. The Captains of Delgany Golf Club, Tom Bergin and Betty Sherry stated that the Club was proud to be associated once again with this event and congratulated all the teachers, parents, and the young golfers for their tremendous performance during the year and on the day. The event involved children from Wicklow primary schools taking part in a team scramble golf competition and was supported by the head professional at Delgany Golf Club, Gavin Kavanagh, who provided the school children with a golf exhibition after the team event. Jason Bradshaw founder of the event, said he was very pleased to see this grass roots get into golf programme continuing to grow in popularity so well in the Wicklow area and congratulated all the schoolchildren who competed and announced the 2023 winners as follows:

2023 Boys Winners:

St. Laurence's, National School, Delgany



2023 Girls Winners:

St. Gerard's, Bray





Schools Cup Photos





Men's Team News



Barton Cup 2023

Delgany v Woodenbridge – Sunday 21st May 2023

Final Result

Home

Aidan Lacy (6.6) Delgany Won 1 up	Danny O'Hara (7.7)	(14.3)
William Walshe (3.1) Delgany Won 2&1	Kevin Bouwer (11.0)	(14.1)
Fergus McDonald (6.2) Delgany Won 4&3	Jim O'Riordan (8.3)	(14.5)



Away

Simon Rees (6.6) Delgany Won 1 up	Ewan Mulligan (8.2)	(14.8)
Conor Tiernan (3.0) Woodenbridge Won 2&1	Evan Lenehan (11.9)	(14.9)

Delgany Won 4 - 1

Managers:

Jason Bradshaw, Paul Hautz, Basil Mulligan & Donal Meehan

Next match is Vs winners of Macreddin and Coollattin.

To be played by Sunday July 18th





Men's Competition News



This Sunday is our Teams fundraising day and we ask **all** our members to make an effort to support this initiative. Everyone puts a lot of time and effort into our teams, from players practicing and travelling to games to Managers organising and planning the matches and not forgetting our course and house staff who ensure Delgany GC is at its best for every event.

This year we are running an invitation 4-ball scramble. It's a fun game to play, so why not book a line and bring your friend's along to a sunny Delgany GC.



Delgany Golf Club

2023 fundraising event for the Inter-Club Teams

Sunday, May 28th
Tee times from 7:30 – 13:50

Invitation 4-ball Scramble
Ladies, gents, 5-day members and their guest
Entry fee €15

Registration now open on BRS



New members, new friends..



Today we talk to Sinead Fitzgerald....

What is your golfing background?

I don't have one! My getting into golf was quite by accident, it certainly wasn't an intentional move on my part. I held a golf club for the first time in June of last year. I used to bring my son to the driving range, and I found myself at a loose end and joined him. My aunt-in-law Nuala Fitzgerald, who is a member of Delgany Golf Club, joined us at the driving range on a number of occasions. She signed me up for the GIGs in August. I remember going to my first lesson shaking, I was so out of my comfort zone. I quickly felt at ease when I realised there were others like me at those lessons. At the end of the GIGs a few of us continued on with lessons and we became members of Delgany Golf Club in January of this year.

Why did you join Delgany?

Delgany Golf Club has a very warm and welcoming community. Everyone smiles and says hello. On the golf course experienced members are very encouraging and never accept my apologies when I've slowed them down. There are many who have been so generous with their time including Blaithnaid and Bernie who took the GIGs ladies out for a few scrambles after the lessons had finished. Catalina, Geoff and Gavin have been brilliant with the lessons and have shown great patience and provided great encouragement. Margaret very kindly gave up her time to bring us through the rules, sadly I expect to break many of them until I get up to speed. Towards the end of last year, I knew I wanted to continue playing weekly. Nuala Fitzgerald encouraged me to join, providing assurance that I wasn't making a wrong decision, and she has been so right. It has been one of my better decisions. Thanks Nuala.

What are your golfing ambitions?

Consistency, I would love to become consistent with my game. I don't have a handicap and I'm not ready to get one yet. My ambition is to get my handicap (no matter how bad that number is) by Autumn of this year. Who knows in years to come, my ambitions will grow I'm sure as my ability with the game improves. A girl can dream!

Who are your sporting heroes?

