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Captains' Message



Thankfully, the weather in the month of May has been kind to us and that, together with the great work being done by Steven and the Course team, means that the course is in great shape, with manicured fairways and greens fast and true.

Perhaps as a result, our teams are making progress, with notable wins for the Barton Cup and Super Seniors teams in the last week.

The Barton side is drawn to play
Castle with the match scheduled for
Sunday 9th June at 1pm. It goes
without saying your support will
make a difference!



The Captains' Charity Day was a great success, and you can read more about it in this issue.

Next up is our Open Week which runs from Monday 10th to Saturday 16th June, and the Corporate Day at the end of that month. We will be providing you with lots of information on both, and we need as much support as possible, from members, guests, and business acquaintances.

Finally, a shout out for President Kennedy's Draw, we are practically two thirds of the way to our fundraising goal, and we want to close the gap!



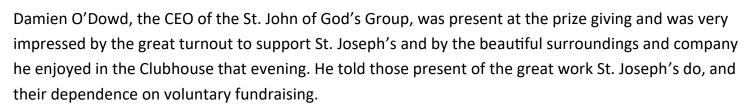
Captains Charity Day



Sun Shines on Captains' Charity Day!

The Captains' Charity Day on 18th May in aid of St. Joseph's Nursing Home (Shankill)was a great success with over 80 teams of four taking part over two shotgun starts.

The weather was fantastic, and the scoring was hot also with the winning team being the Captains' group, with Alison and Ian superbly assisted by Mags McDarby and their guest, Eoin Murphy, who returned a 51 nett.



Colm Dempsey of Wicklow Rapid Response was also in attendance on the evening to acknowledge the donations made by our members to the raffle held on the Captains' Drive In in March and he, likewise, was very complimentary and pleased to be in Delgany on a beautiful evening.

Captains Alison and Ian are delighted the day turned out so well and that Delgany is able to provide St. Joseph's with much needed support.

The night finished with a musical masterpiece by our Delgany members, including Phil O'Neill, Liam Kelly, Terry Day, and Ronnie O'Toole, with professional assistance provided by John Devereux and George on piano.

Murphy on the Double

Eoin Murphy, past member and son of our esteemed trustee, Kate, scored a notable double when he won the Captains' Charity Day in two clubs on the same day.

Eoin was first off the tee at 7.00am in Forrest Little (where he is a member) and his team's score of 98 points remained unbeaten for the day. Afterwards, he drove to Delgany to join Captains Ian and Alison, along with Mags McDarby, for an afternoon round and repeated the feat!

Eoin was a member in Delgany for many years and playing off 2.4 handicap he showed he has lost none of his ability by producing fantastic golf in Delgany (we presume he played well in Forrest Little too!).

Congratulations Eoin for the effort, support and achievement!







President's Fundraiser 2024



Our President's Fundraiser is well under way at this stage and we are now at 60% of our target thanks to our members support.

We now ask you all to do a final push on ticket sales in order to 'ring the bell' so lets meet our target and allow us repair our entrance driveway.

Remember there's a vast array of superb prizes on offer totalling over €10,000 and if you're not in, you can't win.



Visiting Captains' Day

Captains Ian and Alison welcomed their counterparts from local golf Clubs to Delgany on April 26th.

This annual event is always a popular day and the sun finally came out to help show the course was returning to its best after our wet winter.

Compliments were plentiful throughout the day and certainly our staff both on and off the course made sure everything was spot on for our guests.

Well done and thanks to all concerned.





Corporate Day 2024



Bookings are starting to come in for our 2024 Annual Corporate Day and we are delighted to announce legendary broadcaster George Hamilton as our after Dinner speaker - book early to guarantee your team's place.







(Reporters: Mary O'Neill & Yvonne Connolly)

Competition News

Though a somewhat weather delayed start, we've swung into the golfing season and managed to squeeze in many of our competitions over a short number of weeks.

The Wicklow Hospice was won by Caroline Tobin & Denise Byrne who go through to the final in Delgany on September 26th.

