

The Delgany Dispatch



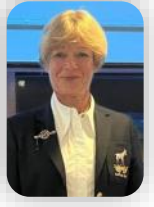
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Captains' Message



Hi, at last we have had a few dry days and Delgany is looking better than ever!

Great work is being done by Steven Mc Donald and his team as we enjoy our golf course in prime condition. The ultimate test of any course is when top golfers play it and all the professionals who played in our Pro-Am last Friday were fulsome in their praise for the course, many saying its condition was the best they have seen. We should also mention that Gavin did a fantastic job as usual in organising what is a major event in Delgany's calendar, with more than 40 teams taking part in two shotgun starts, morning and afternoon. The main event was generously sponsored by Exolas Pharmaceuticals Ltd with the proceeds going to help the excellent work being carried out at the Down Syndrome Centres. On a similar vein, our course for the Senior Scratch Cup last Sunday drew many compliments and our thanks go to sponsors PKF Brenson Lawlor, who supported this most prodigious event.

Last Monday more than 20 Volunteers including 9 Juniors partook in a major clean up in the spinney on the 9th, sanding of the fairways and divot repair work on the tee boxes. The work was in three different shifts throughout the day, a tremendous team effort. Congratulations to Ian Cuddihy and all the volunteers. We would also like to thank John Mullane and his team for all their hard work on President Willie Kennedy's driveway funding draw, the results are included later.

This issue of our Dispatch includes articles on golfers from near and afar, and historical references going back to the early years of the Club, and of course a reminder that our Captain's Prize days are a few weeks away and the timesheets are open.

Captain Ian's Dinner will take place after the prize giving on Saturday 17th next. Bookings can be made with Jamie / Kevin from tomorrow and dinner including wine will be €45 (Menu to follow separately). We are hoping for a big turn out so don't delay and make your booking!



Captains' Message



Alison's Captain's Prize takes place over two days, Sunday 18th and Tuesday 20th, with presentation of prizes and dinner on the Tuesday evening. Booking opens this Sunday for the 18th and booking for Tuesday opens on Sunday 11th. Betting opens Friday the 9th for the men and Tuesday 13th August for the ladies, closing at 11.00 on Sunday morning. We are looking forward to seeing as many competitors as possible and wish you all great golf!

Next Tuesday evening, Gavin has organised a fashion show for the ladies, introducing many new golfing labels including Ping, Under Armour, Swing out Sister, Rohnisch and Penguin to name a few. The show commences at 6.30 during dinner and will be followed by prize giving. There will be a special 50% discount on all purchases of stock on the night as you will see on the poster in this issue.

There is still time to enter this evenings mix & match, with the timesheet running from 15.50 to 18.30. It's a great way to entertain guests, followed by a delicious meal in the bar. Jim Blake will be delighted if you join him and others in this very sociable and fun golf format.

Finally, our Delgany Artisans play the 2nd leg of the Irish Artisans interclub final V Milltown GC in Delgany on Sunday 11th August next, with 5 matches starting at 2.30pm. We are 3/2 behind from the first leg and will need to put local knowledge to good use to overcome a strong Milltown team. Delgany is defending the trophy, having beaten Killiney GC in last year's final. Good luck to all involved!

Wishing all our fellow members a great bank holiday weekend.

Captains Alison & Ian

Here we have our very own Ryder Cup legend and Delgany Honorary Member **Eamonn Darcy** driving off at the first hole in our Pro Am on July 26th.





Course update



A big **THANK YOU** to all volunteers this week. Too many to thank individually, but we had over 30 people helping Monday and Thursday. There were representatives from Ladies, Gents and Juniors. The group sanded 7 fairways, all tee boxes, strimmed around avenue trees, and cleared spinney.

Many hands make light work, we will organise another day in August.



