

The Delgany Dispatch



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Captains' Message



We are humble and grateful in equal measure for the wonderful support and goodwill evident during our Captains' Prize competitions held earlier this month. For the most part the weather was excellent, and we had a fantastic turnout on all days. It meant so much to us to see so many of you turning up and enjoying the special atmosphere and our congratulations to the deserved winners, Tony Corcoran and Lucy Lawlor. Congratulations also to the winners of the Five Days and Intermediate Prizes, Brian Sheahan and Diarmuid Finnan, as well as the Captains' Prizes to the Juniors, Tom Hansson and Tayla Bouwer! In this issue you can read more about each event, including the list of wonderful members, friends and others deserving of our thanks, particularly to everyone who contributed to the success of the competitions, from bar and catering, pro-shop, course, office, social committee and especially competitions who ran all days like clockwork.

Looking ahead, Delgany has just launched a new 2025 membership offer, with details available on our website and social media platforms and from Patrick and the team in the office. It is based on a reduced entrance fee for new members paying up front, with a further reduction applying if two persons from the same household apply. Also, those who join will enjoy membership for the remainder of 2024 at the Club's expense (that is, immediate access to golf with the 2025 annual subscription falling due in January next year), that's 16 months golf for the price of 12! Again, details are available from Patrick and the team in the office.

Other news is that we are carrying out necessary aeration work on our greens next week, which will have them in peak condition later in September in time for the ladies and men's Medal and the remaining GOY competitions. The weather forecast is ideal, and the disruption will be short and together with the expert guidance of our consultant agronomist, Trevor Norris, we are confident the course will be in the best possible order for the autumn and winter months ahead.

On the course itself there is still much to play for this year. In the coming weeks, Frank Finan is our generous sponsor of the Co. Wicklow Father & Son competition with a full timesheet this Sunday, and the timesheet is also full for a 9-hole mix and match in aid of Greystones Cancer Support on Friday 6th September, while Captain Alison's Prize to the Men takes place on Saturday 14th, with the timesheet opening on Sunday evening.

Captains Alison & Ian



Course update



Greens

Our greens continue to perform well with a Height cut of 3.0mm and will remain at this height until the hollow coring process takes place in early September. The greens are true and smooth and are now consistently running at 10 feet on the stimpmeter. Once a week we are using our trail brush to sit up the vertical and horizontal grass growth and then mow afterwards giving a clean and uniform cut.

The holes are clipped daily and are changed on average two to three times a week depending on wear and tear and damage. We are sanding greens every 14 days and the results are quite evident in the putting surfaces. We had to hand hose and use granular wetting agents on high spots on greens as these areas hold low moisture content due to the undulations. It is clear after a long hard golfing season that the greens need aeration and much needed oxygen this process will lead us into better green surfaces and approaches going into the winter months.

Tees

The tee boxes are mowed 2-3 times per week now depending on requirements and growth rate the height of cut has been reduced to 12mm they have recently received a liquid feed and an iron application. Divoting of the tees takes place once a week or during the setup of the course when needed. Can we ask all to repair divots using the sand buckets provided particularly on par 3s.

Fairways

Our fairways are cut 3 times per week at 15mm.

Other work completed this month:

All bunkers edged, strim banks at the first, recut hedges on course strim dyke plus hedging.

Plus many many more jobs

Avenue Update

A separate note will go to members re update on avenue. You would have seen some work carried out on the 9th which we hope will slow rain water getting to the avenue which will help us with longterm maintenance of the avenue. As part of the separate note we will have a more detailed plan.

Notice for all to return any sand bags that you might have please as we are running short again and it's an integral part of maintaining our course.

Thanks for your continued support and patience.