The postponed Dr. Tom Daly Memorial Trophy was played in conjunction with the May Medal on 14th May, which was won by Sally Lynch, The GOY competition will not now include the results from the Tom Daly. Class winners include Alison Graham, Anne Prior, & Caroline Tobin. Lucy Mulcahy won the 18 hole S/F and Pamela Curry the 9 hole. The top 16 in the Tom Daly go through to a match play.

Many thanks to Brian Carey from Home Instead for his sponsorship of the Invitation Singles Stableford on Tuesday 7th - Diane Reid took home the main prize. The Windyridge fourball was well supported and we are very grateful to Marie Harvey for her 13th year of sponsorship. The competition was won by Alison Graham and her guest, Carol Brady, Captain of Woodbrook. It was great to see that all prize winners included a guest.

On Tuesday we held our first Major, President Willie's Prize to the Ladies. We had a great day and the sun shone. 74 ladies played in the main competition, 21 played in the 5 day and 29 ladies played in the 9 hole competition. Willie was there early, greeting us all and filling our sandbags from 8.00 onwards. Willie is seemingly ever-present at the Club and a fabulous ambassador. I'm not sure anyone partaking had any doubt as to who he was.

The evening dinner was superb, a huge thanks as ever to Simon and Kim and I don't think we can ever be sufficiently grateful to Jamie, Kevin, Kasia and Leane who look after us all so well. Willie's wife Denise joined us for dinner and it was lovely to get to know her a little. For the main prize we had many contenders scoring a fabulous 37 pts, Betty Sherry taking home the spoils, and the Five Day Winner was Miriam Molloy who scored a fabulous 35 points and was justly rewarded with a beautiful pearl

bracelet. Anna Rooney was the runaway winner of the 9 hole

competition with a fabulous score of 21 pts!

Next Up is McManus Jewellers very popular open team of four event. Our thanks to Aileen & Don for their continued support and best of luck to all participants. Open Week is also nearly upon us and more details will follow, though booking is now open.

Old friends catching up.... _

Mary Markey, Kate Murphy, Lola Harrington and Eileen Whooley







(Reporters: Mary O'Neill & Yvonne Connolly)

Golf Updates

Some diary changes:

Team Fund Raising event scheduled for 26th May is postponed to 23rd June.

Sunday 26th May will now be an invitation fourball.

Tuesday, 28th May we have open ladies team of 4 event kindly sponsored by McManus Jewellers. Still a few places left on time sheet and presentation will take place that evening.

Sunday 2nd June changed from Singles Stableford to invitation 2 person Rumble.

Monday 3rd June will now be an Open Singles and not a team event.

Draw for Dr Tom Daly match play is now on the notice board so please check who you are

playing - Pauline Burke

May Fitzgibbon Cup

1st Prize Sally Lynch
2nd Price Martina Conneely
Gross – Cliona Lyons
4th place Pauline Burke

Winner 9 Hole Singles Diane Reid 2nd Place Irene Goodbody













(Reporters: Mary O'Neill, Yvonne Connolly & Captain Alison)

Team News

A big thank you to Ann Boyle and Avril Dowley for all the work they have put in to organising our teams this year and to all the team managers who put so much effort into se-lecting each team and supporting all our matches and to all the players who represent us. Sadly we lost the Intermediate Foursome v Carrickmines and the Leinster Women's Trophy v Bray. Thankfully the Mixed Irish Fourball came out on top, beating Milltown on the 19th hole and we have a few more competitions coming up:

This Saturday Senior Foursomes Team – Trish Wyse, Cliona Lyons, Teresa Thompson & Pauline Burke, Anna O'Loughlin & Eileen Bates are playing in Blainroe at 9.30 a.m.

