



# THE DELGANY DISPATCH



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## Captains' Message



Rain Rain go away! St. Swithin's Day (July 15), a day on which, according to folklore, the weather for a subsequent period is dictated. In popular belief, if it rains on St. Swithin's Day, it will rain for 40 days. It sure rained in Delgany last Saturday, the 15<sup>th</sup>, let's hope the folklore is proven wrong. Although, given the carnage caused by the outrageously high temperatures across Europe, perhaps some moisture is the better option.

July is a very busy month at the Club. We had President Ruth's Prize to the Men, Captains' Charity Day, Captain Tom's Prize to Ladies, as well as all the regular events. The only event to be postponed due to inclement weather was the Professional (Gavin's) Prize to Ladies. We still have the Pro Am (sponsored by Xeodas Pharmaceutical, Under Armour and Taylormade) and the Delgany Scratch Cup to look forward to.

On the social side, many of us enjoyed a late night at the Club following the Charity Day. We are looking forward to **President Ruth's night on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July** following the Mix & Match. If you are not playing the golf you are welcome to join us for dinner and a drink. This will be an informal dinner with some entertainment. We will also be presenting funds raised on the Captains' Drive In and Corporate Day to Wicklow Rapid Response, and the funds raised on our Charity Day to Dublin Neurological Institute.

We hope all our members are enjoying their summer and playing plenty of golf. Remember the season passes by very fast, so wrap up and get out there.



# Captains' Message



## **Captains' Charity Day, sponsored by Zurich, in aid of Dublin Neurological Institute.**

We are grateful to our members for your support of our Captains' Charity Day. Your generosity in playing, donating and buying raffle tickets accumulated a staggering record amount of €7,000. This money will be well spent by DNI in their research into detection and treatment of neurological diseases such as Parkinson's and Multiple Sclerosis .

The success of the day was underpinned by the sponsorship of the golf prizes by Zurich and Under Armour (Mark Wyse), and a single large donation by an individual member. The enjoyment of the day was also enhanced by the excellent condition of the course even in poor playing conditions. Many of our visitors made very favourable comments on the course, the lovely clubhouse atmosphere and the catering. In spite of the weather, 174 players held solid on the timesheet, with the winning team playing in the worst of the weather. Congratulations to all the prize winners.

- 1<sup>st</sup>.           A. Swan, E. Keogh, J. Healy, C. Brady
- 2<sup>nd</sup>.           Basil, Ewan, & Ross Mulligan, J. Daly
- 3<sup>rd</sup>.           B. Farrell, S. Farrell, B. Clarke, C. Clarke
- 4<sup>th</sup>.           P. O'Toole, L. O'Toole, M.Nolan

Nearest the Pin   Pat Quinn

Straightest Drive Tony Casey

The winners in the raffle were Debbie Barry, Ann Nulty, Austin Bergin, Enda Cassin, Shane Bergin and Rosemarie Cooney. All raffle prizes were fourball vouchers for Delgany GC and neighbouring golf courses.

## **Member Survey**

Our members' survey closed last weekend, the response rate was high and a big thank you is due to all the members who took the time to complete the survey and provide some very helpful comments. The captains are currently going through a detailed review of the results. Preliminary analysis is encouraging with the majority of respondents indicating a high level of satisfaction with the Club and its facilities. Some consistency is emerging in comments on how we can improve in certain areas and on preferences in relation to golf and competitions. It is also very encouraging that so many respondents have indicated a willingness to lend their expertise to help the Club and to serve on committees.

**New Sunday Competition Format:** We will provide a more detailed analysis of the results shortly but in the interim, in response to a high level of requests for singles competitions on Sundays and more 9 hole competitions, we have changed the format of the competition on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July to consist of 18 hole invitation singles early in the day followed by an invitation fourball from mid morning and an invitation 9 hole singles in the afternoon. This is on a trial basis initially and if each format proves popular they will become a more regular Sunday format. The timesheet is already full for the singles section with lots of spaces available for the fourball and 9 holes. If you would like to keep this variety of formats to continue on Sundays we will need to see them supported by names on the timesheet.



