



THE DELGANY DISPATCH



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Captains' Message



It's great to see so many members and visitors enjoying their golf and club house facilities during this beautiful spell of weather.

Al fresco dining on our southwest facing terrace is not surprisingly, very popular these days. The wonderful atmosphere about the club is almost tangible!

We are looking forward to hosting our Corporate Day on Friday next, 16th June. Thanks to so many members who have already confirmed their support for the day. We still have space for a few more teams and tee box sponsors. If you can come on board please contact either of us. Also, as part of Corporate Day we will be having a raffle with some great prizes. Ticket sellers will be helping with sales over the next week. The good work of Wicklow Rapid Response will share in the success of the Day.

Also we want to remind members that timesheets for our open week (June 21st to June 25th.) have just gone live. This is a great opportunity to bring non member friends to the Club.

Our inter club teams suffered / enjoyed mixed fortunes during the last two weeks. Our Metropolitan Cup and Senior Cup teams, both with the 'away' disadvantage, fell at the hands of Elm Park and Grange. Our Ladies Challenge Cup team are playing Old Conna on Sunday 11th, 2.20 in Old Conna, 3.30 in Delgany. Our Super Seniors enjoyed success against Woodbrook. Best of luck to our Cullen Cup against Newbridge (Sat 10th @3.00pm), Barton Shield against Arklow (Sun 11th @ 1.00pm), Powerscourt Cup (Sun 11th @2.00pm) and Super Seniors against Blainroe (Monday 12th.11.00am). Thanks to all our members who manage and play in our various teams.

Best of luck to all our Lady Members who will be competing for Captain Betty's prize to Ladies on June 18th and June 20th.

Tom & Betty



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2023 Corporate Day

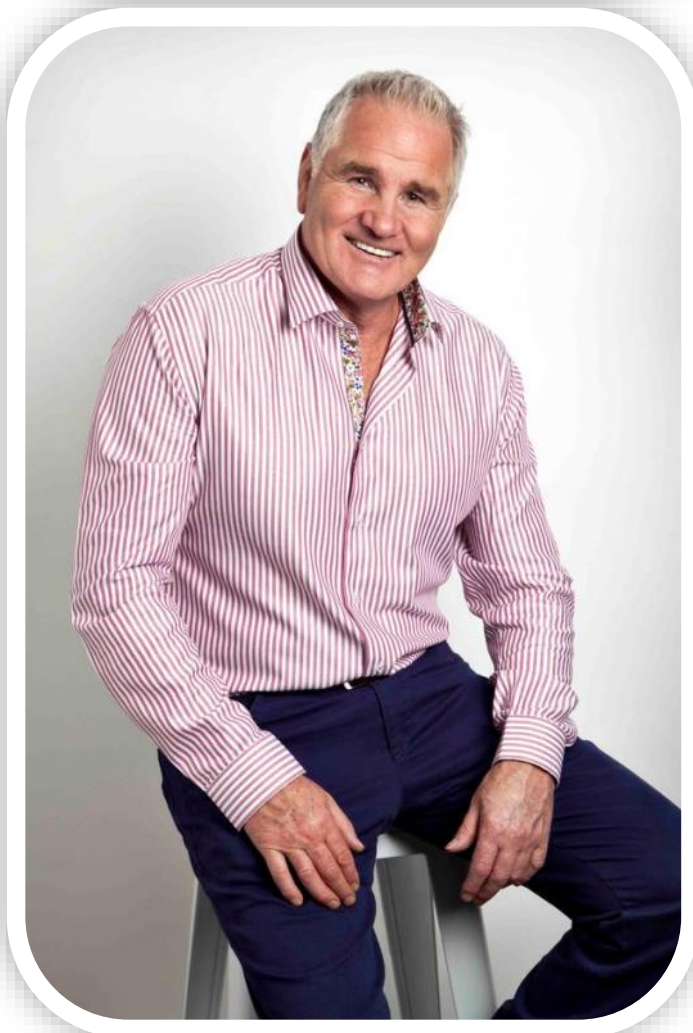
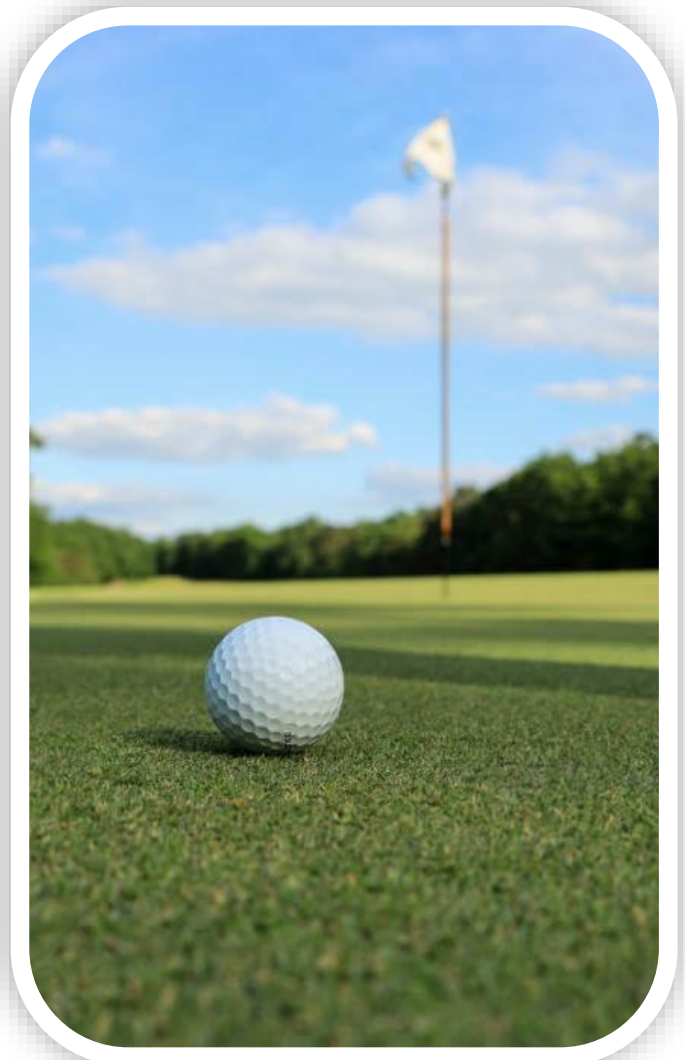
Friday June 16th

