



THE DELGANY DISPATCH



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Captains' Message



While most members were watching the Saturday fourballs in the Ryder Cup, our Powerscourt Cup team were playing their final in truly awful weather against a strong Wicklow GC team. Our lads prevailed as you will read later in this issue. Well done to team managers Greg O'Neill and Seamus Byrne and all the team on their success. The final winning point coming just before darkness! Great golf lads, an impressive performance all round.



While we always appreciate the great work done by our committees and volunteers throughout the year, our Committee Day is the occasion when we formally acknowledge their contribution. The Club is built on volunteerism so it is vital that our members help us out and very important that we make sure they know that their generosity of time and effort is much appreciated. As the poor farmer says; the harvest is rich and we could do with a few more labourers!

Our Committee Day is on Friday 20th October and we will have all the formalities complete before 7.30pm so that we can enjoy the Rugby world cup semi-final at 8.00pm. All going well Ireland will be playing either Wales or Argentina. All members and guests are more than welcome to enjoy the match at the Club.

The last Delgany GC Art Exhibition was held in 2017 and we are delighted that after a 6 year lapse, our next exhibition will take place from 10th to 18th November. We are expecting a number of budding Picassos to emerge from the woodwork, all that isolation during Covid must have produced some works of art! We are grateful to Sean O'Rourke for kindly agreeing to open the exhibition and this will take place at 7 pm on the 10th November, all members and guests are welcome. Details on how to enter items for the exhibition are provided elsewhere in this issue of the Dispatch.



Captains' Message



On 28 September the final of the Wicklow Hospice Perpetual Cup was played in Delgany, following a number of qualifying rounds across counties Wicklow, Wexford, Dublin and Kildare. Led by Rita O'Brien and ably supported by her husband Johnny, Pauline Toner and Helen Doolin, the fundraising team have raised over €35,000 for the Hospice this year. This was followed by the Ladies Club annual Play in Pink charity day on 3rd October which raised €600 for the Irish Breast Cancer Institute. Check out the photos in the Ladies News section for some delightful very pink photos. Well done to all involved in organising, running and playing in these key fundraising events, your generosity is making a positive impact on people's lives.

It is a sure sign that winter is on the horizon when our Bridge Club are back playing. We have a very enjoyable mixed standard game each Friday starting at 10.00am and ending 12.45pm, all welcome.

Captains Tom & Betty



Reminder...



Our Sunday lunches are always popular events and well attended, so we wish to remind members to **please book early** as tables cannot be guaranteed (of course we will always do our very best to look after you on the day).

We offer 1, 2 or 3 course meals as well as a children's menu and tables can be arranged to suit all parties.

To reserve your table, please phone: **01-2874536 Ext 3**





Course News



Update on our greens

It was noticeable last weekend that the surface of our greens were slightly disimproved on the recovery seen in recent weeks following aeration (hollowing coring). As part of our Autumn maintenance programme an overseeding was recommended by our agronomist in conjunction with the hollow coring (to minimise disruption). This is an expensive process that we are reintroducing as part of our long term goals to improve the consistency and performance of our greens.

The greens were seeded with a mix of two types of finer grasses to improve the surface. However due to inclement weather conditions this had to be delayed by the contractor on a number of occasions in recent weeks. This important work finally took place last week (as greens were coming back to normal) and the slits where the seeds are dropped, unfortunately disrupted the surface leading to bumpy conditions last weekend.

We have worked on improving the roll, this week again and with light sanding we are confident there will be a good recovery as we go forward. The good news is that we were delighted also to see the warmer temperatures as this is a major help to germination of the grass seed, given how late in the season we got this process completed. We have already been able to see some seedlings poking through.

The recent weather conditions have also though contributed to a high disease risk period also, with moist ground and warm air conditions which can accelerate plant diseases. So right now the course staff are being extra vigilant and have taken steps using a preventative spray product to reduce the risk.

