

The Delgany Dispatch



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Captains' Message



It has been a busy time on and off the course, evidenced by this bumper issue of the Delgany Dispatch!

First and foremost, at an EGM in the Clubhouse last evening, the new constitution was voted in to give effect to the main principles of the One Club Model as espoused by our governing body, Golf Ireland. There was a strong turnout, with excellent points and opinions made by several contributors. What is clear is that apart from the tasks involved in transitioning to the new framework, the Management Committee will take on board several topics aired on the evening and previously expressed in member submissions and questions, which will require consideration and consultation in the future. But for now, we believe the move to a One Club Model represents an important and progressive step in terms of ensuring the key principles of good governance, efficient and effective business operations, equality, and inclusion are enshrined in our Constitution and in what we do. A key One Club change is the appointment of a Chairperson to the Club and on behalf of the Management Committee and the members we offer our congratulations to Colm Whooley on his election. In stretching the 'Standing Orders' time limits to the maximum, Colm delivered his "Programme for Government", with a particular focus on getting involved in the day-to-day operational management issues and the financial implications of factors such as the adverse weather and our long-term debt obligations. We wish Colm every success and our best wishes in his new role.

Talking of funding challenges, the Revenue Committee under John Mullane's direction is doing great work in generating much needed revenue for the Club. The big-ticket item currently is the recently launched President's Draw, and we are delighted that this has got off to a tremendous start. However, our funding target is a marathon rather than a sprint, and so we need all members (family and friends also welcome!) to buy tickets at €20 each or 3 for €50. There are many ways you can invest, so don't delay! The fruits of the labours of John and his hardworking volunteers will hopefully be a repurposed Avenue that when finished will be a joy to behold and worthy of this great Club.



Captains' Message



This time of the year coincides with the Interclub competitions kicking off and we are busy on many fronts over the coming weeks. Best of luck to all teams, although the weather has held many of us back, we are hopeful that the panels carefully selected by the Team Managers will be ready. We know that momentum is everything in knock out competition, so let's hope that we'll see wins across the board, creating the momentum for a successful year for the Club.

Talking of success, our heartiest congratulations again go to William Walshe on his Irish Boys international stripes in the quadrangular tournament in Scotland. A tremendous achievement for William, and hopefully the start of a great career in golf.

We cannot conclude without a big thank you to Ian Cuddihy, his Course committee, Steven our Head Greenkeeper, and his team in getting us back to playing 18 holes this weekend. Hopefully, the good weather forecasted will materialise and in a short number of weeks the course will be playing as well as it usually does in the early months of summer.

Finally, this issue contains much more, and we'll leave you to enjoy it, with a special mention for the article on our Captains' Charity Day on the 18th May next!

Captains Ian & Alison





Captains' Message



St. Joseph's Shankill chosen for Captains' Charity Day

A fantastic Delgany tradition is the annual Captains' Charity Day, which this year takes place on Saturday the 18th of May.

This year our Captains have chosen St. Joseph's Nursing Home in Shankill as their designated charity, and Alison and Ian, together with the fundraising team from St. Joseph's, are excited as they look ahead to what promises to be a great day (and evening!), that will raise much needed funds for a very worthy cause.

Many of you will know there is a strong association between Delgany GC and St. Joseph's, in that every few weeks a small group of our more musically minded members and friends perform there and have been doing so for many years.

These 'artists' read like a 'who's who' of Delgany talent, and they will join the Captains and the fundraising team in ensuring the day is a success.

So, keep an eye on posters to follow, the competition, an Invitation four-person scramble, with a shotgun start at 9.00am and 2.00pm, is due to open in a few weeks, when your support for a great cause will be most appreciated.





President's Fundraiser 2024



President Willie Kennedy's fundraiser for our entrance avenue is now in full swing and we would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the importance of supporting this cause.

Our entrance is a protected structure of architectural significance credited to Thomas Cooley who designed Dublin's City Hall. It welcomes visitors to our Club and our avenue gives them their first impressions of Delgany GC as they arrive.

Over recent years we have struggled to deal with increasingly wet winters and watched in awe as streams of water run down our avenue towards the gates. This causes flooding and erosion of the avenue's tarmac as well as to our front walls and historic gate pillars. All funds raised through this draw will go towards installing new drainage and combating the damage being caused.