On May 30th the Minor Foursomes team are playing against Castle at 3.30

Home team: Denise McCarthy, Sally Lynch & Annmarie O'Grady & Joan Harding

Away team: Sandra Doyle & Jackie Sharpe, Mary Corcoran & Denise Byrne

Delgany Ladies got a bye in the 1st round of the Revive Active Leinster Women's 4 ball and meet Blainroe at 1.30 on Sunday 9th June

Away team: Pauline Burke & Siobhan Mooney, Valerie Stokes & Grainne Moran

Home Team: Eileen Bates & Barbara Dolan, Ann Boyle & Anne Prior.

All support welcome and again apologies as I shall be away for these rounds and hope you all come through to the next round so I can get out and see you in action.

Captain Alison







Presidents Prize to the Ladies





Maura Dennehy, Captain Alison
President Willie and Miriam Waters



Diane McHugh wearing her prize.



5 Day prize
Winner Miriam Molloy



Winner Betty Cherry



Captain Alison and President's wife Denise Kennedy





(Reporters: Mary O'Neill, Yvonne Connolly & Captain Alison)

ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Many thanks to Mary Corcoran for organising her annual plant sale. She is at pains to point out that she couldn't have done it without all those who supplied plants nor without Mags and Ann who 'woman-ed' the desk with her throughout the day. Between plant sales and the raffle a whopping €880 was raised.

Well done Mary and team.

In preparation for next year, Mary asks that anyone who can, please start to work on a supply of seedlings now. Her small garden can't cope and she would welcome a broader range for the sale.





From 'The Greystones Guide'

IT was 66 years ago when Bellevue Hill buddies Maura, Margie and Mary appeared in The Irish Times, trekking home from Brady's shop with Choc Ices...

We met up with the time-travelling trio this afternoon to recreate that famous photograph. Interview over on our homepage. https://www.greystonesguide.ie/a-walk-to-remember/





(Reporters: Mary O'Neill & Yvonne Connolly)

Missing birdie prize trophy

The wonderful prize on the right was donated by Annette Dunne during her year of captaincy. A tall slender bird hand carved in bog oak it was intended for presentation to the player who scores the most birdies during the year.

It went missing in action during Covid and we wonder could it be at home in your trophy cabinet?

We'd love to get it back and reintroduce the competition.



Leinster Women's Trophy Team photos Vs Bray GC











Get into Golf (GIG's)



Get into Golf ladies (the GIGs)

A Golf Ireland initiative which has been taken up enthusiastically by Delgany GC spearheaded by Patrick, marketed by Jason and organised by Briege. Over 70 ladies will partake in the course this sum-mer.

Initially the ladies receive 6 hours of tuition by Gavin over a six week period, followed by two weeks of on-course sessions, involving six groups of six ladies, who are taken through a few holes in a scramble format.



Last Thursday evening 36 ladies graduated in a ceremony hosted by Captain Alsion and Patrick in the Ryder Cup room. Each received a GI shoe bag and certificate. Kevin was on hand with Prosecco & nibbles, the room was buzzing and our graduates really appreciated the warm Delgany hospitality.

The next step for these ladies is to become Clubhouse Member with Playing Rights. We are organising a WhatsApp group with all those who wish to continue and will once again be calling on the ladies to take them out on the course at regular intervals, their aim being to get a GI handicap.

Thank you to everyone involved, particularly to all the lady member volunteers who helped in this programme it cannot be done without your support, enthusiasm and of course your amazing Delgany welcome.

The GiGs programme is one of the ways of ensuring the longevity of our amazing ladies club. The feedback has been superb and we are very hopeful that we will have some new members soon. The future looks bright.









The Wicklow Hospice Perpetual Cup Final will be held in Delgany Golf Club on 26th September.

Having won their respective qualifiers, the team representing Delgany are Caroline Tobin, Denise Byrne, Gerry Sheldrick and Declan Murphy. Previous winners have been Blainroe, Wicklow, Charlesland, and Delgany. Last year we welcomed teams from Macreddin, Greystones, Castle-knock, Woodenbridge, Tulfarris, Blessington, Curragh, Coollattin, Powerscourt, Wicklow, Enniscorthy and Glen Mill.