Lets talk about 'Pitch Marks' Yes, you know the things that you blame when your ball jumps as you miss a putt that looked destined to drop into the hole. We all have been there and yet we still suffer, so we decided to investigate the level of the problem. First thing on the morning of Thursday August 1st, our Greens Committee Chairperson Ian Cuddihy took a look at the 18th green before anyone had played it. In order to show the level of damage done by unrepaired pitch marks, Ian put a golf ball in each mark left on the green. There were 40 golf balls used (not all in photo for those counting!) to identify plug marks poorly repaired (25%) or not repaired at all (75%). Next up is our bunkers and again using the 18th as an example, you will see the lack of respect being shown to fellow members and our course staff. Dragging a rake across the sand where you played your shot is just not acceptable as you will see by all the footprint's left in the bunker, players need to rake all the areas that they have disturbed in the bunker and do so in an even manner by raking forwards and backwards not just dragging the sand out to the edges.

So next time you play, don't be part of the problem

PLEASE repair pitch marks, rake bunkers properly and lead by example.





Presidents Prize giving to Men



Our 'ever elegant' President Willie Kennedy was in fine form as he presented his prizes to the Mens winners on July 12th. Willie has taken the role of Club President to new levels with his enthusiasm, ever presence and support throughout the year.

Congratulations to all and especially to overall winner Noel Mc Mahon, who is now eyeing a double with the Captain Ian's prize looming large needless to say, our eagle eyed bookies have slashed his odds!!





Ladies News



(Reporters: Mary O'Neill & Yvonne Connolly)

Some photos from our prize giving night on July 12th, well done to all concerned.





Ladies News



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

Prize giving Professional's Prize

April Medal June 18th

- Winner Class 1 – Niamh Rigley – 64 nett
- Winner Class 2 – Carol Brady – 67 nett C/B
- Winner Class 3 – Jacqueline Sharpe – 62 nett

June Medal June 25th

- Winner Class 1 – Mary Crowe – 66 nett
- Winner Class 2 – Annmarie Gallagher – 65 nett
- Winner Class 3 – Diane McHugh -66 nett

Professional's Prize to the Ladies

- Winner 18 hole S/F competition – Joan Harding PH 39 41 pts
- Runner up 9 hole Francine O'Byrne PH 26 17 pts C/B
- Winner 9 hole Geraldine Owens – PH 21 20 pts
- Winner Class 3 Susan Lennon - PH 29 71 Nett C/B
- Winner Class 2 Linda Ryan – PH 24 69 Nett
- Winner Class 1 Niamh Rigley – PH 20 68 Nett
- 4th Place Brigid Bergin – H/C 29 68 Nett C/B
- 3rd Place Catherine Bennett – H/C 24 67 Nett
- Gross Teresa Thompson – 82 Gross
- Runner Up – Bernie Flynn – H/C 33 64 Nett
- Winner Professional Prize to the Ladies – Pamela Curry H/C 30 62 Nett





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Professional Gavin Kavanagh's Prize to the Ladies





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The graphic features a woman in a grey top and black leggings performing a Pilates exercise on a mat. Below this, a woman in a pink top is shown from behind with her arms raised. At the bottom, three women are shown in profile with their arms raised. The background is a mix of brown and grey tones with decorative wavy lines.

PILATES

Mondays
at 3pm

PILATES

€10 per class - block of 5 classes
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Pilates Classes ?**

**Please contact
Marion Waters for
further information
and to confirm your
place.**

**10 needed for classes
to go ahead.**



Fundraising Draw



Delgany Golf Club Presidents Fundraiser Draw Results



FIRST PRIZE - Stuart Webster - €5,000 credit voucher from Flanagan Kerins Furniture Store in Bray including interior design consultation in your home

SECOND PRIZE - Jason Bradshaw - Delgany Golf Club membership credit to the value of €1650 or cash value of €1300

THIRD PRIZE - Kenny Johnston - Georg Jensen necklace supplied by Weir & Sons to the value of €700 sponsored by Blanaid & Sean Farrell

FOURTH PRIZE - Dana Bradshaw - Delgany Golf Club membership credit to the value of €750 or cash value of €600

FIFTH PRIZE - Joseph Farrell - 3 * SkinPen treatments by KS Skin Therapist value €600