We have a fantastic array of prizes as you will see on the next page and we ask that everyone not only buys some tickets, but also sells as many as possible to friends and family in order to help protect our entrance for future generations to enjoy. As additional incentive to members to purchase their President's Fundraiser tickets before the end of the April the President is offering the opportunity to win Green fees for 4 persons in Powerscourt Golf Club once you have purchased your tickets on our before 30th April you will be in the draw for these Green fees



DELGANY GOLF CLUB
PRESIDENT'S FUNDRAISER 2024

FUNDRAISER PURPOSE:
AVENUE RESTORATION PROJECT

LAUNCH DATE: Captain's Drive In on 23rd March at the celebration dinner	DRAW DATE: President's Prize Presentation night 12th July	TICKET COSTS: 3 tickets for €50 OR 1 ticket for €20
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OPTIONS TO BUY:

- ONLINE**
Use the link <https://onlinefundraiser.ie/delgany-golf-club/> and go to the Online Portal
- CLUB HOUSE**
Purchase your ticket with cash, debit or credit card
- QR CODE** → 
Scan the QR code opposite with your phone and go directly to the Online Portal

PRIZES FUND
OVER
€10,000
in prizes to be won
SEE PRIZES OVERLEAF

Our thanks go to John Mullane and his team for all their hard work on this vital project and especially to all our super prize sponsors without whom we would be lost.



President's Fundraiser 2024



PRIZES

- 1ST:** €5,000 credit voucher from Flanagan Kerins Furniture Store in Bray including interior design consultation in your home
- 2ND:** Delgany Golf Club membership credit to the value of €1650 or cash value of €1300
- 3RD:** Georg Jensen necklace supplied by Weir & Sons to the value of €700 sponsored by Blanaid & Sean Farrell
- 4TH:** Delgany Golf Club membership credit to the value of €750 or cash value of €600
- 5TH:** 3 * SkinPen treatments by KS Skin Therapist value €600
- 6TH:** Hungry Monk Restaurant Greystones gift voucher for €500
- 7TH:** Milan & Co Ladies Boutique Bray gift voucher for €500
- 8TH:** Staycity 2 night's stay to the value of €500
- 9TH:** Under Armour clothing voucher to the value of €500
- 10TH:** Corporate golf day invitation to play golf for 4 people and to enjoy corporate day hospitality (morning slot) value €400
- 11TH:** Sunday Lunch in Seaview Restaurant to the value of €300
- 12TH:** Rayban Wayfarer sunglasses value €250

**ADDITIONAL PRIZES
ON THE NIGHT**



Captains Drive In



Saturday March 24th saw a huge turn out for our 2024 Captains' Drive In and what a day we had, with Captains Ian and Alison arriving in their 1960s style Hippy outfits and dancing their way up to the clubhouse through an array of colourful ladies and some very nervous men !! The Drive in took place at 1.30pm with Vice Captain Sean O'Rourke introducing our Junior Captain Charlie Fox, Captain Alison Graham and Captain Ian Barrett to tremendous applause as they took to the first tee and duly drove for show! (and charity). Delgany Golf Club's legendary entertainment standards were well maintained throughout and those

lucky enough to get a seat for the evening dinner were treated to the best of food served and smiles all around with no shortage of raconteur from our own Sean O'Rourke as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Our thanks go to Jamie, Kevin, Kasia and team, to Simon and his crew in the kitchen for the wonderful food and to our musicians for keeping everyone's toes tapping as we danced the night away.

Here are a small random selection of photos and a quick reminder that if you search the internet for "**FLICKR DELGANY GOLF CLUB**" you will find a link to ALL our photos.





Course News



Weather

Weather is not on our side however we hope to move to 18 holes as soon as the 16th/17th/18th get a good few drying Days. Target to go 18 Holes is 19th April. Thanks to everyone for your patience and understanding and a big thanks to our hard-working Course Team to present the course recently considering the awful weather they were dealt.

Welcome

Welcome Cormac Barry who has joined the greenkeeping team. Cormac brings experience from working in other golf clubs and will be a great asset to the team. I'm sure you will give Cormac a big Delgany Welcome when you meet him working hard with Steven and the Team.

Practice Areas

As previously communicated, please use the mats that are in place at the chipping green. There are a lot of plug marks showing on the greens and divots not replaced. This area beside the 1st Tee should only be used for short chips off the Mats and not used for pitching from one green to the other.

Volunteer Group

If interested, please contact Ian Cuddihy on 0877592305 if you would like to help. It's a great way of meeting people and keeping fit. Volunteers continue to tip away at work, however they also have been restricted due to the poor weather. Thanks to all the volunteers to date.