# Course News



## Thank you....

I want to acknowledge the great and continuing support that our members have given to protecting and divoting our fairways (and roughs). The support for the initiative, we introduced for a few months, of walking in the rough and using the 90-degree rule was well embraced by our members. The benefits of this can be seen in the excellent condition of our fairways currently.

The use of the divot bags has massively increased and we know this by the use of the sand and the increased number of refills that we have to do. The number of unrepaired divots has significantly reduced. However, we still are encountering some divots that are left unrepaired. So, we need to be vigilant and unrelenting in repairing all divots and encouraging our fellow players to ensure we all do our bit.

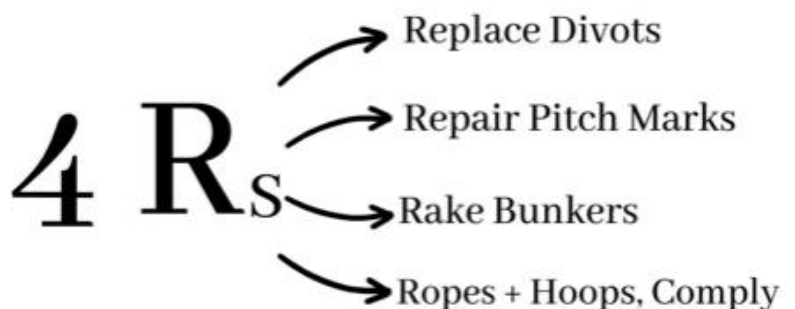
We want to avoid buying more new bags and so can I ask you to redouble your efforts to return all bags when your round is complete and to check your cars and anywhere else that you might have 'stored' our divot bags so we get to reuse them.

Finally, you will have seen that the number of unrepaired pitch marks has reduced which is fantastic. However, there are too many 'brown' pitch mark repairs which mean the player is incorrectly repairing the pitch mark. The objective in repairing a pitch mark (as explained in a recent Delgany Dispatch) is to find grass. If you are finding 'brown' you are incorrectly using the pitch mark reparer in an upward motion which is wrong. Can I ask you all to take notice of this key point.

Thanks again for all your efforts. The benefits are there to be enjoyed by all. We are making progress, step by step.



## 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:**

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



# Course News



## Tee Box Furniture

I would like to clarify our course furniture on our tee boxes. We have just completed the installation of our 23 new tee signs which have been really well received and look great.

I thank all the sponsors and acknowledge Patrick Bradshaw for all his efforts in bringing this project to fruition.

In addition, we have the following:

18 benches spread among our tees

7 bins at the 1st, 5th, 8th, 10th (2), 11th & 16th

3 ball washers at the 5th, 11th & 16th

3 large sand refill boxes at the 1st, 5th & 12th with 11 smaller sand boxes, mainly on the par 3s

9 winter tees at the 1st, 4th, 7th, 9th, 12th, 14th, 15th 17th & 18th.

As these tees enabled us to protect our main tees, we are planning to install further winter tees so we expand the protection of our main tee boxes.

This arrangement of course furniture covers our current needs. Over time we are planning to upgrade some of this equipment as it nears the end of its useful life and funds are available. This also applies to our tee markers.

Regards

Ken

Ken Greene

Chair

Course Committee







# Club News



## Club Governance Committee - Information Evening

Following a survey of members in 2022 the Club Governance Committee have been working on developing a new Club management structure which would reflect best governance practice and would better facilitate future planning for the Club. The changes in structure would entail a single overall Club, removing the requirement for separate Men's and Ladies' Clubs, and the appointment of a chairperson to lead the overall management of the Club for a three year term. The member survey revealed very strong support for these changes.

The Governance Committee have been working in consultation with Golf Ireland on implementing the changes and have developed a draft new management structure and a draft new constitution.

**We are inviting all members to an Information Evening on Thursday 31st August** (time to be confirmed), where we will set out the new structure and its rationale and provide more information on the proposed changes.

Your feedback is important so please save the date in your diary – it's your Club too.