RAFFLE TICKETS FOR SALE

- 1st Prize Fourball at Carton House GC
- 2nd Prize Fourball at Powerscourt GC
- 3rd Prize Fourball at Dun Laoghaire GC

Tickets €5 each or a strip of 5 for €20

Draw will take place on Friday 16th June after dinner



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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

The recent arrival of our new Baroness Roughs Mower is a welcome replacement of part of our ageing fleet. This replaced the John Deere Roughs Mower from 2011, which has given us fully 12 years of service.

This new mower will instantly improve the efficiency and quality of the cut of our rough. It is a mid-weight rotary rough mower, mainly used to mow our main roughs plus around our greens and our tees. The extra efficiency is that it is up to 40% quicker which allows us to mow around the greens twice per week, which represents a significant improvement.



Steven Mc Donald in our new 'Baroness' Rough Grass Mower

The uptime and service costs will be noticeably and instantly better as the service cost is only expected to be €600 per year, in its first two years, while the current repair costs run at about €8k per annum. Our old roughs machine had served us well for the 12 years but during the last 6 seasons its age caught up with it as its efficiency has dropped so we could only mow once a week, where we really want to be mowing twice a week in the height of the growing season. It had also become more expensive to keep running as we had to replaced & rebuilt its decks 3 times in the last 6 seasons, during winter + the down time for constant running repairs were a huge drain on resources last season.



The addition of this new roughs mower has followed on the new fairway mower that arrived earlier this year. This two new pieces of key equipment represent a real and significant leap forward in updating our key course machinery. I believe we are seeing the benefits of these mowers already in how the roughs and fairways are being presented. We are really grateful to the members for their support with these projects



Course News



Ordering of a new pedestrian Aerator

Following the Course Information meeting to the members back on the 20th April, I was approached by a member, on a strictly confidential basis, who very kindly offered, if required, to provide the funding by way of a short term loan, at no cost to the club, to facilitate the purchase of the Pedestrian Aerator now.