Sand Bags

There is a shortage of sandbags and we are looking for anyone that might have forgot to return the bags to the stand at the 18th green or 1st Tee to do so over the next few days.



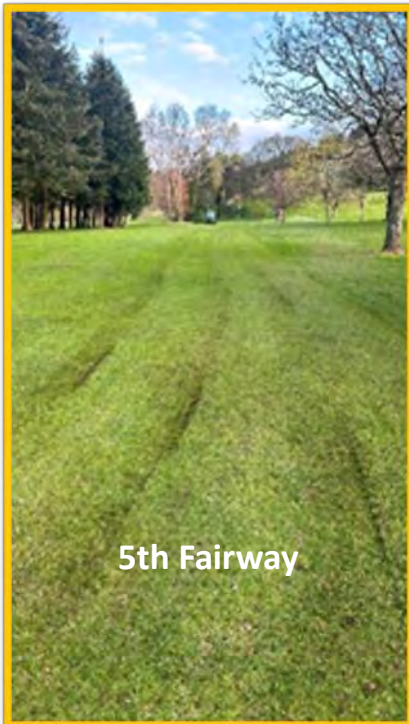


Course News



Work

The priority over the next couple of weeks is to provide 18 holes to our members. As you know this was a challenge - however, the team are doing great work on wet days to prepare for the months ahead. Drainage work for tees, approaches to greens and some fairways like the 5th was completed. Greens vertically cut.



Ian Cuddihy

Course Chairperson



Ladies News

(Reporters: Mary O'Neill & Yvonne Connolly)



Dates for Diary

The last few weeks have been a little tricky for the Ladies competition but hopefully the road to summer golf is here. When the new dates for **Australian Spoons and April medal** have been finalised, I will let you all know.

Next Tuesday we are running a fourball competition in aid of the **Wicklow Hospice**. This is a very worthy charity and please support Rita O'Brien and Pauline Toner who will be selling raffle tickets on the day.

Qualifying competitions will commence from the 19th April, please be aware of the rules regarding placing in the rough and fairways.

Our Ladies Interclub matches commence on Sunday 21st April with the Mixed Fourball at 3.10pm in Delgany and Milltown. This will be followed on Sunday 28th April at 2pm in Carrickmines and Delgany with the Intermediate Foursomes. It would be fantastic to see as much red on the first tee as we can so please support.

Summer Foursomes, Challenge Cup & Ronnie Stephen's Cup

Entry sheets on notice board for Summer Foursomes, Challenge Cup and Ronnie Stephen's Cup. Entry fee is €6.00 each and €12 per pair for foursomes. Please add your name to the list and put entry fee into the brown envelopes that are available in the locker room. Entry money can be placed into the ladies cards box with name and competition entered clearly labelled. If you don't have a partner for the Foursomes, just add your name anyway and I will do my best to find partners for everyone. Draw will take place at the end of April.

There is a list on the display notice board in the hall for the Club Mixed Foursomes competition. This is very popular and the entry fee again is €6.00 each or €12.00 per pair. Again If you don't have a partner, we will find you one so please add your name if you would like to play. Draw will take place at the end of April.

Pauline Burke, Competition Secretary.

Presentation Evening

Tuesday 23rd April is the next presentation evening. Book your table at the bar 5.45pm to 7.30pm. Kim from **KS Skin Therapy** will give a talk that evening.





Ladies News

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For anyone interested Old Conna Golf Club are having a Ladies Open Day on Thursday 9th May.



Citizens Information from Bray have kindly offered to come to Delgany GC and give a talk on their services and answer any questions you might have.





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Housekeeping

Ladies as we approach what is a very busy golf season, just wanted to mention a few items of housekeeping.

Please avoid slow play - if you have lost a hole or more, you must ask the group behind do they want to play through.

Please repair all pitch marks on greens.

Fill the sand bags provided near the putting green and use the special sand mix to repair divot marks on the course.

On completion of your round, please make sure to add up S/F points of the card you are marking and record the score in the appropriate place on the card. It is not sufficient to allow the computer to total points or score.

Please also keep a record of your own score in the markers column and agree your score with your marker. Only sign cards when you are both happy that the correct score has been recorded.





'Get into Golf'



2024 Get Into Golf.....GIGs



A Ladies Golf Ireland sanctioned course for beginners will commence on 9th & 11th May. It is a great steppingstone for those starting or wishing to play on a more regular basis.