The Cup is sponsored by Rita and Johnnie O Brien with the aim of bringing the clubs in the region together to thank them for fundraising for the Hospice and to encourage their continued support. The management of Wicklow Hospice are very grateful to those partaking in the competitions for their support as it allows them to actively and continuously seek the most thoughtful, personal and best quality environments and wrap-around support for their patients and families. In addition to in-patient care, Wicklow Community Palliative Care now provides specialist care 7 days per week as well as 24/7 telephone support. Delgany Golf Cub very kindly allows the use of its facilities for the qualifying and final competition for which The Hospice is most grateful. Whilst each club battles to win the trophy, it is a great fun day and lovely for all the clubs to come together and enjoy Delgany Golf Club. Rita is always most grateful for green fees from other clubs or any other sponsorship our members can provide.





Joan O'Connell RIP



A few words about Joan:

Joan was born in Derry. She went to UCD and qualified as a teacher in French and English. She taught in Paris and London, but couldn't teach in the Republic of Ireland as she did not have the required Irish language. Joan married Sean O'Connell from Cavan, an engineer and the love of her life.

Later on Joan set up a uniform factory for school uniforms in Parnell Square in Dublin, which is still operating under her son Breffni. Joan joined Delgany Golf Club in or around 1986. She loved her golf. Together, we won the club foursomes twice and represented Delgany in the finals, but that's as far as we got!

Joan and Sean went to The Canaries on hols. Joan went for her swim early in the morning while Sean juiced the fresh oranges, leaving lots of room for champagne. This was their morning routine and what they got up to later on is their business! Joan loved literature and came to our Joyce Day in Greystones. She often told us hilarious unrepeatable stories about her time in London in the 60s.

Joan loved to party and her party piece was Under the Bridges of Paris which she sang in French. Her parting song at her funeral was Danny Boy. We will all miss her sweet Derry voice, may she rest in peace.

Miriam McKeever



Lady Captains night 2008:

Peg Colleran, Joan O'Connell, Ann Perry, Avril Keogh and Miriam McKeever



OPEN MEEK 5054





Members, Guests and Visitors all welcome Entry fee : Members €10 – Guests €25 – Visitors €30

Open Week competition details

Date	Competition	Sponsor
Monday 10th June	Open Men's Singles Stableford	IOResource - Conn Loy
Tuesday 11th June	Open Ladies' 2 Ball rumble	Kenneth Hodgins Interiors
Wednesday 12th June	Open Men's Fourball	Walls Construction - Ian Barrett
Wednesday 12th June	Open Men's 9 Hole Singles Stableford	Walls Construction - Ian Barrett
Thursday 13th June	Open Junior Singles up to 1pm	Delgany Golf Club
Thursday 13th June	Open Men's & Ladies' 4 Person Team Event starting at 1pm	Santry Sports Clinic
Friday 14th June	Open Men's & Ladies' Singles Stableford	Centra - Liz & Ian Cuddihy
Saturday 15th June	Open Scramble Team event with 2 Shotgun starts 9am & 2pm	Centra - Liz & Ian Cuddihy
Sunday 16th June	Open Men's & Ladies' 2 person Rumble	Advent Surety Partners - Paul Farrar

Full catering facilities every day















DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Saturday, May 25th

BELLEVUE CUP Qualifier (Strokes) – 16 to qualify.

Sunday, May 26th

Changed to an Invitation Fourball – Team Fundraising moved to June 23rd.

Sunday, June 2nd

Changed to an Invitation 2-person Rumble.

Monday, June 3rd (Public Holiday)

Changed to an Open Singles.

Saturday, June 8th

PGA Tankard

Sunday, June 9th

MJ Cronin Memorial Fourball

Open Week – June 10th to 16th

Timesheets are open for booking already.