Regards

Ian Cuddihy, Course Committee





Mens Captain's Prize 2024



SUN SHINES ON CAPTAIN'S PRIZE

Captain's Prize			
Final Results	Round 1	Round 2	Result
1 Tony Corcoran (25)	67	64	-7
2 Philip O' Neill (20)	66	69	-3
Simon Hayes (19)	64	70	-3
Paul Conalty (10)	64	71	-3
5 Richard Lavelle (24)	71	65	-2
6 Ambrose Mullins (25)	67	70	-1
7 Paul Farrar (18)	76	62	E
Frank Lynch (32)	73	65	E

Captain Ian Barrett's Prize was played over the second and third weekends of this month and culminated in a four-shot victory for Tony Corcoran who followed up a 67 nett in Round 1 with an impressive 64 on the Final Day. While Tony can bask in the glory of his achievement for the rest of his golfing days, on the evening of the dinner itself he was a busy man, combining receiving the congratulations of his well-wishers and delivering his victory speech, with fulfilling his photographer duties which he has done so well for many years. A deserving and very popular winner!

This year's competition was blessed with fantastic weather, over all three qualifying days and the Final Day itself. It certainly makes a difference, both to the scoring but more importantly to creating an atmosphere befitting the most important event in the Club's calendar. To this end, Tom Bergin and his team of bookies, Peter O'Toole, Don Berkery and Peter Lyons, were also on hand to skilfully managing the transfer of money from members pockets to the Club's finances (including a generous donation to the Declan Clarke Charity Day). Tom assures us that the profits are earmarked for a worthy investment on the course and not his holiday fund.

As for the golf, the burden of leading and being in serious contention fell to Larry Westman, Paul Conalty and Simon Hayes, and after an inauspicious start Paul recovered brilliantly to take 4th place overall. One of the most popular prize-winners on the night was runner up Phil O'Neill, who, when accepting his prize, told us had he finished in top spot it would have been his 2nd Captain's Prize, only 54 years after his first, in 1970! "There's hope for you all yet", said a delighted Phil.

Of course, the prize giving ceremony, superbly orchestrated by John Gallagher and his team (with a special mention for Donal Meehan, who was responsible for the impressive prize display) was followed by a fantastic dinner. Over 130 members were treated to Sean O'Rourke's professional MC delivery, and Captain Ian, recognising that members were keen to get to the bar and socialise, kept his speech down to a compact 52 minutes! Rumour has it Netflix has secured the recording rights for a one hour special, and a mini-series may follow!

Following that, the bar was somewhat reminiscent of the old days in Delgany, as the Captain's taxi driver was told that if he were late for the scheduled 2am pick up time, Ian would not be put out! So, congratulations Captain Ian on a great event, well done to all prize winners across the member categories, thanks to our fantastic team, course, bar and catering, and rest assured, we are looking forward to 2025 and Sean O'Rourke's big day already!





Mens Captain's Prize 2024

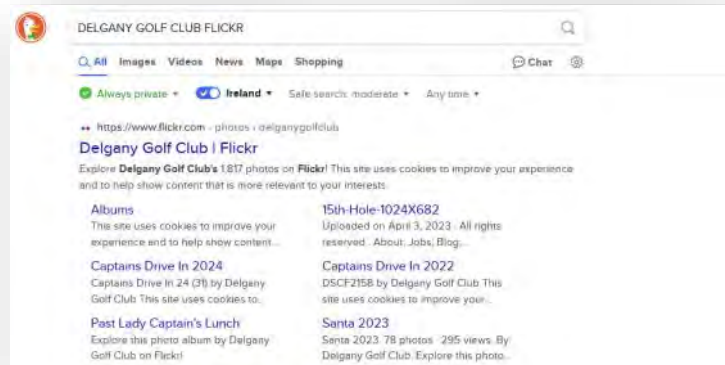


FINAL DAY PHOTOS



FOR MORE DELGANY GC CAPTAINS PRIZE PHOTOS

Enter '[Delgany Golf Club Flickr](#)' into your search engine and click on the Flickr page link, example on the right....





Membership offer



Our Membership drive for 2025 is underway and we are pleased to say that any full member referring a new member will receive a bonus social credit of €250. This is a limited time offer, please talk to our General Manager Patrick Bradshaw for all the details....

