



# THE DELGANY DISPATCH



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## Captains' Message



The rain continues to wreak havoc on our golf calendar. At least we have the Solheim Cup, the Ryder Cup and the Rugby World Cup to keep us entertained as we are confined to barracks. The down side of the rugby is that we have to reschedule some of our social events. The annual Committee Day is rescheduled for Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October. The Mens Awards Night will take place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Apart from the usual medals and trophies presentations that evening, we have a few additional achievements that we will acknowledge on the night. Following the formalities we will have a good session where the finest of Delgany talent will be rolled out! –More details later, but for now keep the date.

### Budget Time

Just like the government, our management committee are currently working on our 2024 budget. The most critical aspect of the budget is our assumptions in relation to revenue. All members can help improve the revenue of the club and we ask you to assist where possible. The following are the main revenue items where we ask for your support:

#### **Introduce a New Member**

While we are close to full membership we are looking to replace members that we lost during 2023 and those we will lose in 2024. An active membership lifts all boats !. As an incentive, any new member joining for 2024 can play from the moment their paperwork is complete. Effectively, if they join immediately, they can enjoy 15 months membership for the price of 12. You can get the full details of this offer later in this issue and on our website <https://delganygolfclub.com/membership-offer/>



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## **Outings & Visitors.**

Green Fee income is a very important source of revenue for the club. Our General Manager, Patrick Bradshaw, is now taking bookings for 2024 society outings.

## **Private Functions**

We can cater for private functions for 10 to 150 guests. If you have a family celebration on the horizon Patrick would be delighted to talk to you.

## **Sponsorship**

We are grateful to the many members and businesses that supported the new tee boxes and noticeboard signs project and our corporate day fundraiser in 2023. We would be delighted to hear from other members that might be able to support the many sponsorship opportunities planned for 2024.

## **Bequests**

At the risk of being somewhat morbid, we are aware of a few members that have mentioned Delgany as a beneficiary in their will. We would sensitively ask members to give this some consideration.

## **9<sup>th</sup> Tee Box**

We have discussed all the concerns by members over the 9<sup>th</sup> tee box with our course committee and our consultant agronomist. We have agreed a plan to remove the controversial plinth and to reinstate the surface. Please read the included update from Chair of Course, Ken Greene, where the plan is set out in detail.

## **Condolences**

During the last month or so we have lost four wonderful past members. All four were highly regarded members of the club and all with further family connection to the club. We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Maurice Whelan, Kevin Sheerin, John Widger and Angela Barrett, may they rest in peace.

Captain's Tom & Betty



# Tell your friends...



## NEW MEMBERS 2024

Autumn Membership Offer

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Join now and get 15 months for the price of 12...any new joiners for 2024 can avail of 3 months of free golf

As a member of the Club, you will get to enjoy many of the privilege's membership offers with some additional special benefits annually.

- FULL ORDINARY & FIVE DAY\* MEMBERS MAY AVAIL OF.
- Midweek, Weekend and Bank Holiday competitions
- Golf Ireland Handicap
- Golfsure Insurance
- Bar and Restaurant credit of €75 is included in your subscription.
- Full year-round Golf and Social Events
- Extensive Restaurant and Bar facilities
- Online tee time booking system
- Members Website with private Login
- Represent the club at Interclub level.
- Reserve tee times up to 4 weeks in advance
- USGA Standard Practice Facilities
- Club PGA Professional Services Daily
- Fully stocked Pro Shop
- Special Member's and Family discounts
- Discounted Green Fee for Guests
- Discounted hire on our Fleet of Electric Buggies

New membership applications are currently being accepted for these categories and in most cases the period from Application being received to you playing golf will only take two weeks. This will allow you to take part in competitions within weeks (subject to handicap) and begin enjoying the wonderful facilities the club has to offer our members.

\* Five-day membership is based on play during Monday – Friday.

All new members are subject to a once off entrance fee that may be paid over five years or a special discount of 20% if paid at election.