MATCHPLAY DEADLINES:

All the main Club Matchplay competitions are well under way so well done to all of you who are still in contention at this stage. As always, we would ask you to respect the deadline dates which are published below (and on display in the changing room noticeboard), together with the respective Referees for each competition. In the event that an individual/pair (or both) cannot complete the match in time, it is preferable to offer a "walkover" to the opposition. Short extensions are only permissible in exceptional circumstances and only by prior agreement with the Referee, whose decision is final.

N.B. Remember to write your contact information on the draw sheet so that you can contact each other.



Contacts:

Singles Matchplay – 2nd Round June 18th

Referee – Eugene Rellis 087 233 9837

Fourball Matchplay – 1st Round June 3rd (extended from May

27th) Referee – Brian McGee 087 246 9382

Foursomes Matchplay - - 1st Round June 5th

Referee - Paul Hautz 086 803 2725

Mixed Foursomes Matchplay – 1st Round June 11th

Referee – Conn Loy 086 384 7978

Bellevue Cup – qualification May 25th

Referee – John Sweeney 087 249 7183



Men's Competition News



CARD COMPLETION:

Thanks to the majority of players who complete all their cards correctly. However, we still receive many cards with key boxes blank and/or not clearly filled out...

Front Nine Gross or Stableford

Back Nine Gross or Stableford

Total Gross & Nett Score or Stableford Total

Player/Marker Signatures

Each playing group is asked to check your own card and the one you are marking, to ensure that the (Gross/Stableford) scores entered for each hole, for each player/pair are legible and clear.

Once the card has been checked, please take the time to key the card details into the computer in the hallway before dropping it in the box.

It shows complete disregard for the Competitions Committee if the card is just tossed in the box without checking it thoroughly beforehand...

VISITORS PLAYING IN TEAM SCRAMBLES:

If you are bringing a Visitor to play in a Team Scramble please provide these details in advance of the Competition by emailing competitions@delganygolfclub.com:

Name

Club

WHS Number

For Officaial Competition results, copy or type the following address into your search engine:

https://delganygolfclub.com/competitions/

John Gallagher

Men's Competitions Committee





Men's Competition News



Barton Cup team Vs Blainroe GC





Metropolitan Cup team Vs Dun Laoghaire GC





5 Day Members

The 5 Day Men's summer league kicked off with Don McKenna scoring 36 points. The league will be played on, hopefully, two Mondays each month and will run all summer to the end of September. Scoring is accumulative, in other words, all your scores will count and at the end the highest score wins! Simple, the more you play the better chance you have.

The entry fee for this is a mere €5.00 per player and it's a great motivator to keep you focussed.

Our May dates will be Monday 20th & 27th . Enter the competition of the day & we will extract your scores regularly as the league progresses.



The first Mix and Match of the summer kicks off today **Friday 24th May**. Hopefully by then the summer will have broken through. Is there a better way to start a summer weekend than with a relaxing 9 hole 4 ball? No pressure as only 2 of the best scores to count on each hole. Time sheets are open and you may invite three guests.

Other dates:

Friday 7th June

Friday 12th July - 6 Ball

Presentation to the winners of President Willy Kennedy's Prize of 24th June. Looking forward to a repeat of last year's President Ruth Jenkinson's presentation evening when both nines were full to capacity and the Clubhouse was rocking.

Friday 2nd August

Friday 30th August

Part of the Declan Clarke Charity day in aid of Greystones Cancer support. 9 holes played after the main competition of the day run by Declan's great friend Terry Day with all proceeds contributing to the charity.

Friday 6th September

Final day of the season is a six ball and as usual is generously sponsored by Mark Wyse with all proceeds being donated to Greystones Cancer support.

There are fewer dates than usual this year so place the dates in your diary now and invite your friends to join us in our lovely setting for a relaxing 9 holes and something to eat.

Some of the social committee and myself will be manning the desk and look forward to welcoming you.

Jim Blake



Wicklow Schools Cup 2024



Delgany Schools Cup – Celebrated its 14th Year with 14 Wicklow Primary School Teams Battling for Glory!

The fourteenth Wicklow Primary Schools Cup final was organised and hosted by Delgany Golf Club on Monday, 13th May, featuring 14 Primary School teams from within the Wicklow area.