LIMITED MEMBERSHIP OFFER FOR 2024/2025 SEASON



Your chance to join one of the finest clubs in South Dublin and North Wicklow and enjoy membership for the remainder of 2024 at our expense!

ONCE OFF ENTRANCE FEE

- Individuals: €3000 on the date of joining
- Couples/ Partners: €5000 on the date of joining

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

2025 annual subscription falls due in January 2025

For more information, contact our General Manager,
Patrick Bradshaw at **085 2526320**





Ladies News

(Reporters: Mary O'Neill & Yvonne Connolly)



Captain Alison's Prize to the Ladies 2024



A Big Thank You from Captain Alison following Captain's Days on 18th & 20th August. To Liz & Ian Cuddihy of Centra Delgany who very kindly sponsored snacks on both days of Captain Alison's Prize to the ladies.

To Gavin & Mark for supplying goody bags for everyone who played in the golf on Tuesday.

To the committee for all their organisation of the day, to the bakers and to everyone for helping out on the welcome desk.

To the ladies for their customary generosity in giving a gift to the captain on her day. Alison instead of gifts requested a donation to a buggy fund instead and any monies created from the betting fund.

It was a wonderful 2 day tournament of golf followed by a huge crowd attending the evening festivities to celebrate with Captain Alison and to present the well deserved winners with their prizes. Captain Alison thanked a number of people on the night who worked hard to make it such a special night.



Ladies News



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

Captain Alison's Prize to the Ladies	
Winner Captain's Prize	Lucy Lawlor
Runner Up	Bernie Jones
Gross	Anna O'Loughlin
3 rd Place	Caroline Loughlin
4 th Place	Karen Crowley
5 th Place	Caroline Tobin
Winner Class 1	Eileen Bates
Runner Up	Ann Cafferky
Winner Class 2	Jackie Dowling
Runner Up	Denise McCarthy
Winner Class 3	Karen Hodgins
Runner Up	Barbara Cohen
Winner of Captain's Prize for 5 day members	Patricia McCarthy
Runner Up 5 day	Barbara McCormack
Winner 9 hole Competition	Norma O'Rourke
Runner Up 9 hole Competition	Finola Palmer
Day 1 Net Winner	Ann Prior
Day 2 Net Winner	Liz Cuddihy
Past Captain's Winner Day 2	Susan Lennon
Committee Prize Day 2	Siobhan Mooney
Longest Drive	Trish Wyse
Nearest the Pin	Nuala Kelly





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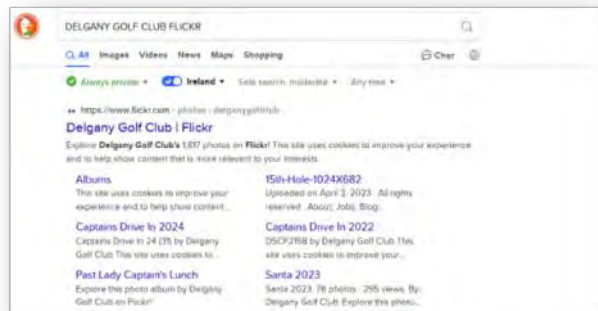
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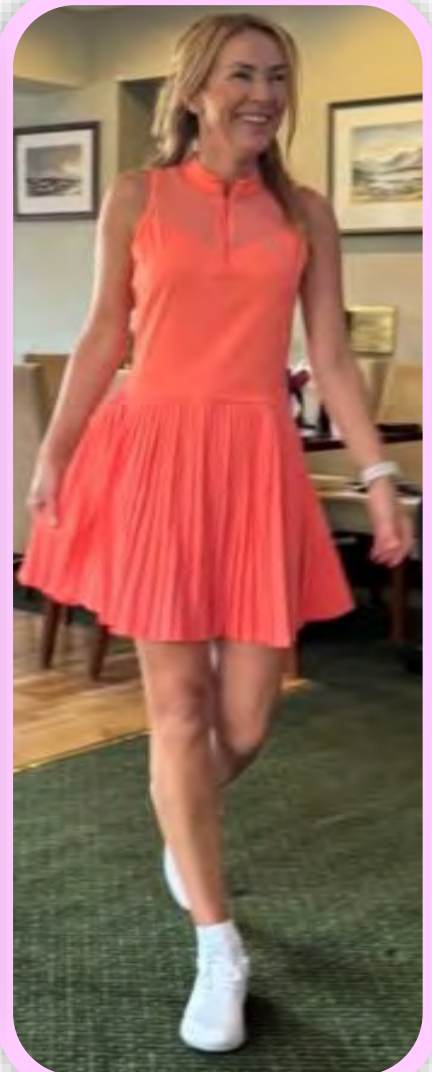


