

Ballinrobe Golf Club Newsletter



Our Groundstaff are to be commended for works they have carried out on the 5th tee box. More details inside newsletter

Welcome to issue 2 of the Ballinrobe Golf Club newsletter. With the evenings slowly getting longer, we can look forward in anticipation to the golfing year ahead.

Congratulations to our Captains Mr. Pat Fahy and Mrs Margaret McHugh on compiling a fine fixture

list for 2008. The fixtures card is currently in print and in the meantime may be viewed on the club website under the "members" page.

As a result of the extreme wet weather experienced in recent weeks, a revised programme for the gents winter competitions is available on page 3

Notes from the Junior Committee

Thank you to everyone who supported our fund raising Quiz Night. Thanks also to those who made donations or gave spot prizes as they could not attend on the night. Also thanks to our quiz master on the night, Donal, for a job well done. Total of €1134 was raised. Looking forward to the new season, we have entered all Junior Competitions again this year. Details will be posted on the Junior Notice Board as soon as they become available. There are also a number of individual events that juniors can enter; again details will be posted.

We are currently reviewing the Junior Golf Programme for 2008. There is a letter in the post this week giving

brief details on the planned structure and cost for this year.

The CLOSING DATE for entry into the program will be 15/02/08.

As places are limited please ensure that you have entered before this date.

Any new junior members wishing to join please ensure that you complete the membership form and that all details and the required signatures are completed in full. (Forms available from the office.)

We will be holding our annual Poker Classic in the club house on Friday 07/03/08 at 8.30pm. Tickets €25, available for any member of the Junior Committee or on the door that night. Prize fund of €1200.

New Members Update

As of Wednesday January 30th, Ballinrobe Golf Club has admitted 161 new golfers to our club under the new membership special offer.

The breakdown is as follows,

- 144 Single Full gents
- 17 Single Full ladies

In addition to the "Full Members" joining, we also have

- 1 Student
- 1 Country Member
- 11 Juniors

New members will be invited to an information evening being held on Friday February 15th & 21st.

Course Officer's report

Despite the very bad weather Aled and the course staff have got through a lot of improvement work on the course. Over the last two months the main work has been done on the gents' 5th tee box and on the path along by the river from the fifth green to the sixth tee. At the 5th tee box a low mortared stonewall has been constructed to protect the side of the tee and a small shrub bed has been added. This allowed the path to be widened at the corner and the area tidied up. The path was also extended back towards the 4th green. The path leading on to ladies' 5th tee box will be worked on shortly. The work on the path leading from the fifth green to the sixth tee has opened up the view of the River Robe and the construction of the wall has enhanced this area a lot. Members are asked to use the path and to refrain from walking back the

fifth and crossing over to the sixth when playing these holes. As well as being safer you will also help to speed up play. The work on the pond at the tenth is finished. The area that was sodded is still marked as G.U.R. and will continue to be until the sods have knitted fully. A sanding and drainage programme will be drawn up for the area between the 10th green and the 11th tee. A path from the 10th green to the ladies 11th tee box will be mowed as soon as the weather permits. All the sleeper steps on tee boxes have had wire tacked to them to improve shoe grip. However the course committee reminds everyone using the course that they should always exercise due care when using the steps. Trees have been planted between the driving range and the rough on the right of the first hole and more will be planted during the spring.

The new chipping green should be in play by April. The green has been sodded and the mounds surrounding it will be when the weather improves. Both Captains have agreed to serve on the Course Committee for this year. We are delighted that Willie Walsh has also agreed to come on board again as his expertise in this area has been of great assistance to the committee and great benefit to the club over the last few years. Two other members, one from each of the branches, will be co-opted in the next fortnight to complete the committee. We hope that that you all have an enjoyable year golfing on the course. The Course Committee will work with Aled and the grounds staff to ensure that the course is presented at its best for your enjoyment and also for the enjoyment of those who visit to play it.

Seamus McHugh,
Course Officer.

Facilities Officer's Report

Under the chairmanship of John C Burke, the Facilities Committee has been formed for 2008. Mr. Tom Lee, Mr. Tom Conlisk and Mr. Pdraig Munroe have been co-opted on to the committee. One of the first projects to be completed will be that of creating a new entrance into the quad where all private buggies are stored. Access will be possible from the main car park as opposed to the existing staff car park. The gents toilets adjacent to the locker rooms are also currently being investigated.

