



THE DELGANY DISPATCH



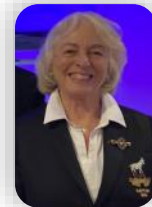
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Captains' Message



It's hard not to start our note without a reference to the bashing we have taken from the rain since the last issue of the Despatch two weeks ago. It has been unrelenting and has frustrated us all. It is some consolation that we are now back to more normal winter conditions. Following the few dry and windy days earlier this week, the course has dried out substantially and hopefully we can now proceed without constant weather disruption.

The Ladies Club had some consolation for the disappointing golf weather with a hugely successful Lady Captains' night on Friday. The masquerade theme was taken up with gusto by all the ladies and there was a terrific atmosphere in the club enhanced by some great food and entertainment.

Following the success of the Lady Captains' night we are looking forward to a number of other social events coming up very shortly:

The 2023 Art Exhibition is opening this evening at 7.30 pm with Sean O'Rourke kindly doing the honours. We are delighted with the interest shown by so many artists, both members and non members, in participating in the exhibition and look forward to a strong turnout.

We expect another busy night on Saturday with the Mens' Awards taking place, followed by some home grown entertainment.

Even more entertainment is lined up for our President's and Captains' Farewell Dinner on Saturday 25th November when we hope as many as possible of you will come to party with us and celebrate the end of our term.



Captains' Message



How time flies! We are conscious that this is our last time to pen the Captains' note for the Dispatch. It only seems like a few days ago when we wrote our first note, but the reality is that it was a year ago. The Dispatch is an important communications channel for members. We are grateful to Tony Corcoran and his team for the extraordinary amount of work that they do in getting an issue out every two weeks.

Before signing off, we would like to thank each and every one of our members for their support in the past year. Captains can achieve very little without the support of the membership, but with the backing of members the sky is our limit. Our final thank you must go to all of those who served on the multitude of club committees and to those who did volunteer work in the club in the past year. We are looking forward to the President and Captains' Farewell dinner on Saturday 25th November, it will be a blast. Please do join us for a great night of fun, fine food and entertainment.... the more the merrier!

In the meantime, we say goodbye to you all and wish our successors, Alison and Ian, a very successful year ahead. To quote Irving Berlin:

'the song is ended, but the melody lingers on...'



11th Nov 2023 Men's Club Awards



DELGANY 2023 AWARDS

*Bar / Restaurant Food Menu up to
7.00pm - reserve table for larger groups.
Awards presentation 7.00pm to 8.00pm
8 till Late :OPEN MIC with Delgany's
finest talent !*



Join us for our

**2023 CAPTAINS' &
PRESIDENT'S
FAREWELL DINNER**



SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25TH

@ 7.30 PM



**MUSIC BY
TAKE IT
EASY**



€35 PER PERSON GUESTS WELCOME

**BOOK AT THE BAR OR
PHONE 01-2874536 EXT 3**

9th Tee Project update

We started this project , on Monday 16th October, by removing the concrete plinth and then removed all the top layer of the grass and sand. We cleared out the surrounding shrubbery around the trees off the tarmac path which really opened up the space. This all took a few days and then the weather turned (again) and the sanding and levelling of the tee was completed over the next few weeks when weather permitted.



We finally got a break in the weather and the sodding took place this week and has been primarily completed. We will need to continue the installation process by top dressing, rolling and brushing the sods to give them the best changes of settling in and growing.

The outline of the new path and the location of the mats are now in place. The installation of the path and the levelling of the two mats will be the final piece of work which is now the priority. When this final piece of work is complete, we will be able to open the mat for play. Given reasonable weather conditions we hope to open the new grass tee in late Spring or shortly thereafter.

This selection of photos highlight the great work that has been carried out so far.





