



# *The Delgany Dispatch*

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## **Captains' Message**



### ***Happy Christmas Everyone***

*It is such a pleasure for us both to send this note to all our members and staff, who make Delgany such a welcoming and friendly place. Thank you all.*

*After a busy few weeks, Christmas is finally upon us and it is time to slow down a little to spend time with family and friends from far and near, with a particular mention of those we hold dear who cannot be with us, as well as those for whom it might be a difficult or trying time.*

*We are both excited for the year ahead and are looking forward to welcoming you all back for what we plan to make a great year in our special club. From the moment you turn through the gates of Delgany your heart lifts, you forget your worries and you are embraced by a sense of belonging with the promise of a good day. So make it a resolution to come down to Delgany as often as possible next year. We look forward to seeing you all, having a chat, and playing some great golf.*

***Wishing you all a healthy and safe new year.***

***Alison and Ian.***





# Christmas Santa Visit



December 16th & 17th saw the much anticipated visit of Santa to Delgany Golf Club and the big man did not disappoint. Boys and girls, young and old were all smiles as Santa spread the Christmas cheer throughout the clubhouse, while his red nosed assistant was here there and everywhere. Santa's only request was that he had his photo taken with Delgany legend Cyril O'Loughlin ! Special mention for the youngest Santa fan in Kevin's granddaughter Maliah who stole our Lady Captain Alison's heart.... Big thank you to all those involved in this special day.



Thanks to Bernie Clarke for the photos, the full selection can be found at \_

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/delganygolfclub/albums/72177720313296708>





# Club News



## Earn €250 Social Credit



Dear Member,

As part of our drive to attract new members to the Club, we're offering you the opportunity to earn €250 credited to your social card, to be spent as you like in the bar or dining room.

The €250 'reward' will be paid for each new Ordinary or 5-day Member introduced by you once they have paid their annual subscription and entrance fee (or the first payment of the entrance fee if an instalment arrangement has been agreed).

So, if you have someone in mind thinking of joining Delgany, don't delay and make the introduction, and subject to the above we will be delighted to increase your 2024 social credit!

Please feel free to contact me for further information.

Patrick Bradshaw CCM  
General Manager



## Spirit of Christmas

Getting into the Christmas Spirit with a round of golf before the evening soiree







## The Chain Gang (and friends)

The ladies wishing our Clubhouse Chain Gang a very happy Christmas and thanking them for the great work that they do every week around the Clubhouse Flower Beds.



A great evening had by all at the Spirit of Christmas with carols led by Bernie Clarke, Anne Hickey and Tony Quinn on the piano.

It was great fun and everyone exchanged Kris Kindle gifts.





## A Fond Farewell



Cheerio to Eileen. Eileen Bohane has decided to 'hang up' her golf shoes after being a member of the Club for 41 years. One of the many highlights of her great golf career included a magnificent 58 in a medal competition. Eileen has taken part in the play and the Lady Captain's show over the years. Her husband Eddie was Captain in 2014. We look forward to seeing Eileen around the Clubhouse in the future.

## Some more Santa visit photos





# Men's Competition News

## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

**Winter League 2024** – first round on **Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

## WINTER LEAGUE 2024

Registration closed last Sunday (17<sup>th</sup>) and we were delighted with the total number of entries which was 135. This means we have 11 full Teams for the qualifying phase. We have a small number of players (3) whom we had to list as substitute players, so they may still be included as the competition progresses.

## THANKS...

As this is the last Dispatch of 2023, I want to thank all of you for your participation in the various competitions over the course of the year. I know it has been a trying year in terms of competition cancellations but hopefully 2024 will be a better year...

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank the following long-serving **Competitions Committee** Members who are standing down next year – **Seamus Byrne, Jimmy Kinsella, and Ted Williams**. Your dedication and inputs were greatly appreciated. I also want to welcome **John Fennell** who is taking over from Ted as representative of the 5-Day Members.

It would be remiss of me not to say a big “thank you” to all the remaining Committee Members - **Paul Hantz, Conn Loy, Brian McGee, Donal Meehan, Alan McDonnell and John Sweeney** – for their tremendous work and support throughout the year.