This is a real boost to our management of the course by getting this vital piece of equipment in August of this year rather than having to wait until next year and in doing so we avoid the need to hire a similar machine for our hollow coring in September / October and we get the benefit of the new machine for solid tining our greens and tees from August on. We are replacing a machine purchased in 2007, a tractor mounted aerator which is obsolete at this stage. It was purchased second hand. It is certainly 20 years old. It is slow but more importantly can damage the greens. This new John Deere Aerator is a pedestrian machine which is easier to operate and more efficient. This will allow us to do our six monthly hollow coring & our monthly solid tining. It means we can be a lot more flexible when we do our hollow coring as we won't have to rely on the agreed rental dates, which is dependent on weather conditions and can be a real issue. This will enable us to do more regular tining and to include the approaches and tees. This is an absolutely key piece of course equipment and using an obsolete one is risky and sub optimal especially as we use this on our greens. With this pedestrian machine we can use this through the winter months which will improve the quality and drainage of our greens.

We are proposing that as the Aerator is seen as part of the 2023/24 capital expenditure, that it be repaid as soon as the 2024 subscriptions come in early in 2024. We can also confirm that the loan is an interest free loan, at no cost to the club.

This purchasing and funding proposal has been approved by both our Management Committee and trustees for this low risk but hugely beneficial item of equipment and the unusual but welcome funding proposal from our member.

In addition to the new fairway mower and roughs mower, this aerator will represent a real leap forward in updating our key course equipment.



Ken Greene, Chair of Course Committee



Ladies News



Matches coming up this week

Saturday 10th June @ 3.00pm

Cullen Cup v Newbridge GC

Managers: Ann Boyle & Pat Kitterick

In Delgany (3 matches)

Dermot Browne & Debbie Barry

Piaras Morris & Niamh Rigley

Donal Meehan & Anne Prior

In Newbridge (2 matches)

Ian Cuddihy & Rachelle Nelson

Geoff Dolly & Karen Crowley

Sunday 11th

Challenge team v Old Conna GC

Managers Ann Nulty, Bernie Jones

In Delgany @ 3.30pm

Ann Marie O'Grady - Caddy, Mags McDarby

Blanaid Farrell - Caddy, Bernie Clarke

Jackie Sharpe - Caddy, Breda Murtagh

Old Conna @ 2.20pm

Maura Lernihan - Caddy, Mary De Chaumont

Maura Dennehy - Caddy, Mary Brennan

Please do your best to get out and support both teams.

Ladies, best of luck you can do it.



Men's Competition News

1. Stableford Points on Card

We have noticed that many players are not writing their stableford points for each hole on their cards and are also not writing their overall points total when finished.

As a courtesy to your fellow members on Competitions Committee, we would politely ask you to fill in your points score for each hole and the overall total. We don't have the time to be checking cards which are missing these details!

0 Points - Double Bogey
1 Point - Bogey
2 Points - Par
3 Points - Birdie
4 Points - Eagle
5 Points - Albatross
6 Points - Condor

2. Diary Notes

The **Stephen's Green Cup on Saturday June 17th** is open for booking and there are still tee times available.

The Men's Fourball on Sunday June 18th has had to be **cancelled** due to two Inter Club events in the afternoon. Casual times are available if you wish to play that day.

3. New Handicaps:

If you have just taken up golf and joined the Club this year, here's how you get your handicap...

Complete three 18-hole cards from Delgany. 9-hole rounds can be included also as long as they make up the equivalent of three rounds.

Drop the cards into the Mens Competitions box in the hallway, or put them in the post box outside the Administration Office.

Gavin will also send on copies received in the Pro Shop to the Handicaps Committee.

Alternatively, you can email a copy to menshcap@delganygolfclub.ie.

Please ensure that you and your playing partner sign the cards.

If a non-member signs the card he/she must have a Golf Ireland number which should be noted on the card.

Once all cards submitted, the Handicap Committee will allocate a handicap within 7 days of the receipt of the last card.

John Gallagher, Men's Competitions Committee



Calling all Actors



Delgany Golf Club Drama Group.....



We are now looking at casting next years play "The Mating Season".

The play we intend to stage next year is "the Mating Season". It is a comedy written by Sam Cree who wrote the play we performed last year which received such a great response. It has a cast of ten people and we are appealing to members not to be shy and come forward to read for the parts.

The readings will take place on Monday June 26th and Tuesday the 27th of June in the Seaview room in the Clubhouse at 7.30pm.

Acting experience is not a requirement just a willingness to shed your inhibitions and throw yourself into a part. Rehearsals can be good fun and will start around the end of September with the play taking place in Mid February .