My aunt Pat Moloney-Lenihan. She was a huge hero in our family growing up and still is our idol. She is a former camogie player for Cork. She was selected to be on the camogie team of the century in 2004. She has a fine collection of silverware in her cabinet including seven All Ireland medals playing for Cork and a number of Club All Ireland medals playing for her club in East Cork, Killeagh. Other sporting heroes would include every player on the Cork Senior Hurling team who beat Kilkenny in 2004. That was back in the days when those of us from Cork would plan our year in advance assuming we would be in Croke Park come September. I'll also have to give a shout out to Katie Taylor, she's one driven lady. Given that I fell accidentally into golf, I'm afraid I don't have any golfing heroes.....yet!





New members, new friends..



Sinead Fitzgerald

What other sports are you interested in?

Despite GAA playing a huge part of my family, I never played it myself. Rowing was my sport when at school and in college. I rowed for number of years with Shandon Rowing Club in Cork and also with UCC. When I left college and came to Dublin I didn't row anymore. Instead, I spent a few years surfing. I used to go to Donegal a lot on weekends and sometimes even up and down on the same day just to catch a few waves. It never mattered the weather or the month. The best waves are during the winter, so yes, I have many fond memories surfing in Rossnowlagh in the depths of winter.

What are your golfing successes so far?

My golfing success so far is playing scrambles with my three amigos every Sunday. I met Grainne, Sharon and Barbara at the GIGs last August and we continued on with lessons after. The four of us joined Delgany in January of this year. I feel that I was very lucky in meeting them as we are all working girls and we can only play at weekends so that really works for us. We are also all at a similar level and we are really enjoying learning the game together. My golfing success has been meeting these three wonderful and incredible ladies and I look forward to our all becoming more accomplished at the game together.

Interesting facts you would like to share?

I'm longer out of Cork than I was in it, but Bray is my home now and has been for the past 19 years. I live there with my golfing widower husband Paul and we have two sons aged 13 and 14. Cian, my 14 year old, is also a junior member of Delgany and we have started to play every Friday evening together. I am Head of Treasury for the leading grocery retailer in Ireland. It's a tough role but I enjoy it. My parents are still in Cork and I have a brother in Dublin and a sister in London. I enjoy hill walking and reading and now I can add golf to my interests.





Ian's cryptic quiz...



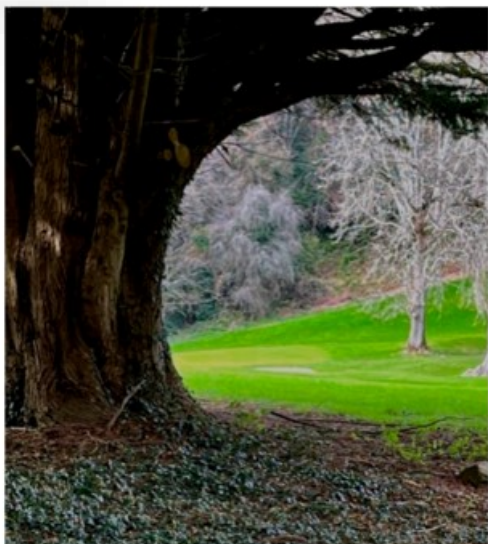
- ◆ The Chairperson on the putting surface (3 & 6)
- ◆ She wraps up the youngsters in this. (5 & 6)
- ◆ This scoring system is also a steady motor. (9)
- ◆ Venue for 2023 Ryder Cup (5 & 6)
- ◆ Famous English Tennis Player and Golf Trophy (4 & 5)
- ◆ Friday 16th June - A Papal announcement in DGC from the New Zealander (5 & 4)



Answers next Issue.



Where is Derek ?



Derek has confirmed that he took the photo from the 18 hole looking towards the 16th hole.

Obviously you all got it right... as no brown envelopes were left in the bar !!

And finally...



A big shout out to **Dougie Grey**, who sent us this little ditty....

In my hand I hold a ball, white and dimpled, rather small

Oh how bland it does appear, this harmless looking sphere

By its size I could not guess, what awesome strength it does possess

But since I fell beneath its spell, I've wandered through the fires of hell

My life has not been quite the same, since I chose to play this stupid game

It rules my mind for hours on end, a fortune it has made me spend

It has made me swear, yell and cry, I hate myself and want to die

It promises a thing called par, if I can hit it straight and far

to master such a tiny ball, should not be very hard at all

but my desires the ball refuses and it does exactly what it chooses

It hooks and slices, dribbles and dies, it even disappears before my very eyes

Often it will take a whim, to hit a tree or take a swim

With miles of grass on which to land, it finds a tiny patch of sand

Then it has me offering up my soul, if only it would find the hole

Its made me whimper like a pup and swear that I will give it up

And take a drink to ease my sorrow, but the ball knows

I'll be back tomorrow !!!!!



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