Course News



Chipping area at the 1st Tee

This area is exceptionally soft following all the extensive rain since July. So we are in the process of installing 4 mats to enable us to keep this area open during the coming months. We will be fixing them in the ground as soon as the weather permits and we have completed the 9th tee project. In the meantime, we ask all members to use the mats as they are. This will protect the ground immediately. When the mats are installed in the ground it will be compulsory to use them for all chipping in this area. This is a great facility, so convenient to the 1st tee, but we need to protect the surface when the ground is so soft.

Thank you in advance for supporting this new initiative.

Ken Greene

Chair

Course Committee



Captain Betty's Opera Themed Evening

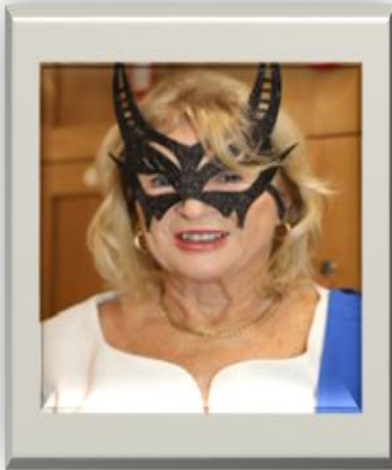
A celebration Dinner in honour of Captain Betty was held on Friday 3rd November. It was an Opera themed evening and what a fabulous and wonderful evening it was. There was a huge turn-out of Ladies adorned in beautiful masks (see photos below). It was really super. We started the night with a Prosecco Reception followed by a lovely meal. Not only is Chef Simon a Super Chef but also a very talented and lovely singer and guitar player. Simon had us all up dancing, but the star of the show was Captain Tom (aka Tevye from Fiddler on the Roof) who brought the house down. Who knew he has such talent!





Can you count how many former Lady Captains are trying to buy the first round ?







Men's Competition News

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Winter League 2024 – entry opens from **Monday, November 20th**. See details below.

Men's Club AGM – **Wednesday, November 22nd** (starting at 7.30pm)

WINTER LEAGUE 2024

For those of you who have not participated in the Winter League before, the following may help you understand how it works.

Registration opens on Monday, November 20th and the closing date is Sunday, December 11th, 2023



Qualifying Rounds will be Singles Competitions only (no Fourballs) commencing **Saturday, 6th January 2024** and will continue (weather permitting) over 11 weekends up to end February.

Semi-Finals and Final are scheduled for **Sunday 3rd March & Sunday 24th March 2024**, respectively - Fourball Matchplay format. Each Team Member can play in as many of the 11 rounds as he chooses and the aggregate of the best four of his cards will be his contribution to his Team's total. Consequently all Team Members should play as often as possible on the designated dates and on no fewer than 4 occasions.

On entry you must commit to this minimum of 4 competitions. **If your Team Captain observes that you are not an active participant in the first four rounds, then he reserves the right to replace you with a substitute player (from a pool of such players).** Your Team Score will be the aggregate of the top 8 of the Team Members. The Top Four Teams qualify for the Semi-Finals.

Prizes for the Winners, the Runners-Up, and the player with the best aggregate of his four qualifying scores.



Men's Competition News

WINTER LEAGUE 2024

We would encourage & welcome your participation **assuming you are available to play for the whole competition**. Ideally, we would like to have 12 teams of twelve - a total of 144 over the entire range of handicaps. If the 144 total is exceeded then any entries over and above this number will be Substitutes for any players having to drop out (in exceptional circumstances).

WL is open to Ordinary Members, Senior Intermediates, Intermediates, Students and Junior Associates (Handicap Index 19.9 and lower).

The entry fee of €10 will be paid from your competition purse prior to playing your first round.

On completion of that and any subsequent round you play simply write Winter League on your card, identify your Team Letter and return the card as usual in the Men's Competitions. **Failure to note the Team Letter on your card will result in the score being discarded from that round of the Winter League.** You can enter the Competition by adding your name, handicap and contact phone number(s) to the Entry Book in the Hall or alternatively email competitions@delganygolfclub.com and with the subject line "Winter League".