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July 30th was another exciting night for the ladies, when Gavin organised to showcase the new labels he plans to stock in his shop. Captain Alison, Kasha and Berni were the Super Models for the night!!





Corporate Membership



Thanks to John Mullane and our General Manager Patrick Bradshaw, we are launching a drive for Corporate memberships at Delgany as you will see from the screenshots below. We ask all our members to consider the options and spread the word amongst the business community. There may be colleagues within your business or network that could be interested in entertaining clients here, **contact Patrick** for further details.

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DELGANY GOLF CLUB




CORPORATE PACKAGES

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Delgany Golf Club, Delgany, Co. Wicklow, Ireland

Introduction:

Delgany Golf Club is ideally situated just off the N11 Motorway close to south Dublin and City. The club, which was established in 1908, is surrounded by beautiful countryside and has breathtaking sea views.



Our redeveloped clubhouse offers top class function and meeting rooms with restaurant and bar service and balcony space offering panoramic views of the surrounding hills. You will enjoy every round of golf played on this historic 18 hole parkland course, designed by Harry Vardon.

Your business can optimize our facilities for any training, executive meeting or client entertainment needs. Delgany is the perfect setting for all your business needs.

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Our Club & Wider Offering:

Delgany Golf Course setting and our Clubhouse facilities will really enhance your outings, offering a relaxed environment, allowing extended interaction for building rapport and trust with clients.



We cater for corporate functions and smaller groups, with a choice of 3 private rooms. We have our famous Ryder Cup room for groups up to 30 people. Our larger Bellevue room can cater for up to 120 people. We also have our spectacular and intimate Sea View Room with spectacular views of the Irish sea which can cater for up to 25 people.



The wider sustainability agenda is a key focus. We have rewilded large areas with native plants and indigenous trees, encouraging local wild deer, squirrels, as well as over 100 species of birds, and we have introduced native Irish Honey Bees. We are very proud to have received a Sustainable Development Award from Wicklow County Council in 2024.



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Option 1:

'Executive Team' Package

- ▶ Our introductory offer of annual golf for 1 company representative is **€2,995** per year, with a 2nd or 3rd nominated representative participating in this package at €2,500 per individual. This sum includes club levies, Golf Ireland membership and insurance, without the payment of an entrance fee.
- ▶ Clients can avail of **3 Days** use of our meeting rooms for training, executive / board meetings or Client customer engagements.
- ▶ With this package you can avail of a **reduced Green Fee** rate of €25 per round for your Customers / Clients or employees.
- ▶ In addition, to support your employees and clients a **25% discount** on golf lessons is available.



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Option 2: 'Customer Development' Package

- Annual golf for 1 Company representative is **€5,000 per annum**. This includes all club levies, Golf Ireland membership, Insurance, plus 40 guest green fees for client / employee entertainment and importantly without the payment of an entrance fee.
- Clients can avail of **6 Days** use of our meeting rooms for training, executive or board meetings and client / customer engagements. **50%** reduction on normal rates for any subsequent use of rooms.
- **10%** reduction on food & catering costs on days the meeting rooms are used.
- In addition, to support your employees and clients a **25%** discount on golf lessons is available.