Unfortunately the wet weather continues and the Autumnal conditions have arrived much sooner than expected. It really has been such a disappointing year, weather wise. The fairway cut height has been raised to 19mm (from the summer height of 15mm) and placing in September is way earlier that we would have liked. Needs must.

## The 9th tee

We are in the process of finalising the project to remove the concrete plinth. The tall trees surrounding the 9th tee inhibit grass growth and therefore a permanent mat is needed to ensure playability all year round. However, the installation of the artificial playing surface last year met with much comment and debate.



We reviewed its functioning over a period including taking advice from our agronomist. A more practical solution that is both aesthetically in keeping with the area and doesn't represent a health and safety risk is being implemented.

The plan is to remove the concrete plinth and return this area to a shade resistant grass that will be available for use next season. In addition, we discovered that there is an additional problem with the existing tee as there is a soil layer, 40 mm below the surface, which negatively affects the strength and performance of the existing grass. This layer prevents healthy rooting and limits wear capacity of the grass. We are going to remove an estimated 60mm of the contaminated root zone, level the surface and replace the full tee with this the shade resistant grass.

Some weeks ago we cleared out the shrubbery around the magnificent trees on the right-hand side of the tee, which had the added bonus of opening up the beautiful vista towards the 12th tee and 11th green. This bank will be returned to grass. This has the added bonus of also improving air circulation. Further tree surgery is required to bring the drip line back away from the tee and reduce shading.

These changes and additions will ensure healthier and stronger grass on this tee box.





# Course update



Both mats will be relocated, on the right hand side, in front of the existing tee. The two mats will be laid side by side and flush with the grass in their new built up location. The idea of using the two mats is to ensure plenty of playing and standing room so the grass tee will be fully protected. A new short walkway, from the tarmac path to the mat, will be installed. See sketch.

This location ensures that the remainder of the tee can be rested from play and traffic while the mat is in play. To that end, whether using a buggy or walking, please use the tarmac path to access the tee.

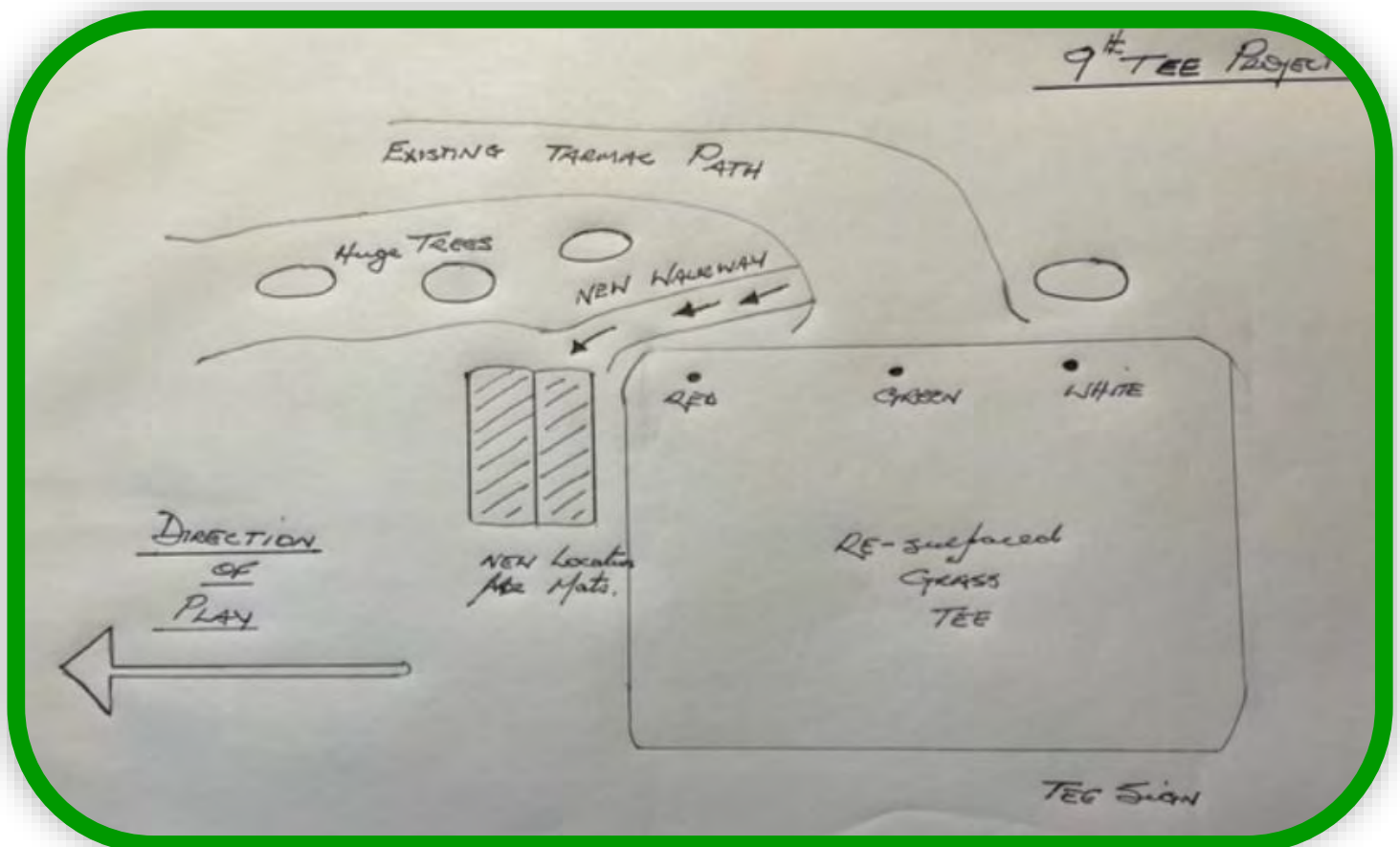
This important project will commence, as soon as is practical and when weather conditions permit. We estimate it will take up two weeks to complete this work and we will use the lower tee for this period.