SIXTH PRIZE - Brigid Bergin - Hungry Monk Restaurant Greystones gift voucher for €500

SEVENTH PRIZE - Hanne O'Rourke - Milan & Co Ladies Boutique Bray gift voucher for €500

EIGHTH PRIZE - Lorraine Payne - Staycity 2 night's stay to the value of €500

NINTH PRIZE - Sean Farrell - Under Armour clothing voucher to the value of €500

TENTH PRIZE - Frank Finan - Dinner in the club for 8 people value €400

ELEVENTH PRIZE - MA O'Brien - Sunday Lunch in Seaview Restaurant to the value of €300

TWELFTH PRIZE - Paul Hautz - Rayban Wayfarer sunglasses value €250

Peter Flanagan of Flanagan Kerins Ltd presenting a €5,000 voucher to Stuart Webster, the winner of our President's Draw. under the watchful eye of our Chairman Colm Whooley.

Well done to the lucky winners and many thanks to all who bought tickets or sponsored a prize, here's to our new driveway.

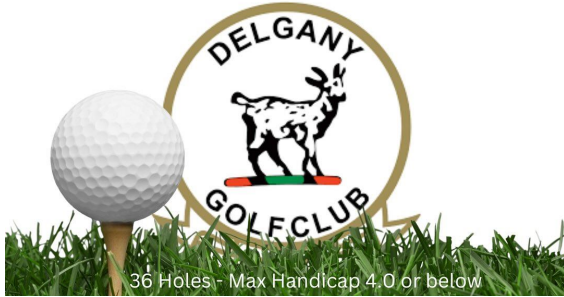




Senior Scratch Cup



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SCRATCH CUP 2024



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We had some great golf on display during our recent Scratch Cup and it ended with a three way tie at the top as Dun Laoghaire's Colin Woodroffe took the honours on a count back from popular ex Delgany man Mark Behan and Howth's Conor Collier.

Our own Delgany Scratch Cup was won by Cathan Mc Carthy, who edged out William Walshe by one shot.

Congratulations to all the winners and well done to all who played.

Special thanks to Jason Bradshaw and PKF Brenson Lawlor Ltd who kindly sponsored this major event.





Men's Competition News



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Saturday, August 3rd.

August Medal (Strokes off WHITE tees) – GOY 9.

Wednesday, August 7th., 14th., 21st., & 28th.

Invitation Fourball (Stableford off GREEN Tees).

9-hole Invitation Singles (Stableford off WHITE Tees).

Monday, August 5th

Men's OPEN Singles (Stableford off GREEN Tees). NB This has been changed from the original diary entry.

Friday/Saturday/Sunday August 9th., 10th & 11th (Strokes/White)

Qualifying days 1, 2, & 3 for Captain Ian Barrett's Prize to the Ordinary and Intermediate Members. Entry is €12 this year and more detailed information relating to that weekend and the Final Day can be found later in this article.

Monday, August 12th.- OPEN Singles (Stableford off GREEN Tees).

Friday, August 16th - Captain's Prize to the 5-Day Men.

Saturday, August 17th - Final Day for Ordinary Members ONLY.

Sunday August 18th

Singles Stableford (Green Tees) starting at 2.15pm (after Captain Alison's Prize to the Ladies).

Saturday August 24th—Ferguson Memorial Salver (White Stableford)

CAPTAIN'S PRIZE – WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

Ordinary Members can qualify for the Final Day on ONE of the three qualifying days. To win the main Prize, you must have submitted three qualifying Singles cards in 2024, prior to playing. A player cannot win the overall Prize in his first year of membership, but can win one of the other prizes, provided the 3-card rule has been observed.

The timesheets for the qualifying days will be locked down on Thursday night, August 8th at 10pm, so players will not be allowed to switch to another qualifying day after that time.

If you qualify, your score is carried into the Final Day and combined with your second score.



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Most importantly, your Playing Handicap remains the same on the Final Day, even if adjusted on Golf Ireland/World Handicap System. We will take note of all Playing Handicaps and will advise you of same when you arrive to play.