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In Summary

- **Venue & Location:** Immaculate 18 hole woodland course with views across the Irish Sea Close to South Dublin & City
- **Client or Employee Engagements:** Ideal venue building rapport with clients & employees in relaxed surroundings
- **Two Corporate Options:** Please consider either of the two options and contact us where we can discuss the tailored package that works best for you



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Facilities



Multiple Meeting Room Options

Function Room (customer or employee events)



Catering Options (Seated service or Buffet)

Use of our Ryder Cup Lounge which honours the 4 players Delgany provided to the Ryder Cup teams between 1953 and 1987.



CONTACT US

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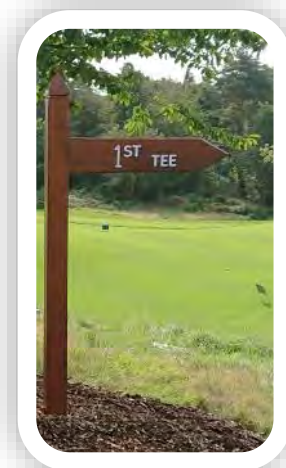
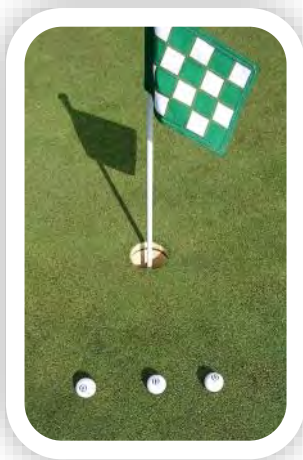




Captains' Prize to Juniors



Juniors Chairperson Pat Kitterick with Captains Alison and Ian presenting their prizes to the Winner Tom Hansson, 2nd placed Alex Montgomery Brennan and 3rd placed Noah Flannery. Stars of the future, well done lads.





Men's Competition News



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Wednesday, September 4th.

Fourball 9-holes (NOT Invitation) - Stableford off GREEN Tees.

9-hole Singles (Stableford off WHITE Tees) - NOT Invitation.

Wednesday, September 11th., 18th., 25th.

Invitation Fourball (Stableford off GREEN Tees).

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

Saturday, September 7th

Singles Stableford (White Tees).

Please note that the September Medal has been moved from the original diary date to September 21st instead.

Monday September 9th

OPEN Singles Stableford (Green Tees).

Saturday September 14th

Lady Captain's Prize to the Men (White Strokes)

Saturday September 21st

September Medal (White Strokes)

Monday September 23rd

OPEN SENIORS Singles Stableford (Green Tees).

Saturday September 28th.

PJ STOKES MEMORIAL (Stableford White)





Men's Competition News



GOLFER OF THE YEAR UPDATE:

So, the August points tally is in and, bar any changes from the Singles Match Play and the Bellevue Cup (to be reviewed next weekend), its getting very interesting at the top of the table.

Jonny Nolan and Christy O'Neill share top spot on 25 points (is that the sound of your knees knocking Jonny) David Fogarty sits just behind Jonny and Christy with 23 points followed closely by Richard Spurgeon on 22 points. The contribution from the Singles Match Play and the Bellevue Cup is really making a difference now. The rest of the pack is closing in following some points accumulated over the bumper August period. Tony Corcoran picked up 15 points for winning the Captain's Prize and is now sitting on 19 points with Fran O'Hara. Phil O'Neill (17 points) looks to challenge his brother Christie. A medal win would put Phil ahead!! Then we have John Nestor and Brian O'Regan on 15 points.

It's all to play for!!

	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
Jonathan Nolan		4	10	6				1	4					25
Christopher O'Neill		8	8					9						25
David Fogarty		6				7		10						23
Richard Spurgeon					4	10			8					22
Tony Corcoran		4									15			19
Fran O'Hara							9			10				19
Philip O'Neill						3					14			17
John Nestor		2	6				7							15
Brian O'Regan							6			9				15

Lots of points up for grabs with the September Medal, Lady Captain's Prize to the Men and the October Medal yet to be played. That's a potential 30 points max golfers – maybe an Ailbe Brennan like 3 in a row could see someone come from no-where to grab 30 points and leave the rest of the field in awe.....!! Happy golfing

COMPETITION RESULTS LINK:

We are constantly being asked about the publication of results. As normal, the results can only be published after the cards have been checked for accuracy, signatures etc. Generally, the website is updated the day after the competition. The results posted on How Did I Do are provisional results which are validated after the cards are checked.