In recent weeks there has also been some disruption to our grass cutting schedule on both fairways and the rough, due to the continued and relentless rain that we experienced in recent months. This rain fall has totalled 334mm for the 3 months of July, August and September. This is fully 55% more than the same period last year and 63% above the long term average for these 3 months. This is a serious amount of extra rain and means we are entering the autumn / winter period way more soft and damp than normal. It led to a number of fairways being left uncut last week, due to the heavy ground conditions, but in recent days we are getting back on schedule. All inland courses are facing the same challenges.

We hope members understand the importance of these processes taking place and thank you for your patience during this recovery period.

Ken Greene

Course Chair



Men's Team News

Delgany Golf Club Powerscourt Cup Winners 2023

The final was played in horrendous conditions on 30 Sept in Powerscourt against the team from Wicklow. That team had previously beaten Powerscourt in the semi final, no mean feat given that Powerscourt had home advantage. We knew we had a tough task ahead.

Team selection for Seamus Byrne and I, was like Lanigan's ball with a series of strong players becoming unavailable for a variety of reasons as the day approached.

On the day match 2 ran into trouble and we went one down early but match 1 and 3 finished strongly leaving last two matches alive with the fourth match going 4 up with 4 to go. They faced a strong fight back from the Wicklow lads, but much to our relief closed it out favourably on the 18th. Match 5 was then called in off the 18th. We look forward to the team and subs attending in Delgany on 11th Nov for prize giving evening. [Report from Team Manager Greg O'Neill](#)





Men's Competition News

DELGANY DISPATCH W/E OCTOBER 13th 2023

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Committee Day – Friday, October 20th (originally scheduled for Oct 15th). Shotgun start from 1pm. Casual Play available up to 10am for 18 holes, and for 9 holes after 10am but course to be clear by 12.45 please.

15-hole competitions will operate from **Sunday, October 29th to Sunday, November 19th**.

12-hole competitions will operate from **Monday, November 20th onwards**. Please note that these dates are subject to change if weather conditions change adversely.

Annual Prizegiving on Saturday, November 11th – details to follow closer to the date.

SINGLES MATCHPLAY FINAL:

The Singles Matchplay Final was played on October 2nd with **Liam May** emerging as the winner over **David Lyons** in a hard-fought match. Well done Liam...an exceptionally good year for you (hard luck David).

PJ STOKES MEMORIAL TROPHY:

This competition is being played on Saturday, October 14th (tomorrow).

Unfortunately, the trophy is missing and we have been unable to establish its whereabouts over the last few years.

We would be grateful if any of you can assist us in finding it.

John Gallagher

Men's Competitions Committee

Prizegiving for the Open Two Ball Rumble held on 15th August sponsored by Glen Fuels

On Tuesday 26th September Alan Keyes, Managing Director of Glen Fuels, came to lunch with Captain Betty and presented his prizes for the Open Two Ball Rumble competition which was held on 15th August. First Prize was won by Mary Brennan and her guest, Breda Kennedy from Tipperary. Second Prize winners were Nodlaig Noonan and Bernie Jones and Third Prize was taken by Susan Lennon and Helen Kane. Congratulations to all. Alan is a very long standing and generous supporter of Delgany Golf Club and his company provides a very efficient and professional service in the locality. It is always a pleasure to have him in the Club. Many thanks to Alan.



Winners pictured above

1. Alan Keyes presenting Glen Fuels first prize to Mary Brennan.
2. Susan Lennon receiving third prize on behalf of herself and Helen Kane
3. Karen Crowley, winner Class I August medal
4. Catherine Bennett, winner Class II August Medal
5. Denise McCarthy, winner Class III August Medal
6. Ann O'Dwyer, winner Class II September Medal



Ladies News



The Medal prizes for August and September were also presented on the day, winners as follows. Congratulations to all.

Medal Class	August Medal	September Medal
Class I	Karen Crowley	Teresa Thompson
Class II	Catherine Bennett	Ann O'Dwyer
Class III	Denise McCarthy	Bernie Flynn

Jack Regan Trophy (Medal Winner) 26th September 2023

Congratulations to Nuala Hautz on winning the Jack Regan Trophy.