The Governance Committee are:

Captain Tom Bergin

Captain Betty Sherry

Hon Sec Tony Doyle

Vice Captain Ian Barrett

Vice Captain Alison Graham

Sean Donnelly

Trisha Wyse

Simon Wilson





# Ladies News



Due to the inclement weather on Tuesday the Professional (Gavin's) Prize to Ladies has been rescheduled to Tuesday 1st August along with all dinner reservations. The timesheet for 1st August will open Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 19:50. The forecast remains very mixed but let's hope there will be an improvement as the original date was just awful and justified the change.

In the interim, we have an Open Team of 4 Champagne Scramble on Tuesday 25th, kindly sponsored by the Sports Surgery Clinic Santry. Visitors will receive two extra shots and it is encouraging to see a number of guests booked on the timesheet. A number of spaces are still available if you are free to play.

## Ladies' Interclub matches:

### Challenge Cup – through to South Leinster Final!

Huge congratulations to the Ladies Challenge Cup team who beat Carrickmines GC on Thursday last to reach the Golf Ireland Leinster South Final. The team is led by Captain fantastic Ann Nulty ably supported by Bernie Jones and Helen Doolin.

The overall score was 3 - 2 to Delgany. At home leading the way was Blanaid Farrell with a superb win on the 14th followed closely by Caroline Tobin who won on the 15th. Annmarie O'Grady came unstuck on the 17th after a hard fought match. Away, Maura Dennehy lost on the 16th after a very close battle. Maura Lernihan had a stunning win away on the 17th to get us over the line. We win as a team and lose as a team, each and every player plus subs and caddies have made massive contributions to get us to the final so congratulations to all.

Now it is onwards to the final which is against Ballinascorney GC with all matches taking place in Delgany early on **Sunday 6th August**. The selection of Delgany for all matches is serendipitous for us as the decision on venue was made by Golf Ireland at the start of the season before any matches had been played.

The team and subs are Jackie Sharpe, Blanaid Farrell, Caroline Tobin, Mary Staveley, Maura Lernihan

Subs: Diane McHugh, Cait Conlon.

## Senior Foursomes

Sadly we lost 2~1 to Edmondstown on Thursday July 20th after a very close and hard fought match with two away and one home. Great play by Teresa Thompson & Valerie Stokes, Anna O'Loughlin & Ann Cafferky. Cliona Lyons & Avril Dowley.

Please put the future dates in your diaries and get out and support our girls. Here's hoping we can capitalise on the home advantage. GO DELGANY!!!

Team Liaison

Anna O'Loughlin

# Ladies Photos







# Men's Competition News

## MATCHPLAY DEADLINE DATES

The various Matchplay Competitions are well underway at this stage and all are being keenly contested...

A gentle reminder to pay attention to the **closing dates** for each round please!!

In the event that a tie cannot be completed on time then all parties must decide before the closing date who goes through. If no contact has been made with the Competition Referee (shown on the draw chart), then the outcome will be decided by the relevant Referee.

Here are the key dates as of now:

**Men's Singles Matchplay – Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Bellevue Cup – Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Men's Fourball Matchplay – Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Foursomes Matchplay – Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Mixed Foursomes Matchplay – Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup>**

## SIGNATURES

Bizarrely we continue to receive cards with one/both signatures absent...

Please ensure you check your own card before popping it in the box...

## VISITORS

If bringing a **Guest**, the onus is on you as the Member to ensure that their **Membership Number** and **Home Club** are written on the card with a 'V' for Visitor.

## USEFUL WEBSITES / APPS

Most of you will be familiar with the following websites/Apps but in case you are not, please see below:

[members.brsgolf.com/delgany/login](https://members.brsgolf.com/delgany/login)

For entering competitions and checking your competition purse (in menu )

[Login - HowDidiDo.com](https://www.howdido.com)

For competition results which are only valid once final results published on Delgany website (see below) - depends on the cards being correctly filled in. N.B. - When a competition ends you may see results being published here multiple times in the event of any change(s) to a result.