There is a lovely part for a young girl in their late teens or early twenties . That age group always poses difficulties with our age profile in the golf club so if anyone has a daughter or granddaughter who might fit the bill we would be delighted to hear from her.

Please just turn up on either of the dates or if you would like to find out more about our inner workings talk to any of the cast you will have seen in the plays or myself.

Jim Blake

Chairman DGCDG.

087 245 0516





New Members, new friends...



A big DGC welcome to Barbara O’Gorman

1. **What is your golfing background?** I joined the Daisy's 8 years ago to see if I liked Golf. At that time it was being run by the then President of Delgany Golf Club Hanne O’Rourke. Hanne was very supportive and continued to encourage me. Unfortunately my mum got sick and sadly I had to leave the Daisy's but always had a ‘graw’ to go back and play golf but the timing was not right and life was very busy. My husband and friends encouraged me to try again. Last Christmas morning I came down to a new set of clubs and golf trolley so in December 2022 I joined as a full member and I haven't looked back.



2. **Why did you join Delgany?** Firstly I would like to say a big thank you to all the lovely ladies at the club, you have been so lovely and welcoming. I live in Delgany Village, my children participated in many golf junior summer camps over the years and I always found the people so friendly. There's nothing nicer than meeting the ladies on the course, everyone is so nice and accommodating and very patient, its lovely to be met with a friendly wave. My friends have helped me so much from how to play golf to the etiquette and rules of the game, it’s a lot to take in, but I’ll get there..... The course is spectacular and the views are stunning on all the holes, but I especially love the 12th Hole.

3. **What are your golfing ambitions?** Try not to shake as much when in match situations and to continue to improve my golf and be the best I can be.

4. **Who are your sporting heroes?** I love tennis and as a child would play with my sisters at our local club. I have very fond memories watching Martina Navratilova play against Billy Jean King and Bjorn Borg play against John McEnroe at Wimbledon. Roger Federer and Rory McIlroy would also be heroes of mine.

5. **What other sports are you interested in?** Tennis & Rugby. I am a huge Rugby fan and an avid Leinster and Ireland supporter. I look forward to supporting them in the World Cup.

6. **What are your golfing successes so far?** Just recently, I played and won the PGA GOYA 2023. Generously sponsored by McManus Jeweller's (Aileen Kirker), I was delighted to be playing as part of a four-ball with Siobhan Mooney, our President Ruth Jenkinson and guest player Dale Holt.

7. **Interesting facts you would like to share?**

I am married to James who is always loving and supportive, mum to 3 young adults, Nana to 1 beautiful granddaughter who has lit up our lives in more ways the one. I am a business owner in the local area and an artist. I have painted everything from landscapes to seascapes to Stags to rugby players It is my first love but now happy to say golf is up there too....



New Members, new friends...



A big DGC welcome to Robert Heap

What is your golfing background?

I started playing golf when I was kid living in South Africa. I then stopped playing in my young teens and took it back up again about 15yrs ago in Ireland.

Why did you join Delgany?

I joined Delgany because I live just over a kilometre away. My kids are of the age where golf is now becoming of interest and I always knew that Delgany GC had a very good juvenile section and that it was a very welcoming, social club. I have experienced a very warm welcome so far and my kids will be joining the club soon.

What are your golfing ambitions?

For now my golfing ambitions are to try and learn the course and play to my handicap. My ultimate goal would be to shoot a level par round during a qualifying competition. I also want to avoid hitting all the trees on the course.

Who are your sporting heroes?

I am more of a rugby fan than a golfer. My sporting heroes would be Francois Pienaar and Peter O'Mahony.

What other sports are you interested in?

I have a very keen interest in rugby and tennis. I was briefly a member of Greystones Tennis Club.

What are your golfing successes so far?

I have played on a number of interclub teams during my golfing time in Ireland. I have no major achievement of note apart from winning the Captain's Prize and Golfer of the Year when I was a member in Druid's Glen.

Interesting facts you would like to share?

Not an interesting fact but I really like the idea of the bee hives around the course. Hopefully they will settle and I can buy some honey.





Mix & Match



Our next Mix and Match is on Friday June 23rd and is generously **sponsored by our Club Professional Gavin Kavanagh.**

The time sheet opens this Sunday at 8 pm for the second Mix and match of the season.

It's played as a 4 ball with the best two scores to count ,so plenty of places to hide. Members may invite up to three guests and the time sheet is open to all our members.