The Solheim Cup 19th September



We had a fantastic turnout for the Solheim Cup on the 19th September. The weather wasn't that kind to us, not quite Andalucía but never the less we braved the elements. Team Europe was lead by Captain Alison (Leona) Graham and the USA was Captained by Anne (Stacy) Cafferky.

The colours were amazing with the red, white and blue of the USA and the lovely yellow and blue of Europe.





Ladies News



A big thank you to all involved in putting together such a great day. Particularly Ann Cafferky and her Competitions Team, Marian Waters and Ann Prior from the Social Team & Margaret Williams our Quiz Master.

Team Europe won by a whisker and both teams had such fun. Margaret Williams put together a very "tough" quiz which was won jointly by team Rachelle Nelson and team Ann Boyle – well done ladies!! We ended the day with a gorgeous Spanish lunch. Looking forward to the next Solheim Cup already.





Ladies News



Wicklow Hospice Perpetual Cup Final.

For the last 10 years, Delgany Golf Club has been delighted to host the final day of the Wicklow Hospice Perpetual Cup competition. The event is run as a thank you from the Hospice to all the golf clubs across Wicklow and surrounding counties who have held fundraising events for the Hospice each year. The clubs have raised over €40,000 in 2023. A total of 16 clubs participated in the final day's golf despite fairly rough weather on the day, with Wicklow taking the trophy for 2023. The golf was followed by an excellent dinner in the restaurant with a little entertainment hosted by Johnny O'Brien. Rita O'Brien is a mainstay of Delgany's Hospice fundraising, assisted by Pauline Toner and Helen Doolin. Well done ladies





Ladies News



Wicklow Hospice Perpetual Cup Final photos.



Big Roundy Birthday Celebrations

Margaret Connolly marked a very special birthday by hosting an afternoon tea (and a little wine!) for all her Delgany friends on Tuesday 26th September.

Jamie and Kevin pulled out all the stops to make it a very special occasion.

Congratulations Margaret from all in the Ladies Club.





Ladies News



Play in Pink

NATIONAL BREAST CANCER RESEARCH INSTITUTE

www.PlayInPink.com

Tuesday 3rd October followed by Dinner and Fashion Show

***The Play in Pink was in aid of National Breast Cancer 4 ball charity day and
9 Hole Stableford***

Winner 4 Ball 18 Hole

AnneMarie Gallagher and Anna O'Loughlin

Runner up 4 Ball 18 Hole

Nuala Hautz and Margaret Donnelly

3rd Place 4 Ball 18 Hole

Sandra Doyle and Bernie Jones

Winner 9 Hole Stableford

Anne Marie Monahan

Runner up 9 Hole Stableford

Annette Dunne

**Thanks to the prize sponsors of the day, Teresa Thompson and Mairead Coghlan
and congratulations to all the winning Ladies**



All entry fees for the competition have been donated to the [Irish Breast Cancer Research Institute](http://www.IrishBreastCancerResearchInstitute.com)

Congratulations also to Helen Kane, Eileen Broderick, Anne Prior and Madge Fogarty on winning awards for most original outfits. Don't they look super Madge is on the left of the team photo.



The Fashion Show

The fashion show was a huge success with beautiful clothes stylishly modelled by Ann O'Dwyer, Mary Corcoran, Mags Mc Darby, Blanaid Farrell, Teresa Thompson and Bairbe Smith.



Huge thanks to Marian Waters and her Social Committee for organising the day and evening events, to Aileen Kirker for doing a super job as Compere and to Austin Prior for providing the great background music which had us all up on the floor dancing at the end.





Art Exhibition



We last had a very successful Art Exhibition in 2017. We are delighted to announce that the Club is holding an Art Exhibition in our clubhouse from November 10th to 18th. This will provide an opportunity for artists within and outside the Club to display and sell their works (Samples from 2017 are in the photos below).