# Men's Competition News



## [Competitions - Delgany Golf Club](#)

**Official** Competition Results/ Prize Winners are published here so always refer to it for final results.

## [Home - ClubV1 Hub](#)

This is an App which can be downloaded in the normal way and which features latest Club news, and bar/restaurant card account balance, members WHS index etc.

**Golf Ireland App** to check your handicap, playing records and for entering general play scores etc.

**Rules of Golf R&A App** which has a great Visual search which gets you to the correct rule quickly.

**XPOS Caddie App** to keep check of your account in Pro shop and what is for sale in Pro Shop etc.

## **BIRD / ANIMAL DAMAGE ON GREENS**

You may have noticed that some greens occasionally may have some fresh damage caused by birds or animals. If the line of your putt is affected by such damage here is the relevant rule to abide by...

### **Rule 16.1d**

You can take relief by placing your ball on the nearest point of relief not nearer the hole – no penalty.

## **ADDITIONAL SUNDAY COMPETITIONS**

As a trial we have added a number of Sunday competitions on **Sunday July 30<sup>th</sup>** and **Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>**.

The format on those dates is:

Invitational Singles 18-holes (07:30 to 10:30)

Invitational Fourball 18-holes (10:40 to 13:30)

Invitational Singles 9-holes (13:40 to 14:50)

Times are subject to change

**John Gallagher**

**Men's Competitions Committee**



# Men's Team News



## Men's Team News

The Men's Barton Shield match against Carton House was postponed due to poor weather. No new date has been set as yet.

The Cullen Cup team lost to Druids Glen 3-2 on Sunday. Thanks to all involved, Management Pat Kitterick, Anne Boyle, Team Geoff Dolly/Karen Crowley, Donal Meehan/Niamh Rigley, Ian Barrett/ Ann Prior at home; Dermot Browne/Debbie Barry and Ailbe Brennan/Bernie Jones in Druids Glen.

## Team Liaison

Geoff Dolly

## Juniors

Wicklow Cup - Bray Match Sunday 9th July 23.

The Wicklow Cup has been running for over 30 years. The objective is to promote Junior golf in Co Wicklow in a competitive and friendly format. The format is scotch foursomes and 5 pairs are selected. The handicap range is 5.0 to 24.0.

Three of our Delgany players were playing in this competition for the first time: Tayla Bower, Ryan Fogarty and Ollie Tuthill. The other players were Ross Mulligan, Evan Lenehan, Ed Doherty, Felix Burke, Robert Cowman, Piaras Morris and Jack Daly.

Although we lost our first match against Bray 1 - 4 it was very close with 3 matches going up the 18th. We have 2 more matches in this round robin competition against Blainroe and Woodbrook.

It was great to see our juniors in action gaining match experience and most importantly forming friendships. They all represent the Club amazingly.

Our Junior Captain Cathan McCarthy, whose handicap is too low to play in this competition, is one of our managers this year. We look forward to his next motivational and inspiring pre-match chat. Thanks also to Jamie and his team who organised the post-match sandwiches for both teams.

## Juniors Manager

Basil Mulligan



# A day to remember...



Breda Murtagh, Barbara Dolan, Dermot McCarthy & myself played together. It was a good day, even though the weather was a bit changeable.

We got off to a solid enough start and when we came to the **fourth hole** Breda chipped in for 4 points – we were all delighted with this fantastic achievement.

It doesn't happen all that often for any-

one (other than maybe the pro's). We came to the **sixth hole** and Barbara decides to chip in, just to match Breda's achievement. Amazing. Two chip-ins in one round for the group (another 4 pointer). I'm starting to wonder if Gav & his team have a special chipping technique, they've been teaching to the ladies.



We were on the **seventh** and Barbara does it again. Chips in for 4 points!! Unbelievable. On to the **10th hole** and another chip-in. That's a hat trick of three for Barbara and four for the team. **11th hole**. Barbara's tee shot is short on the left and yet another chip-in. Next to the notorious **12th hole**. Barbara is short of the green and chips the ball on to the green. Its line is left of the flag and the ball is curling towards the hole. It's going to be close. Barbara is walking back towards her bag thinking about the putt and doesn't see the ball drop into the hole. She's now on 5 chip-ins. The team is on 6, incredible.