Thank you for your patience in this matter and we hope this planned improvement meets with the approval of our members.

Ken Greene

Chair

Course Committee



## Lady Captains Prize to the Men:

On Wednesday September 20th, Lady Captain Betty presented her prize's to the men. Betty thanked all those who played in the competition, congratulated the winners and paid tribute to all who made her day such a success.

Winner Eoin O'Riordan (pictured right) thanked Captain Betty, his playing partners along with the course and bar staff. He credited his win to his Dad Jim as he revealed that he finally took 'Dad's advice' and got some lessons!.



**Unfortunately due to a technical issue, the rest of our Ladies news has been deferred to the next issue.**



# Men's Competition News

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**Ryder Cup Weekend** - events amended to an **Invitation Singles on September 29<sup>th</sup>** (plus ALT for Saturday) Singles Stableford on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>, and a Team of 4 Rumble on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. This last event will be a Shotgun Start at 9am.

**October Medal** – **Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>** (with ALT comp on Friday 6<sup>th</sup>).

**PJ Stokes Memorial** – **Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>** (with ALT on Friday 13<sup>th</sup>).

**Annual Prize** giving is on **Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>** – details to follow.

## MATCHPLAY COMPETITIONS (as of September 27<sup>th</sup>):

One remaining Matchplay Final...

**Singles Matchplay Final** will be played on October 2<sup>nd</sup> between **David Lyons** and **Liam May**.

**Bellevue Cup Winner** is **Alan Murphy** - the match went all the way to the 18<sup>th</sup>.  
Hard luck **Terry (Day)**.

## PLAYING A PROVISIONAL BALL:

Most golfers will be familiar with this but in case you are not...

If your ball is Out Of Bounds or if you think it may be lost, play a "Provisional Ball".  
You must announce this clearly to your playing partner(s) stating that it is a "provisional" and giving its identity (ie Titleist 3 with a red mark).

The golden rule (especially in a Strokes Competition) ..."**if in doubt play another ball**".