**John Gallagher**

**Men's Competitions Committee**



**Mark it once and check it twice to  
avoid the dreaded Red Card !!**





# Men's Competition News

## Wednesday fourball

### Christmas Party

December Wednesday 20th saw a full time sheet of 88 players for the Irish Tar & Bitumen Ltd sponsored fourball (Thanks to Tom Bergin and Cathal Mc Carthy ). Following the golf, almost every one stayed on for a fantastic Christmas Dinner in the dining room, where Santa arrived just in time to tell us all who was naughty and nice.

Captain Ian Barrett was our MC and kept the audience on their toes as he read out the results and thanked sponsors, players and staff for making the day such a success.

Special shout out for Tom Mason, who came along for the dinner. Tom was looking great and we wish him well.

Top of scoring was Paul Tighe and Maurice Kelly with a magnificent 40 points, followed by Colm Whooley and Pat Craig on 38 points.





# Men's Competition News



## Winter League

### Team line ups



#### Team A - Rellis Rangers

Eugene Rellis Captain

Aidan Lacy  
Jason Bradshaw  
John Martin Gallagher  
Tiernan Lane  
Alan McDonnell  
Nigel Barnwell  
Conor Grimley  
Maurice Kelly  
Tony Bennett  
Patrick Deasy  
Denis Foley

#### Team B- Sweeney Todds

John Sweeney Captain

Rory McMahon  
Johnnie Hanrahan  
David Fogarty  
Peter Lyons  
Richard Sheriff  
Tom Jenkinson  
Ray O'Toole  
David Gallagher  
Mark Doyle  
Alec Vaughan  
Frank Lynch

#### Team C- Shane Sharks

Shane O'Loughlin Captain

Kevin Nolan  
Eugene Davy  
Andy Hawthorne  
JJ Castles  
Peter Finlay Mulligan  
Dermot O'Brien  
Colm Comerford  
Brendan Cooney  
Ciaran Rooney  
Noel Kelly  
Tom King

#### Team D - Seans Spitfires

Sean O'Rourke Captain

Gavin Mason  
Luke O'Cathasaigh  
Eamonn Brandon  
Peter O'Toole  
Adam Swan  
Geoff Dolly  
John Kinnane  
Paul Tighe  
Brian Davoren  
Gary Cormican  
John Coughlan

#### Team E - Conn's Commandos

Conn Loy Captain

Robert Bradshaw  
Kenny Johnson  
Richard Cotter  
Patrick Bradshaw  
Conor O'Riordan  
Padraig Stokes  
John Nestor  
Fergill Henderson  
John Littlefield  
Noel McMahon  
Pat Kitterick

#### Team F - Don's Devils

Don Berkery Captain

Simon Rees  
Jim O'Riordan  
Kevin Bouwer  
Michael Byrne  
Richard Spurgeon  
Fergus Rigney  
Richard Power  
Tony Corcoran  
Declan Humphries  
Jom Blake  
Austin Prior

#### Team G - Brians Banditos

Brian McGee Captain

Fran O'Hara  
Daragh O'Keeffe  
David Lyons  
Danny Donoghue  
Paul Bowtell  
Ian McMahon  
Vincent Breslin  
Jim Kinsella  
Frank Gill  
Sean Donnelly  
Michael Hickey

#### Team H - Pauls Hautzshots

Paul Hautz Captain

Colm Whooley  
Charlie Fox  
Mike A O'Brien  
Tom Bradshaw  
Karl O'Donoghue  
Liam Carroll  
Terry O'Brien  
Paul Ryan  
Johnny Culloty  
Mark Davoren  
Colm O'Reilly

#### Team I - Meehans Mercenaries

Donal Meehan Captain

Evan Lenehan  
Geoff Rooney  
Joe McMahon  
Sean Farrell  
Simon Hayes  
Stuart Webster  
Alan Murphy  
Seamus Byrne  
Greg O'Neill  
Paddy Naughton  
Mark Mullally