CANCELLATIONS OF COMPETITIONS DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER:

You will have seen multiple cancellations of competitions due to inclement weather and the subsequent impact on course conditions.

In the event of a cancellation of a full competition then the Accounts Team will not process the competition entry fees. There is **no** necessity to request a refund or to remove your name from the BRS.

RULES THAT PLAYERS GET WRONG:

Improving Your Lie...

A player is allowed to lightly ground the club right in front of or behind the ball, which means just setting it down enough to support its weight. If that's all a player is doing, then even if it creates an improvement to the lie, then there is no penalty [see Rule 8.1b].

If however, a player goes beyond light tapping and creates an improvement, there is a penalty of two strokes in stroke play, and loss of hole in match play. [see Rule 8.1a]

John Gallagher

Men's Competitions Committee



Club News



Boundary and Planning Information

2nd November 2023

Due to the increase in population in Delgany Village and its surrounds the club was approached by Cellnex / Cignal, an infrastructure provider to mobile phone companies who are looking for higher ground in the area to locate a mobile phone mast which will improve telecommunications in the area. Over the last year we have worked with Cellnex / Cignal with a view to generating funds for the club by locating a mobile phone mast on the golf club lands. We looked at a number of potential locations and have identified the land above (and to the right of) the eight-tee box as the most suitable for a number of reasons, including minimising visual impact.

The structure height will be approximately 30m and will be a "fake tree" solution. This is a similar height to the nearby electricity pylon, also located in the trees (which you may or may not have noticed!). To put this in context, the height of the trees in the area is approximately 21m. The compound size for the mast will be approximately 11m x 11m. A photomontage will be available before the AGM.

If successful, the proposed mast will generate the following funds for the club:

- i. €150k on successful grant of planning permission and commencement of build
 - ii. €50k on the earlier of (a) 24 months after i. above and (b) Cellnex / Cignal securing a second operator.
- €30k if a third operator is secured.

Cellnex / Cignal will be granted a thirty-year lease for the above and the club will receive a minimum of €200k.

A proposal on the allocation of funds to either specific capital projects and / or the repayment of debt will be put to the AGM by the Honorary Treasurer.

The above proposal is subject to the following principal matters:

- Approval of Members. A formal proposal will be put to the AGM in December.
- Planning Approval.

Next steps:

- Communication with local residents.
- Land / Physical Survey.
- Finalisation of Legal Documentation.
- Planning Application.

We were fortunate to have Eamon Farrell, a long-standing member and former Vodafone employee, with specific knowledge in this area to help us guide us through this process to date.

This proposal will generate much needed funds for the club and has the strong support of the Management Committee and Trustees.

As noted above, a specific proposal will be put to the AGM in December. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact either me or Patrick Bradshaw.

Joe Nelson

Chairperson, Development Committee



Memory Lane



Our thanks to **Ellen O'Mahony** who sent us this 1945 newspaper report on **Harry Bradshaw** equalling the course record at The Grange. We also note that Harry's brother, **Eddie Bradshaw Jr** (Delgany Professional 1950—1966) was in the frame... it's in the blood.

5 Irish Independent, Tuesday, May 8, 1945. [A]

Bradshaw Equals Course Record In Grange Win

BY DAM.

HARRY BRADSHAW, on a plus four handicap, continues to defy this heavy impost in professional competitions.

In the first G.U.I. event of the season, played over 36 holes at the Grange Club yesterday, he took first prize with the impressive nett total of 147.

Grange showed notable generosity in supplementing the Golfing Union prize fund of £50 with a further £50, subscribed by the members.

RECORD EQUALLED.

Bradshaw equalled W. J. Reade's long-standing course record of 69 in the morning, and looked to have a chance of breaking it in the afternoon when he was out in 33—one stroke better than his score at the same stage in the morning.

A four at the short 11th lost him a stroke, however, and he was then faced with the task of beating bogey twice during the remainder of the journey.