If you or a friend or a family member would like to take an eight-week taster course run on either a weekday or weekend, there are a number of places available.

The course will have approx. 36 participants learning the game in a very relaxed social atmosphere with our Golf Professionals Gavin and Geoff.

The Basics:

- 8 Week course.
- 6 weeks tuition included plus *2 weeks of play on the course.
- €90 pp.
- 6 (approx) pupils per class.
- Each lesson 1.00 hr with tea and a score following play included in the price.

Course Schedule:

Thursdays: 9th May – 13th June 2024

Times: 10.00 -11.00 or 11.30-12.30 or 18.30-19.30

Saturdays: 11th May – 15th June 2024

Times: 10.00-11.00 or 11.30-12.30 or 13.00-14.00

2 Weeks Play: Thursdays 20th & 27th June (times tbd)

**Saturday players please note that the 2 weeks on-course play (weeks 7 & 8) will take place on Thursdays.*

There will be a graduation event after golf on the last Thursday for all participants.

Contact admin@delganygolfclub.com for an application form.





Men's Competition News



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Saturday, April 20th

[Singles Matchplay Qualifying \(GOY 1\)](#)– 64 to qualify. This event was moved from its original date (April 6th). As this is the first 18-hole competition this season, it will be a stableford competition off Green Markers.

NB – qualification open to Ordinary Members only. Intermediate Members may play but will qualify for a separate Intermediate Matchplay competition.

Sunday, April 21st

[Wicklow Hospice Fourball Qualifier](#). This event was moved from its original date (April 7th).

Monday, April 22nd

[Super Seniors \(70+\) Open Singles](#)

Sunday, April 28th

[Fourball Matchplay Qualifier](#). This event was moved from its original date (April 21st).

32 pairs to qualify

Saturday, May 4th

[The Founders Trophy](#)

Sunday, May 5th

Foursomes Matchplay Qualifier -

16 pairs to qualify.

Monday, May 6th

[Team Rumble](#) – 2 Men & 2 Ladies

Saturday, May 11th

[May Medal \(GOY 3\)](#)





Men's Competition News



MATCHPLAY COMPETITIONS:

Ordinary Members are eligible to play in the Matchplay Competitions mentioned above. Intermediate Members have a separate Intermediate Singles Matchplay Competition, and are not eligible to play in the main Singles Matchplay.

However, Intermediates are eligible to play in the other Matchplay Competitions but with certain conditions:

Fourball Matchplay – must partner with an Ordinary Member.

Foursomes Matchplay - must partner with an Ordinary Member.

Mixed Foursomes Matchplay - must partner with an Ordinary Member.

RETURNING TO 18 HOLE COMPETITIONS:

Friday, April 19th. sees a welcome return to 18 holes and we are hugely appreciative of the tremendous work by the Course Staff to get us here.

Naturally, we will have to protect the course as much as possible so the following rule - effective April 19th - will allow us to do that and make the competitions qualify for handicap adjustments.

Placing is allowed on Fairways ONLY.

In the Rough, a ball can be lifted, cleaned but must be REPLACED in the same spot as before. This does NOT mean teeing it up...

A ball plugged in the fairway can be lifted, cleaned, and then placed back down as near as possible to the same spot. A ball plugged in the rough may be lifted, cleaned, and DROPPED not nearer the hole.

N.B. The local Winter Rule we introduced to speed up play (when looking for plugged balls) is no longer in operation.

HANDICAPS FOR NEW MEMBERS: New Members who require a handicap must submit three 18-hole cards / six 9-hole cards (or a combination of 9 & 18, equivalent to three full rounds) from Delgany, from Saturday, April 20th onwards. They must be signed, dated, and attested by another Delgany member who has a handicap already. The card can be left in the Pro Shop or in the Office for the attention of the Handicap Committee. Each card must be clearly marked "For Handicap Purposes".

Competition Results can be found at our home web site "delganygolfclub.com", you need to log in and click on competitions in the members section.

Howdidido.com do not provide official results, only unchecked scores players have entered.

John Gallagher, Men's Competitions Committee



Men's Competition News



Winter League Final

The Winter league Final was played over 18 holes in near perfect conditions on Sunday 24th March when Captain Ian led Team K, the Swords Swashbucklers, to a narrow 3/2 victory over John Sweeney's Sweeney Todds.

Four of the five matches finished on the 16th hole (2 wins apiece) leaving Ian and his partner Colm Rigley in the thick of the action on the 18th where Ian's par 5 was good enough to hold off Paddy Donohoe and Ray O'Toole. There is something about the Winter League that he likes, as this was Ian's 3rd consecutive final as Team Manager!