The initiative to encourage school children up to 12 years of age to play golf was developed and promoted by Jason Bradshaw and Delgany Golf Club since 2009. JPA Brenson Lawlor, Chartered Accountants co-sponsored this year's event. Local Wicklow Primary Schools have had weekly coaching and practice sessions which have been initiated by teachers and parents involving circa 500 school children from the ages of 8 to 12 years of age. The finals involved 56 boys and girls from fifth and sixth classes.

The Captains of Delgany Golf Club, Ian Barrett and Alison Graham stated that the Club was proud to be associated once again with this event and congratulated all the teachers, parents, and the young golfers for their tremendous performance during the year and on the day.

The event involved children from Wicklow primary schools taking part in a team scramble golf competition and was supported by the head professional at Delgany Golf Club, Gavin Kavanagh, who provided the school children with golf lessons and support throughout the year.

Jason Bradshaw founder of the event, said he was very pleased to see this grass roots "get into golf" programme continuing to grow in popularity so well in the Wicklow area and congratulated all the schoolchildren who competed and announced the 2024 winners as follows:

2024 Boys Winners: Glebe National School, Wicklow Town

2024 Girls Winners: St. Laurence's National School, Delgany



Wicklow Schools Cup 2024



Glebe National School, Wicklow Town -

Winning Boys School of Delgany Schools Cup held at Delgany Golf Club on 13th May 2024



Left to right – Jack Collins, Cian Foley, Cian McCoy,
Tom McConnell and Jason Bradshaw (Founder of the event).

St. Laurence's National School, Delgany -

Winning Girls School of Delgany Schools Cup held at Delgany Golf Club on 13th May 2024



Left to Right – Lucy O'Regan, Ellie Daisy Hobson, Aoibhinn Fox and Jason Bradshaw.



Darkness into light



An inaugural Darkness into Light walk took place in Delgany GC on Saturday 11th May. Despite the short notice, 26 brave members including President Willie and Vice Captain Siobhan showed up for a 4am start. We had a wonderful walk around the course full of lots of chat and it was incredible to experience the beauty of pre dawn Delgany before witnessing the sunrise from the area around the 7th green.

Bernie Clarke took some spectacular photos of the sunrise and the group, these can all be seen on or Flickr page. We also had a beautiful rendition of "Change" sung by Aoibheann, Ann's daughter, which added to a special morning.

Between sponsorship and registrations to take part we raised nearly €1000 for Pieta House . Many thanks to all sponsors and everyone who joined to make the morning memorable. We have big plans for next year already! Anna O'Loughlin & Ann Boyle



You can learn more about Pieta services at

https://www.darknessintolight.ie/about/about-pieta-other-services

Again, a big THANK YOU to all those who participated and donated, we look forward to more members and friends joining us next year.