He duly had a four at the long 14th, but could not get another stroke back, and, indeed, lost one on the 18th where he misjudged the pace of the green and took three putts for a 70.

The figures for his morning round were:—

Out: 3, 4, 4, 5, 4, 3, 4, 3, 4—34
 In: 4, 3, 4, 4, 4, 3, 5, 4, 4—36=69

Bradshaw three-putted at the short 2nd on this round, and lost a stroke at the 4th where he had a thorn bush in his path when playing his second. His only other error was at the 16th, where he hooked his drive badly to take five.

C. Kane, one of the last to come in, sprang a surprise by jumping into second place, a homeward half of 33 in the afternoon contributing largely to this achievement.

He was four strokes behind the winner, and there was a gap of two strokes between him and the rest of the field. Details:—

147—H. Bradshaw (Kilkerney), +4, 73-74.
 151—C. Kane (Unattached), +1, 79-72.
 153—W. Kinsella (Skerries), scr., 81-72; W. Holley (Castle), +1, 76-77.
 154—E. J. Hackett (Portmarnock), +2, 75-79.
 155—J. Gaffney (Grange), 2, 77-78; P. O'Connor (Woodbrook), +1, 79-76; J. O'Neill (Howth), scr., 79-78.
 156—T. Moloney (Sutton), 2, 80-76; G. French (Edmondstown), scr., 77-79; E. Bradshaw, Jun. (Delgany), scr., 79-77; R. Ferguson (Lucan), +2, 78-80; P. Gunning (Hermitage), scr., 74-82.
 157—C. K. Neill (Foxrock), scr.; M. McGuirk (Co. Louth), +1; N. Wilson (Bray), scr. 158—J. Gaffney, Jun. (Athlone), scr.; K. O'Connor (Elm Park), +1.
 160—A. Whiston (Dun Laoghaire), +2.
 161—P. Neill (Foxrock), 2; H. Murphy (Newlands), 3. 162—S. McGealy (Skerries), 1. 163—P. J. Mahon (Royal Dublin), +1; J. Barrett (Carrickminis), 3.
 160—B. Smyth (Royal Dublin), 3.

Big Cup Competitions Clash To-Day

TWO big golfing events clash in Dublin to-day—the Leinster Senior Cup for men at Royal Dublin, and the opening of the Leinster Cup competitions for women at the Castle.

Ten clubs have entered for the men's events, which is a team competition decided on an aggregate of strokes, but by common consent the issue seems to lie between Portmarnock, the holders, and the home club, who are both very strongly presented.

The women's is a scratch tournament, the Leinster Cup for players of twelve and under and the Duggan Cup for those of higher handicap and it is decided on match play.

In the absence of the holder, Miss M. V. Reddan, her clubmate, Miss Garvey, will be strongly fancied for Leinster Cup honours.



Pilates



PILATES SIX WEEK COURSE

Datea : FIRST CLASS Wednesday 15th November at 10.00 am

Remainder of classes are from Monday 20th November at 12.00 midday

Hosted in the Club House of Delgany Golf Club.

Suitable for all fitness levels, **friendly and inclusive space.**

€70.00 for six sessions.

Contact information:

For more information contact Frank Young on 086 245 5507

Or email fyoung45@gmail.com

National qualification in exercise, Health Studies and Personal Training (NCEHS).

European Health Fitness Association(EHFA) at European Qualification Framework(EQF).

Advanced Diploma in Pilates mat work level 3. Pilates Institute of Ireland. Aligned to the CYQ level 3 certificate in Mat Pilates (UK)



Our Mens Wednesday fourball always has a great atmosphere in the bar afterwards and last Wednesday we welcomed back some of our missing regulars in Gordon Watkins and Roy Scott.

Roy has been struggling with a back injury from carrying his partners around and we'll leave Gordon to explain his riding injury himself..... **Welcome back lads.**

Don't forget the Art Exhibition starts TONIGHT at 7.30pm all welcome



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