The Winter League gets the competitive juices flowing early in the season and serves as an excellent way of members old and new meeting up as team colleagues. Sincere congratulations to the Competitions Committee with a special mention to Alan McDonnell who over the best part of three months coordinated the scores of 132 golfers over 11 rounds. Roll on, 2025



John Gallagher presenting the O'Loughlin Winter League trophy to Ian Barrett, Captain of the winning Swords Swashbucklers team and of Delgany Golf Club 2024.



Men's Competition News



Super Seniors Series 2024

We are launching a Super Seniors Series in Delgany this year, which we hope will be a great success! We believe there is a large cohort of golfers in Delgany and throughout our local clubs aged 70 plus who are keen to play and socialise with friends old and new.

So, what is the Super Seniors Series?

There will be a Super Seniors event on either the 3rd or 4th Monday of every month from April to October (currently listed in diary as Open Seniors) with the first competition on Monday 22nd April, and finishing on the 21st of October 2024.

Competition Rules:

- Open Competition
- Entry is €6 for members, €15 for guests with members and €20 for visitors.
- Play from Green tees.
- 18 holes Singles Stableford.
- Eligibility for Super Seniors is age 70 and upwards on Monday 22nd April 2024.

Like the [Champions Tour](#) on TV, the overall series is a 54-hole event, with the best 3 rounds (from 7 opportunities to play) deciding the winner and Delgany Super Seniors Champion 2024. We hope the 54-hole format creates interest over the summer months with a great turnout at each event, so that as many members and guests play Delgany when it looks its very best, while mixing with fellow golfers, members, and guests.

The timesheet for Monday 22nd April is now open and we want as many visitors as possible, so if you have them, this a great opportunity to use your vouchers!





Invitation



We would also like to extend an invitation to any Delgany members who would like to play in this years **Kilquade Cup**. The format for the day will be similar to last year with a 9 Hole 4 Ball Scramble with a Shotgun Start at 9.30am followed by a light lunch and an 18 Hole 4 Ball Scramble with a Shotgun Start at 1.30pm which will be followed by Dinner and Entertainment at 7.30pm. The morning golfers will compete for the new Kilquade Plate which was sponsored by the family of our late past President Seamus Fitzpatrick plus numerous other team prizes. The Kilquade Cup is the main prize for the afternoon golfers and there will also be lots of team prizes for the runners up. If there are any individuals who cannot form a team we can make up some teams to accommodate them.

There will be entertainment and lots of fun in the evening with raffles and music. For non-golfers, all partners and friends can attend the dinner in the evening. I am available if anyone wants to talk to me and two members of the organising committee can be contacted by phone, June on 087-2469924 or John on 087-2592538.

The costs for the day are as follows;

Morning 9 Hole Golf & Light Lunch €120/team of 4

Afternoon 18 Hole Golf and Dinner €300/team of 4 or €75 per person

Dinner and Entertainment €35

John Littlefield,
Kilquade Cup Committee

Last years winners with the trophy.





Congratulations



Congratulations again to our Junior Member William Walshe on winning his international honours in an Under 16's quadrangular tournament held in Scotland on 3rd to the 5th of April last.

The top girls' and boys' talent from Scotland, Wales, the Netherlands, and Ireland faced each other in a shortened series of matches due to the final day's play been rained off. William won a crucial singles match in a convincing win for the Irish boys over their Welsh counterparts, which resulted in the Irish team taking home the honours.

We are very proud of William and extend our best wishes to his parents Robert and Fiona for all their support, while not forgetting Tom Bergin who travelled over to watch the golf (and probably brought the rain!)



Harrington looking up in Newport Beach

Many of you will have watched Pádraig Harrington recently win another tournament on the US Champions Tour, when a birdie-birdie finish saw the popular Irishman win the Hoag Classic at Newport Beach Country Club on Sunday 24th March last.

As he made his way from the 18th green, he found his path blocked by a tall man in a Delgany jersey.... none other than Niall Barrett, our Captain Ian's brother and a Newport Beach resident for many years now.

Our picture shows Niall, **proudly wearing his Delgany colours**, with Pádraig happy to sign the ball (you might too if accosted by a six-and-a-half-foot Irishman!).



And finally, finally... we can confirm that there's no truth in the rumour that Gavin will be selling the latest wet weather anti-slip shoes as we head into our Irish summer.



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