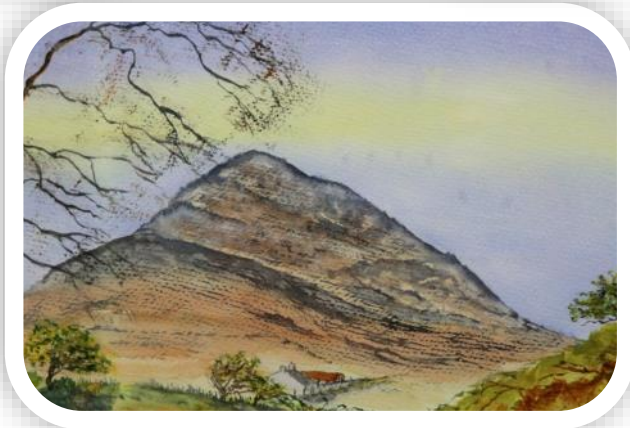
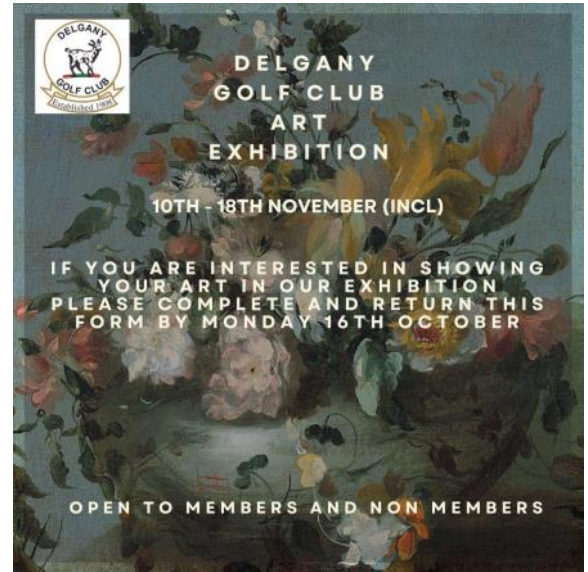
We have lots of very talented artists among the membership and in the local community and we look forward to a very interesting and exciting exhibition. The official opening will take place on **Friday, November 10th** with a cheese and wine reception at 7pm. We are grateful to Sean O'Rourke for kindly agreeing to open the exhibition on behalf of the Club.

If you, or anyone you know, would like to enter a work or works for the exhibition please complete the form in the web link below (which also provides details of the terms and conditions) or simply phone our Office on 01-2874536.

Closing date for entries is Monday October 16th at 5pm.

Highlight, then copy and paste this Application Form link in your search bar :

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Bridge Club



Our **Delgany Bridge Club** is up and running right now and we would love to encourage more players. Delgany golf members and guests are all very welcome. All standards are welcome and it's a great way to start your weekend.

Bridge is played every Friday morning starting at 10am, on a pay and play basis.

Week 1 winners:

Anne Dodd & Una O'Sullivan

Week 2 Joint winners:

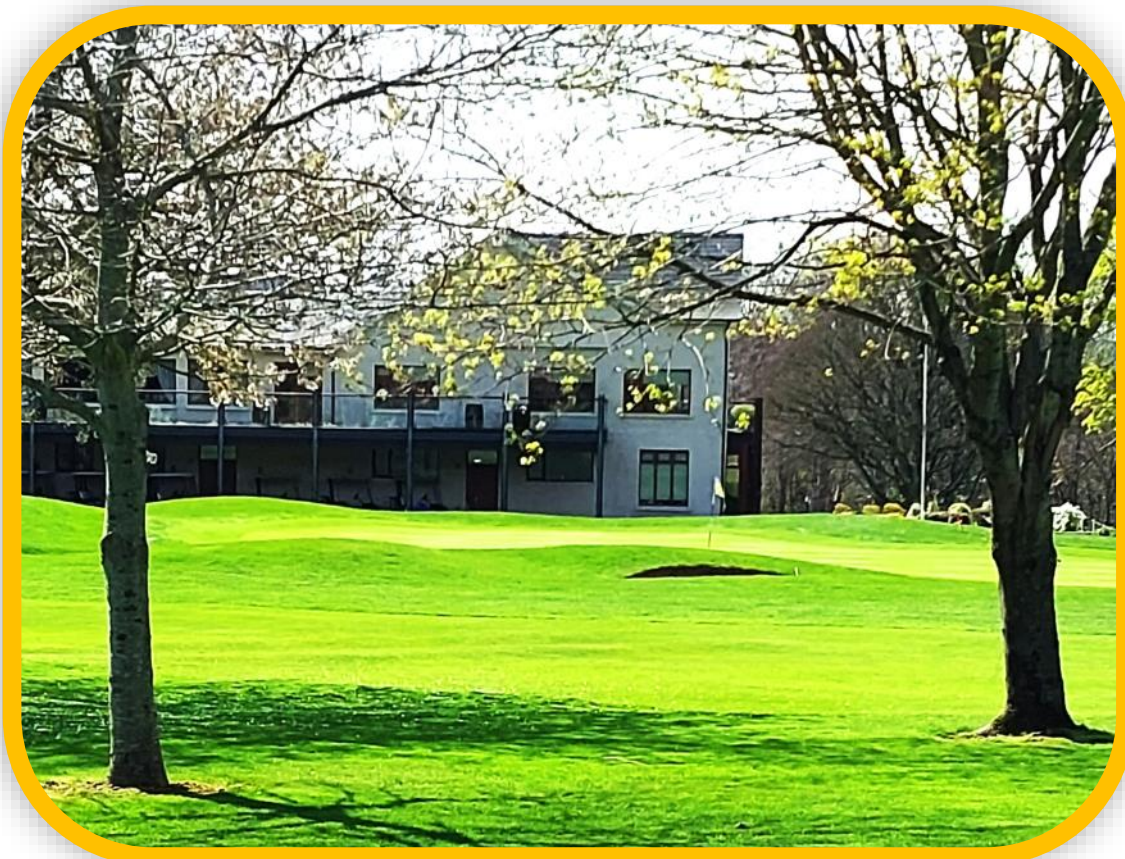
Nuala Cotton & Diana Johnson,
Seamus Hughes & Luke Hughes



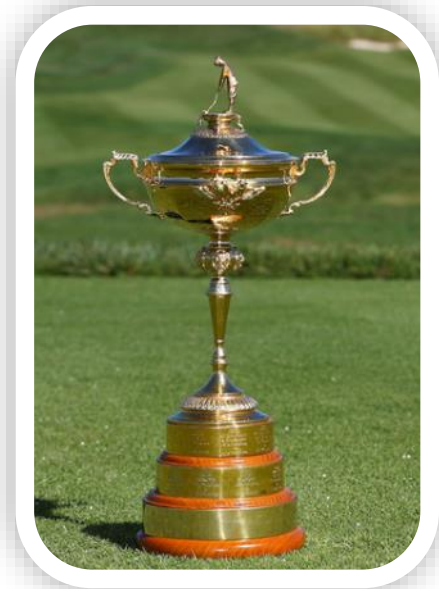
Any queries contact:

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A special mention for Michael O'Brien, who recently received this Certificate for his efforts on behalf of the Ukrainian people. Michael was part of a group from Greystones and Delgany that handed over three 4X4 trucks filled with medical supplies to the people of Lviv in the western Ukraine on Monday October 9th. The group included Anne Cafferkey's husband Daragh and her Brother in law Colm and all are safely home now. **Well done to all concerned.**



Last issue's Solheim Cup/Ryder Cup Quiz answers:

- 1) Winning points margin at Whistling Straits (3) Ten
- 2) Solheim Cup 2023 venue (5+8) Finca Cortesin
- 3) Highest Ryder Cup Points Scorer (6+6) Sergio Garcia
- 4) Solheim Cup Captain 2023 (6+9) Suzann Pettersen
- 5) Oldest player in Ryder Cup History (7+5) Raymond Floyd
- 6) Ludvig Aberg's Nationality (7) Swedish
- 7) Leona's hometown (12) Ballyconnell
- 8) McGinley's opposite number in 2014 (3+6) Tom Watson.
- 9) Year of first Ryder Cup? 1927 at Worcester Country Club USA
- 10) Course where Eamonn Darcy held the winning putt? (9&7) Muirfield Village

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