At this stage we're waiting to see what is going to happen on each hole we play and are almost disappointed when there's no chip-in. Myself and Dermot are feeling a little bit guilty by now haven't not managed a single chip-in between us!! On **Hole 17**, Barbara does it again. Chip-in number 6 for Barbara and number 7 for the team

None of us have ever seen or heard of a round like it. 6 chip-ins for one player in a single round, using 3 different clubs.

As reported by

**Conn Loy**







It was great to see the legendary Dave Fox back home on holidays and in great form when he played in our Wednesday fourball.

Dave is pictured above with his playing partners Derek Mulrooney, Ian Byrne and Willie Kennedy,

Later that evening, Dave made sure he gave the Captain some words of wisdom !







# Mens Wednesday Fourball



Our Men's Wednesday Fourball is in full swing over the summer and it's good to see so many members and visitors playing and enjoying our course.

Wednesday is also our men's competitions 'Prize Presentation Day' and we would like to remind everyone that our Captain and officials make every effort to be there and present the prizes as well as share Club news. **So if you are in the prizes, please make the effort to be there.**

Here is a selection of recent winners:





# Upcoming events



We have a busy calendar over the next few weeks with a number of important events coming up.

**Professional Gavin's Pro Am** takes place today, 21st July, kindly sponsored by Xeodas Pharmaceuticals, Under Armour and Taylormade. The event is sold out and a great day is anticipated for all.

This is closely followed on Sunday 23rd by the **County Wicklow and Delgany Scratch Cups** kindly sponsored by Professional Gavin Kavanagh. This is a 36 hole competition open to visitors with a handicap index of 4 or lower and to members with a handicap index of 9.9 and lower. Many thanks to Jason Bradshaw for excellent promotion of what promises to be an exciting event, please come along and support and watch some excellent golf played by our low handicap members and visitors.

You will also see some excellent sport onscreen in the bar on Sunday with the final day of the Open as well as the All Ireland Hurling Final so expect a great atmosphere. The bar and catering team are running an extensive menu and will have a special of Sunday roast with a pint or glass of wine for €20, great value for money!

On Friday 28th the Mix n Match is a special 6 person event followed by President Ruth's Prize presentation, dinner and entertainment as mentioned in the Captains' note.

A welcome evening for new members will be held on 3 August, starting with an informal 6 hole scramble followed by refreshments. While many of our new members are already well integrated and fully participating in the Club this is an opportunity to get to know more about your Club and meet more of the members.

On Sunday 6th August the Club is hosting two important Golf Ireland events, the South Leinster final of the Ladies Challenge Cup and the Fred Perry Trophy for men. The presentation of Pennants to the winning teams will take place after the matches and we are expecting a big turnout of supporters particularly as our own Delgany ladies are playing to win the Challenge pennant!



## Ian's 'Open' Quiz



- 1) Winner of the 2022 Open (3+6)
- 2) Venue of the 2023 Open (5+9)
- 3) Last Open winner at Hoylake (4+7)
- 4) Most British Open wins (5+6)
- 5) French runner-up in '99 (4+3+2+5)
- 6) Back to back in '07 & '08 (7+10)
- 7) Stage of the 2025 Open - again (5+8)
- 8) D Clarke ate it up here (8)
- 9) The Golf Champion Trophy ((6+3)
- 10) Nickname for 17th in 2) above (6+3)

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QUIZ





# Photo Gallery



Our Junior players for the Wicklow Cup match





# *And finally...*

As you know, the Dispatch and eyes and ears everywhere and we welcome news reports from all our members. One such report has come to us from one of our 'early birds' on the time sheet. Our man on the spot recently noticed President Ruth out at 7.30am filling the sand bags and putting them down at the path on the way to the first tee. I think we all agree, that this is leadership by example at its best.

So a big thank you to President Ruth, actions speak louder than words.

I would also like to thank our 'reporter', who had managed to video the event and provide a few words of encouragement ..... If RTE are looking for the next Marty Morrissey, we have the very man here!



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