#### Team J - Topols Tigers

Tom Bergin Captain

Dara MacCarthy  
Phillip Barnes  
Cathal Corcoran  
Anthony McDonald  
Barry Schweppe  
Adam Kelly  
John Garvey  
Brendan Tobin  
Tommy McDonnell  
Vincent Brady  
Frank McGee

#### Team K- Swords Swashbucklers

Ian Barrett Captain

Cathan McCarthy  
Fergus McDonald  
Martin O'Sullivan  
Phil Farrell  
Mahon Murphy  
Colm Rigney  
Frank Burke  
Willie Kennedy  
Michael O'Brien  
Stephen Teirney  
Brendan Barry

#### Team subs

Donal O'Sullivan  
Jack Daly  
Paddy Donohue





# Club News



## CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR 2023/2024

	Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Sun. 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Mon. 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Tue. 26 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Wed. 27 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Fri. 29 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Sat. 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Sun. 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Mon. 1st Jan 2024
BAR	Open	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed	10.00-6.00	10.00-6.00	10.00-6.00	10.00-Close	10.00-5.00pm	10.00-5.00pm
Catering	Open	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open to 4.00pm	Open
Golf Events	Men's & Ladies Singles	Men's & Ladies Singles	Casual	Course Closed	Casual	Santagon Team of 4 Scramble Mixed	Junior Competition	Men's & Ladies' S/S	Men's & Ladies' S/S		
Pro Shop	9.00-4.00pm	9.00-4.00pm	9.00-1.00pm	Closed	9.00-1.00pm	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
Office	9.00-1.00pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	9.00-5.00	9.00-5.00pm	Closed	Closed	Closed



I'd swear I have seen this fella around Delgany with Denzil and Jimmy



# Juniors Christmas Party



## Junior Christmas Party

Our annual Juniors Christmas party took place on Saturday December 16th and this year the format was changed to include a golf clinic with Gavin and Geoff and a six hole singles competition for the older boys with a 2 hole scramble for our younger juniors. We also invited some of our Ukrainian children who live locally to join in the fun.

After golf, it was up to the Ryder Cup bar where we had 41 juniors eagerly waiting for our festive party. Thanks to Kevin and his team for looking after us so well and to Margaret Williams for her quiz and jokes. After dinner, we held the prize giving with Captain Ian presenting the prizes.

A big thank you to all our helpers on the day and most especially to Eddies Rockets Dundrum for their kind sponsorship.







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**'Delgany Cheer'**

**captured by Susan Lennon**



**Michael & Ciaran with juniors, including some Ukrainian neighbours.**

This photo was sent to us by John Fennell.  
Taken on December 4th, it is a great reminder of the  
damage that can be done during  
wet course conditions.

**So please keep your buggy on the blue route!**



# And finally...

On behalf of all of us working on the Dispatch and the Communications Committee, many thanks to all who read our newsletter and contribute in so many ways. We appreciate your input and always welcome the news items and photos that are sent to us throughout the year.

Next year we are going to a monthly issue as we use more social media for up to date information. We are currently looking at several new ideas for the Dispatch and would welcome any thoughts from our membership. (Email: [delganydispatch@delganygolfclub.ie](mailto:delganydispatch@delganygolfclub.ie)).

On a personal note, I want to thank my team in no particular order: Mary and Yvonne for their work on our Ladies News section, Ian for his new member introductions section and his popular quizzes, Jason for the fantastic DGC Facebook page, Dermot for our new very much improved DGC website and Briege in the Office who is an expert font of club knowledge and makes sure we cross the T's and dot the I's. All are vital cogs in the Dispatch wheel and the same can be said of the regular news inputs from John Gallagher in our Competition's Committee, Ken Greene with his always informative Course updates, Michael Behan for his Juniors reports, Jamie / Kevin and team for Catering event news. In writing 'thank you's', its always a risk the you leave someone out and like a cute Kerry politician ..... my thanks extends to all who have sent in occasional photos or articles over the past year, your input is always very welcome and is vital in terms of keeping the Dispatch interesting and informative.

And finally finally..... Here's wishing everyone in Delgany GC a very Happy Christmas and all the very best for 2024.

Tony Corcoran.



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