June Bank Holiday Open







Members Notices





Golf Buggy in good condition

Contact Don McKenna

donaldpmckenna@gmail.com

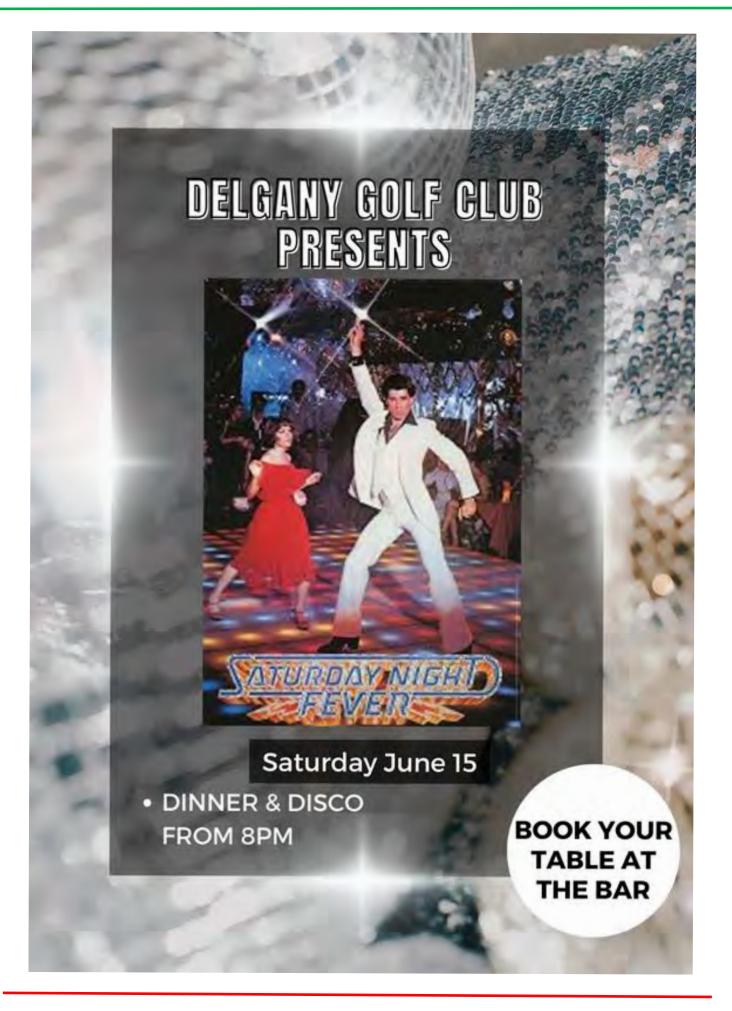
We are happy to offer members the opportunity to put up notices in relation to golf items lost, found, wanted or free to take away.

Contact us at delganydispatch@delganygolfclub.ie



Get your dancing shoes on...







and finally...



Congratulations to Daniel Hodgins on his excellent showing in the Links of Donegal Challenge, no mean feat in scratch category on challenging courses.

Links of Donegal Challenge 2024 Overall Winners Announcement Gross Category

We're delighted to announce the Overall Winners of our Gross Section at this years Links of Donegal Challenge, played across three stunning courses including North West Golf Club, Portsalon Golf Club & Donegal Golf Club, Murvagh.

Congratulations to Ben Best in taking 1st Place in an extremely tough and well represented Gross Category. Consistent golf across all three days sees Ben win by four clear shots, beating the brilliant Luke Bradley into second place; a deserved runner up over the 54 Hole Challenge. Congratulations and well played to all those who featured on the overall leaderboard and commiserations to those who just missed out through count backs, including Adrian Hiney, Fiachra O'Flaherty and Darren Weafer.

Results:

1st - Ben Best Rathmore Golf Club

2nd - Luke Bradley Greencastle Golf Club

3rd - James Lindsay North West Golf Club

4th - Richard Emslie Letterkenny Golf Club

5th - Michael Buggy Castlecomer Golf Club

6th - Daniel Keogh Powerscourt Golf Club

7th - Shaun Meehan Donegal Golf Club, Murvagh

8th - Daniel Hodgins Delgany Golf Club

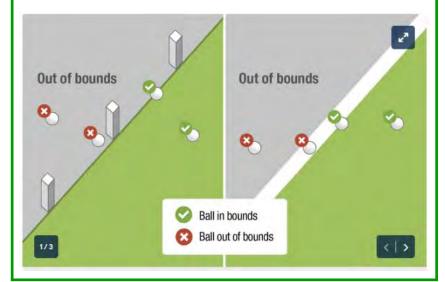
9th - Richard Graham Kilkeel Golf Club

A video of our Delgany play 'The Mating Season' is now available online (thanks to Eugene Murray) for anyone who missed out.

The link is on our Club website thanks to Dermot McCarthy.

https://vimeo.com/937718390?share=copy

And finally 'finally' as we are now getting a little more run on the ball, we though it appropriate to remind everyone of the 'out of bounds' rule. Thankfully we do not have VAR, just remember to keep it straight down the middle and none of this matters... simple!



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