John Gallagher, Men's Competitions Committee



Mix and Match



Friday September 6th we will host our annual mix and match 6 ball, **generously sponsored as always by Mark Wyse**. Mark promises loads of prizes and picky outs so get your name down for what will be the final mix and match of the season.

The entrance fee is €5.00 for members and guests. The six ball consists of 6 pairs. The time sheet can't cope with 6 names so just put ONE name down for each pair. €10.00 will be taken from the purse of the named player on the sheet.

Very many thanks to Mark and Gavin for their willing support each year, which allows us to donate all proceeds to a very deserving local charity.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

Jim Blake



UNDER ARMOUR



This stunning photo of DGC Men's Captain Ian Barrett was taken by his life long friend Des and will no doubt be framed and given pride of place in the Barrett household.



Greg O'Neill sent us this unique shot of Denzil Jones acting as security guard on our 18th green. Seamus said he was asking them how to get out of the bunker!.



Good to see a course properly enforcing pace of play

Dick Cotter seems to have found the solution to slow play with this photo. We doubt we will see Cotters Commandos around Delgany any time soon though.



Men's News



Great to see our three amigos Patrick, Ian and Colm hitting the headlines in the Greystones Guide <https://www.greystonesguide.ie/birdies-of-a-feather/> the club is in good hands.

Our Mens Captains dinner saw the legend that is Don Mc Grane in great spirits as he partied until the early hours with no sign of tiring ! It must be the wine in his veins.

We also note the welcome return of Gerry Kelly and Martin Murphy on our Wednesday evenings, both have been missed like a front tooth !





and finally.....



I now have the chance to draw breath and come to terms with every golfer's dream.... winning a Captain's Prize ! Firstly, I can barely recall what I blabbered on about on the night as I was still in shock that I had actually won. My long prepared speech had to be binned as talking about gas lights, trams and bottles of stout is well out of date... so I winged it and thought I had ticked most boxes until Sunday evening and I suddenly realised that I forgot a key 'thank you'. In this case, it's our Competitions Committee, John Gallagher and his team of Paul, Donal, Conn, John, Alan and Eugene that I wish to thank. These guys are the mainstay of our golf and do so much work behind the scenes, checking cards and ensuring standards are met. It's not an easy task and takes a sharp mind with strong resolve to carry out their duties, yet every competition goes ahead like clockwork and we all get to benefit from the planning and scrutiny they offer us... so a belated big thank you lads, you are all diamonds.

A year ago in the Captains qualifier, I was playing with Frank Burke and our great pal Vincent Leonard (RIP). We had high hopes as Vincent and I both hit the first green in two. We were walking tall until we discovered we had actually played the wrong balls, suddenly it was a walk of shame back to where our drives were and having to call the lads behind through. We proceeded to lose focus and took 8s, by the time we reached the 4th hole we had blown any chance we had of qualifying. Fast forward to this year and I took an 8 at the third in the final day, only to recover and win. I have no doubt Vincent's spirit was with me as we both said we would never let a bad hole destroy us again... this one's for you Vinny.

And finally..... yes another 'and finally', I want to thank ALL our club members and staff for the spirit and generosity in which they have congratulated me... it's been very humbling. It's not till you actually win a Captain's Prize that you realise the size and importance of such an achievement, like all golfers it was a pipedream of mine and one I had almost given up on. Delgany is a unique Golf Club as it has a very strong inclusive social ethos that draws you in and generates immense loyalty from all.... I can only say that I am extremely honoured to be a member and to have won our Captain Ian Barratt's fantastic prize and once again, *THANK YOU ALL*.

Tony Corcoran

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