In a slight change from previous years, we will have the Top 24 Qualifiers seeded this year and if you are fortunate to be in that elite group, your tee time will be predetermined based on your score.

General booking for the Final Day will not open until Monday, August 12th, at 8pm.

If you are not available to play on the final day, please write it on your scorecard.

In the event of any ties after scores are combined, the result will be determined using the Nett Score from the Final Day.

For those of you who don't qualify for the Final Day, there is a 9-hole 'Captains Plate' after the main competition.

For **Intermediate** Members, ONE score will be taken from ONE of the qualifying days and that will be used for the overall result.

As noted above, there is a separate Captain's Prize to the **5-Day Men** which is on Friday, August 16th.

GOLFER OF THE YEAR UPDATE:

At the time of writing, we have a four-way battle at the top of the leaderboard with a mix of youth and maturity all scoring 20 points and above so far. Jonny Nolan (9.2) leads on 25 points. Jonny had a good start to the year in the April Medal before a slight lull in scoring but is back again - picking up points in the last two competitions. Hot on Jonny's heels is veteran Christy O'Neill (12.8) with 23 points. Did he win his latest Singles Match Play to go level – we'll have to wait & see...

David Fogarty (12.2) has produced some great scores this season, amassing 21 points so far and is sitting in the wings, biding his time. Just 1 point behind David is Richard Spurgeon (15.4) on 20 points with a couple of really good results in the Medal competitions.

The month of August is a "biggie", with a lot of points up for grabs. Outside of the Matchplay and Bellevue Cup, we have a max of 25 points up for grabs. 10 for the winner of the Medal on Saturday 3rd and 15 for the winner of the Captain's Prize on 17th.

Will one of the top four accelerate away from the pack?

Could one of the pursuing pack on 10+ points score big and leap up the table?

Will someone else appear from off the radar to disrupt the leaders' run?



Men's Competition News



	SINGLES MATCH PLAY	APRIL MEDAL	MAY MEDAL	BELLEVUE CUP	JUNE MEDAL	PRESIDENT'S PRIZE PRIZE	PROFESSIONAL'S PRIZE	JULY MEDAL	AUGUST MEDAL	CAPTAIN'S PRIZE	SEPTEMBER MEDAL	LADY CAPTAIN'S PRIZE	OCTOBER MEDAL	TOTAL
Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
Jonathan Nolan	4	10	6				1	4						25
Christopher O'Neill	6	8					9							23
David Fogarty	4				7		10							21
Richard Spurgeon				2	10			8						20
John Nestor	2	6					7							15
Noel McMahon							10							10
Gerry Stewart			10											10
Larry Westman								10						10

The table will be updated again following the August Medal and will include the latest points awarded in the Singles Match Play & Bellevue Cup.

Happy golfing

WEDNESDAY, 9-HOLE SINGLES:

One of the great success stories in recent years has been the popularity of the 9-hole Singles in the second half of our Wednesdays. This year we introduced some early morning slots and what started as a trickle is definitely more than that now. On Wednesday July 24th we had a record 81 entries which is fantastic so keep it up!!