A 4 day Development Classic will take place from Monday May 5th until Thursday May 8th. Funds raised from the classic will assist the committee to complete works on the entrance to the golf club. It is hoped to further develop the entrance (both inside and outside the pillars) as well as tidy up the fence that borders our driveway and the large field to its left. More details will follow regarding this fund raiser. **John C Burke Facilities Officer**

Gents Branch

Competition Fixtures

Due to the closure of the course due to bad weather the competition fixtures for Jan and Feb had to be rescheduled.

Following is the updated fixtures

Date	Format
February 3rd	Gents Alliance
Feb 10th	Gents Alliance & Harry Walsh Classic (Am-Am 2 scores to count on all holes, 3 scores on par 3's)
February 17th	Gents Alliance & Harry Walsh Classic (Am-Am 2 scores to count on all holes, 3 scores on par 3's)
February 24th	Gents Alliance (Captains Prize - Mr John G Burke)

HARRY WALSH CLASSIC sponsored by *Mr. Harry Walsh*

GENTS WINTER ALLIANCE sponsored by *Mr. John Heneghan*

New Competitions for 2008***Open Mondays (Seniors age 55+)***

Sponsored by Monaghans & Sons Castlebar, Co. Mayo.

Commencing April 7th and each Monday up to Sept 22nd.

Grand Final Monday 28th September.

Fee: Members € 5-00
Visitors €20-00

4 Day Development Classic May 5th to 8th.

Details to follow later.

A new Marketing Committee has been set up with the following members.

Pat Fahy, Margaret McHugh, Paul Hynes, Leo Gannon and John McMahon

Information Night for New Members Friday

15th and 21st February in clubhouse at 8-00pm.

Competition Entry:

The Gents Branch Committee has identified a number of problems relating to competition entry that have occurred over recent seasons. In order to try to prevent these problems occurring in the future season, revised conditions of competition entry have been drawn up.

The most important of these conditions is:

1. **BEFORE** playing in a competition a player **MUST**:
 - a) enter his details in the competition computer, and;
 - b) pay the appropriate fee.

Failure to comply with this, or any of the other conditions of entry, will result in the player becoming ineligible to win a prize in that competition.

Full lists of competition entry conditions will be posted on relevant notice boards well before the start of the new season. All gentlemen wishing to enter competitions are advised to read them.

We would like to wish all members a most enjoyable (and successful!!!!) competition season.

Gents Branch Committee



Staff working on the walkway between 5th green and 6th teebox.

New Flatscreen television in Bar.

A special word of thanks to both the Kilmaine Golf Society & The Anglers Rest Golf Society whom kindly sponsored the our new television in the bar area. Thanks also to Vivian Dooley and Padraic O'Connor for their assistance in the installation. We look forward to watching Padraic retain his Open title on it during the summer!!!

Ladies Club Matchplay

This year we are hoping to get the ladies club matchplay up and running early. To achieve this, the ladies committee have appointed Beatrice Schalks as club matchplay sec.. The draw for the ladies club singles and double matchplay will take place on Sunday April 20th. Beatrice has assured me that she will set strict date deadlines for matches to be played by, but there will be plenty of time to play the matches, as the competitions are starting early. All ladies wishing to play in the competitions are encouraged to put their names down on the sheets when they are put up in the locker room. The qualifying round for the Moytura Cup will be played on April 27th and the draw posted in the locker room on May 4th.

These competitions are fun and friendly although competitive and are a great way of meeting and playing with different people and there is always the social side of things in the 19th hole.

Ladies Interclub Team Selectors

This year the ladies committee has decided to have a selection panel, to select a panel of players who will represent Ballinrobe Golf Club in inter club competitions. The selectors are Helena Burke, Connie D'Arcy, Siobhan Hunt, Doris Jones, Angela Murphy and Margaret McHugh.

The selectors plan to bring all members wishing to represent the Club together in the very near future and have squad training sessions. Details will be posted in the locker room.

Golfer of the year Barbara King and runner-up Terry Mullin are to represent Ballinrobe ladies in the Daily Mail competition in the near future. We wish them both the best of luck.

Ladies winter competition results

The ladies 11 hole winter League and the winter Alliance are progressing well at this stage. One round of the 11 hole competition (2nd Dec) had to be cancelled due to weather conditions and as yet has not been rescheduled. There is a tie at the moment for 1st place between Teams G and H, both are on 20 pts. The next round of the 11 hole competition is on Sun Feb 3rd.

Sheila Molloy is leading the winter alliance after 3 rounds with 43pts with Marian Scully in second place. The next round is on Feb 17th.

9 hole competition held 27th January. **Results;** 1st Sheila Molloy 21pts. 2nd Phyllis Lee 19pts. 3rd Catherine O'Toole 19pts. 4th Maura Joyce 17pts.

Margaret McHugh