Entry fee is €3.50 for members and €5.00 for their guests which will be taken from the purse and is played between 4 pm and 6 Pm..

The next one is on June 30th with further ones on July 14th and 28th. As usual August is busy with Captain's Prizes etc so there are none after that until the two in September.

Look forward to seeing you all.



Ian's Cryptic Quiz



Here are the answers from our last issue:

- 1) The Chairperson on the putting surface (3 & 6) Ken Greene
- 2) She wraps up the youngsters in this. (5 & 6) Nuala Cotton
- 3) This scoring system is also a steady motor. (9) Stableford
- 4) Venue for 2023 Ryder Cup (5 & 6) Marco Simone
- 5) Famous English Tennis Player and Golf Trophy (4 & 5) Fred Perry
- 6) Friday 16th June - A Papal announcement in DGC from the New Zealander (5 & 4) Brent Pope

QUIZ



Our favourite Finches...



Thanks to Ronan Moore for sharing his knowledge and his photos of the Finch species that can be found on and around the golf course.

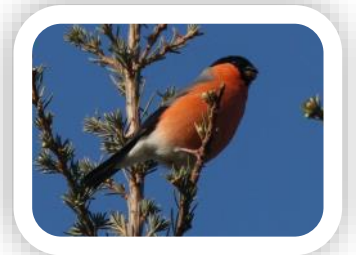
1. The Green Finch.

This used to be a very common sight all over the country, but recent times have seen a decline in numbers due largely to a parasitic disease Trichomoniasis. It has also taken its toll on Chaffinch and Goldfinch populations. Mostly spread via garden feeders that get infected and are not thoroughly cleaned. However, not to be all gloom and doom it looks like they are slowly growing in numbers again. One of the bigger finches they feed on seeds and berries predominantly. Finches have thick looking beaks for this purpose.



2. Bulfinch

A colourful bird that can be heard calling with a monotonic call. Can be quite a pest when it comes to fruit farms with a voracious appetite for Gooseberries and Black currants. Often seen on pairs and can be seen in the Carpark feeding off the Cherry Trees. Sometimes just nipping the base of the flowers to get nectar.



3. Chaffinch

Our most common Finch with a distinct 'pink pink' call.



4. Goldfinch

Quite the head turner for both its plumage and song. Used to be captured and caged for this reason although completely banned now. In groups they are called a 'Charm' which captures their beauty more than adequately.



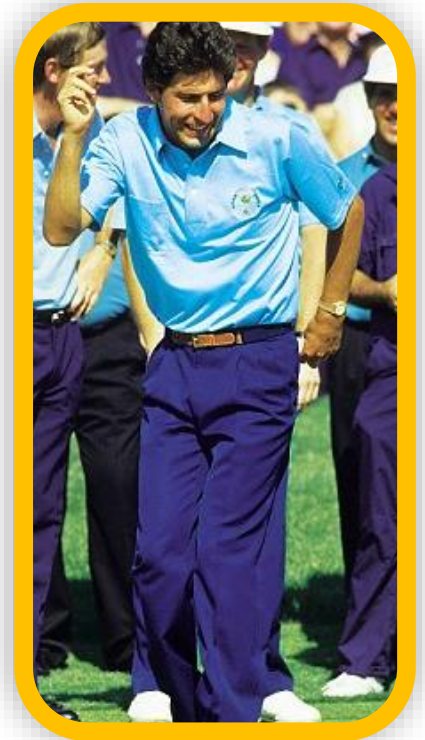
Thanks Ronan, great work as always.

The good weather has seen a lot of players back out on the course and as Captain Tom noted on Wednesday, we were delighted to see Paul Farrar, Tommy Sinnott and Kevin Brady back with us after some time out. All three are in fine form, however the star of the show was Paul Farrar as Gregg O'Neill reported that Paul had "bagged a **golden ferret** on the 16th".



For those of you who have never heard the term before, it refers to holding out from a greenside bunker and we have it on good authority that Mr Farrar was seen **doing a Jose Maria Olazabal** across the green on his way to pick the ball out of the hole !!!

Nice one Paul and welcome back lads.



Not to be ignored, our partnership with EY on our Bee Hives has hit the **headlines** !!

The Irish Independent reports all about it online and in print....

<https://www.independent.ie/sport/golf/ey-creates-buzz-at-delgany-with-honey-bee-hives/a450873919.html>

Just Google 'Delgany Bees Independent'.

Great work and well done to all.

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