John Gallagher

Men's Competitions Committee

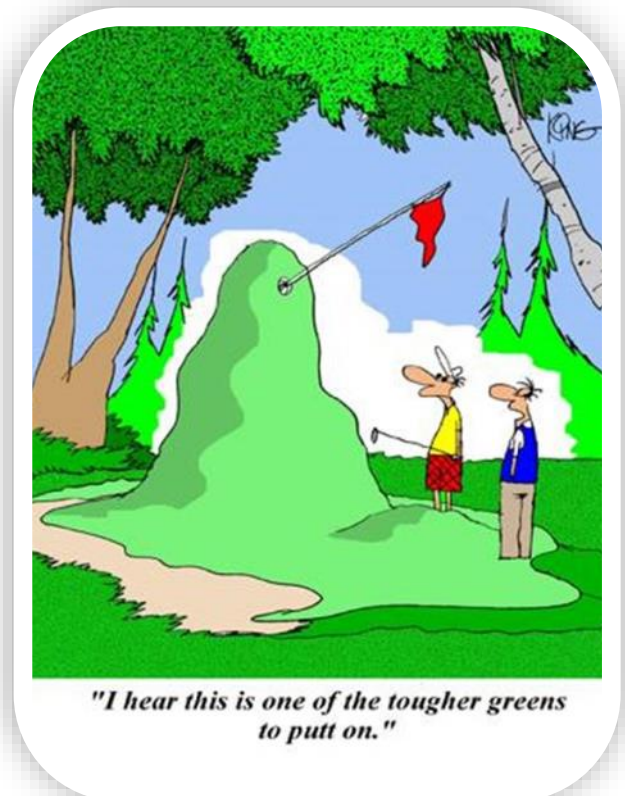
Bank Holiday Monday August 5th

MEN'S & LADIES OPEN SINGLES STABLEFORD

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Daphne Walsh Tynan



Daphne Walshe Tynan an appreciation.

Daphne was a member of Delgany Golf Club for 50 years, becoming Lady Captain in 1993. She was also Lady Captain of the Hole-in-one Society in 1996 where she played a variety of courses and made many friends.

Apart from playing golf, Daphne supported many teams and managed the Ladies Senior Foursomes. She played a lot of mixed foursomes, representing Delgany in the Cullen Cup with Leo Harmon and in the Dun Laoghaire Nina Ricci Matchplay with Colm Whooley, where they reached the final.

In the summer months she and her husband Tony helped to organise the Saturday 9-hole mixed competition in Blainroe, and until quite recently they spent the winter months in South Africa enjoying the sun, golf and their many friends. However, her loyalty was always to Delgany.

From her early days in golf Daphne was extremely sociable and made many friends wherever she played. She was a most generous person, fun loving, sociable but private about herself. She was determined and resilient in the face of trials and was the busiest, most active person one could imagine. Her diary was fuller in a week than most people's in a month, which she managed by being supremely organised, often fitting in her golf after hill walking and before pilates, then perhaps bridge to follow!

As a young housewife, and mother of two, Daphne ran a successful business in the skincare and beauty products industry before joining the United Drug company. Later, having lost her husband, Bill, and her beloved daughter, Melissa, she took on an exacting job at Dell Computer in Wicklow and did many courses to acquire a great knowledge in computers.

Daphne was also a very competent swimmer, and joined the Delgany winter swimmers for a few years, and was not known to use bad language until she jumped into the freezing 40 Foot in Dun Laoghaire for the first time! She would try her hand at anything, but loved reading, often historical novels, watching rugby, and had a great love of music, particularly jazz.

From her teenage years she was a great dancer, and she took to the floor often, as did many others, in her younger days in Delgany. In later years she became a proficient bridge player and was a regular player many times a week. She played locally in Wicklow with friends and online.

Delgany members and staff were very sad to learn Daphne contracted motor neurone disease and a huge wave of sympathy was extended towards her over the past months. She never indulged in self-pity and was so touched by everyone's good wishes. Until shortly before her death, she still managed to play bridge on-line, organised both by clubs and groups close to her friends in Delgany. It was ideal to keep her spirits up after she lost her speech and the effort these girls made, never to miss a session and support their beloved Daphne, was supreme.

Gay Barry





ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



The family of the late Andy Byrne would like to thank most sincerely all the members of Delgany Golf Club who supported them at the time of Andy's passing.

A special thanks to President Willie and Captain Ian for taking time out to visit him at St Joseph's Nursing Home. Not forgetting Phil and the 'young' ones who serenaded him and other residents for the three years he was there.