**John Gallagher**  
**Men's Competitions Committee**





# Golf Quiz



## Solheim Cup / Ryder Cup Quiz.

1) Winning points margin at Whistling Straits (3)

2) Solheim Cup 2023 venue (5+8)

3) Highest Ryder Cup Points Scorer (6+6)

4) Solheim Cup Captain 2023 (6+9)

5) Oldest player in Ryder Cup History (7+5)

6) Ludvig Aberg's Nationality (7)

7) Leona's hometown (12)

8) McGinley's opposite number in 2014 (3+6)

9) The year of the first Ryder Cup (4)

10) Where our man Eamon Darcy beat Ben Crenshaw to win the Cup (9+7)







# Golf Apps



Just a quick reminder to all our members from Lisa in our office that that you can access a lot of your golf details through the following downloadable mobile phone Apps:

**The Official App of Golf Ireland** – Offers Golf Ireland members access to their golfing scores, profile, friends activity and relevant golfing notifications.

With this app, you can:

- Monitor your handicap and scoring history over time. See which scores are counting toward your handicap index.
- View detailed hole by hole scoring record for each golfing round
- Follow your friends with peer review of golfing score history
- Receive notifications such as handicap updates, friend activity, comments on scores and general updates from Golf Ireland and Delgany GC.
- Edit your profile details and upload your profile picture
- ◆ Get a scorecard and enter your scores through the app.



**BRS GOLF**

Booking golf has never been easier. The new **BRS Golf Members App** provides the fastest, easiest and most convenient way to book tee times at Delgany GC.



**V1 hub**

The **ClubV1 Members Hub APP** combines an array of rich features to enhance your golf club membership experience. With this App, you can track your bar and restaurant spend as well as gain access to club news, results, fixtures and link into the '**HowdidIdo**' app for competitions and scores.



**XPOS Caddie** was created for golfers to access their pro shop and get the latest news and their account details. Download this app to support your Golf Professional team.

- Enjoy easy purchases with Reserve and Collect
- Instant view of your account balance.
- Be first for Gavin's pro shop news and offers



# Quiz



Our new fun quiz is thanks to Captain Tom, it centre's on our sponsored signs. It's like a treasure hunt quiz as your answer must state the Delgany location and the company name. (note, there may be more than one correct answer to a specific question). The attached link to our website may be helpful: <https://delganygolfclub.com/course-signage-sponsors/>

## Example Question / Answer

**Q.** Following adverse weather our business is without power and this won't be fixed for a few days. Help !

**A.** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tee. Teach Solais.

## Lets begin,

**Question 1.** We have a big seminar for clients coming up next month and we are looking for a skilled professional to chair the event?

**Question 2.** Our existing office furniture has got very tatty and is not an efficient use of our office space. Where can we find furniture that works for us?

**Question 3.** Our business needs a reliable and price competitive supplier of cleaning and janitorial products.

**Question 4.** All this revenue and GDPR document retention requirements are taking up so much of our valuable office space. Who can help me?

**Question 5.** I want to sell my house in Greystones, and I would like to talk to somebody who understands the local market and will get me the best price for my property.

**Question 6.** With winter coming on fast, I need to replace my existing energy inefficient windows with high rated insulation windows.

**Question 7.** We are planning a big birthday party at home. We need to decorate the house with to get the right party atmosphere ?

**Question 8.** I am moving house and need a local solicitor to do the conveyancing work ?

**Question 9 .** I feel I am paying too much mortgage interest, and feel that it is time to switch mortgage provider. Who can help ?

**Question 10.** You can't or you can ! I am about to retire and need some pension advice from a reputable company.

Answers in our next issue.

## Some good news ...

We were delighted to see our esteemed member **Michael O'Sullivan** back with us following a spell keeping the doctors on their toes. He was in great form in the clubhouse with Lorcan Wall and the lads after the Wednesday fourball. It seems Michael has taken his medical advice on board as he was happily sipping on a glass of Cassidy's finest vin rouge to help thin out his blood... welcome back Michael.

Our congratulations to proud new '**Grandad**' Kevin..... another Spurs fan no doubt !



Very best wishes to our **Powerscourt Cup** team, who play in the final against Wicklow GC this Saturday at 1pm in Powerscourt GC. Managers Greg O'Neill and Seamus Byrne along with their players would welcome your support on the day as they look to lift the cup for Delgany.

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