Regards

John and Ian



Captain Ian, Patrick, Trinity Business School, and the Bel Air Country Club



I recently received a call from an old friend, Andrew Burke, who is the Dean of the Business School in Trinity College Dublin. I think the last time I saw Andrew was in 1980, so our reacquaintance was long overdue! He explained that earlier this month Bill Cockrum, an Adjunct Professor of Finance from UCLA, and a visiting Professor in Entrepreneurial Finance in Trinity, would be in Ireland with his partner Glenda. Bill is no ordinary Professor, a Harvard graduate, and over many decades he has been recognised as one of America's leading business academics, having been voted the #1 teacher of Entrepreneurship in the US by Business Week magazine in December 1996.

Although Bill's golfing days are winding down, he is a member of Bel Air Country Club in Los Angeles, and he loves his golf and golf course history and design. Staying for a few days in Powerscourt, he decided that he would like to know more about Delgany, especially our course designer Harry Vardon. He asked Andrew if he knew anyone connected with DGC and Andrew remembered me.

So, on Friday 5th July last, Andrew, Bill and Glenda joined us for coffee and over the next hour Patrick provided them with an abbreviated history of Delgany, from its origins, Harry Vardon's early design work, the early influencers in the Club including the Trinity College connections, RM Smyllie, the Bradshaw family professionals, the more recent course alterations and clubhouse modifications, up to the present day. On that Friday, the 'Two Mary's' Charity day was in full swing, and Bill and Glenda were delighted to see a full golf course and great activity around the place, with the wonderful weather playing its part.

Andrew confirmed to me afterwards that our visitors were enamoured with every aspect of the Club, and Bill was looking forward to reading through his copy of our Centenary book on his flight home. Of course, I didn't miss the opportunity to tell him that with two brothers living in Los Angeles, I might meet him for coffee in Bel Air CC someday, which of course he graciously offered! It would certainly be something to look forward to, as they are a lovely couple.

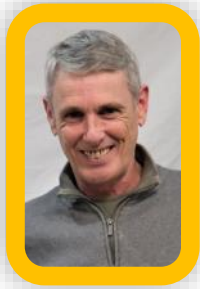
As a remarkable postscript, Andrew told us that his late father Frank was a journalist and he recalls him mentioning many years ago an article he wrote for the magazine 'Golf Illustrated' about Delgany, which he believed might be on display in the Clubhouse. And it is, with a prime position in our hallway, titled "County Wicklow at its best – the Delgany-Bradshaw Association Dates from the Club's Inception". Published in October 1951, no less!

It goes without saying Andrew was delighted to see it, a perfect end to a perfect visit!





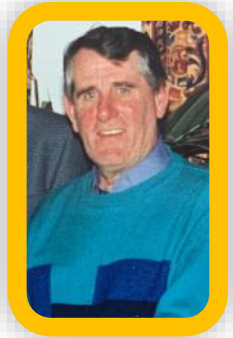
Men's News



Our Captain Ian reports....

On Saturday the 6th of July Liam May won the **Stephen's Green Cup** with a fine score of 41 points **playing off 5**, a gross 69.

Afterwards, Liam was thrilled to find out that **his much-missed Dad Johnny also won the Cup, 55 years ago, in 1969!** A father-son double with a 55-year time gap is something very special, perhaps especially so as Johnny and Liam both broke 70 gross in doing so!



Regarding the provenance of the cup itself, the venerable Delgany Centenary Book 2008 is the fount of all knowledge on such matters and Page 77 doesn't let us down! It tells us that **in 1912 some members of the St. Stephen's Green Club chose the newly established Delgany as the venue for one of their Sunday golf trips. Such was the welcome they received they later decided to present the golf club with a trophy to be played for by the members- the Stephen's Green Cup. It is the second oldest trophy in the club after the Bellevue Cup and is played for annually.**

Well done, Liam, a major win in every sense.

It was great to see Delgany GC legend Dave Fox calling in to see us recently. Dave moved to Birmingham several years ago, but still keeps in touch through his many lifelong friends at Delgany GC.

Here is Dave with his wife and President Willie Kennedy.



We see that our Friday Mix n Match supremo Jim Blake is struggling to read out the results is it any wonder given his surroundings!



Messrs Berkery and McKenna better look out, it appears there's a new 'Don' in Delgany and allegedly his family are well connected!

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