

Newsletter

September 2009



Success at last - Pat wins Lady Captains Day



Pat McDermott accepting her Lady Captain's Prize from Leo Gannon.

The 2009 Lady Captain's Prize was won by longstanding lady member Pat McDermott with a tremendous score of 107 net for the 29 holes competition held on the 9th of August 2009. When accepting the prize from Leo Gannon and she expressed her delight to finally win a Lady Captain's Prize after many years of being a member at Ballinrobe GC. Close runner-up was Laura Daly with a net 108.

The Gross was won by Maura Joyce with 126. Past Captain's was won by Angela Gill.

Lady Captain Leo Gannon was delighted with the fine weather for her day and to celebrate the day with the club members and her many friends and family.

Needless to say that the celebrations went on into the early hours of the morning.





GENTS BRANCH NEWS

Advance Notice: Gents AGM

The Gents AGM will take place on Thu 22nd of October 2009 at 8:30pm in the Clubhouse. Members who would like to bring forward a motion should put them in writing and address them to the Hon. Gents Secretary by the 15th of October 2009.

**Aiden Maloney,
Gents Hon. Secretary**

MONTHLY MEDAL:

Congratulations to John G Burke on winning the August SUNDAY Gold Medal with 39pts! Silver was won by Geoffrey Sheridan, 38pts and Bronze by Ger Garvey 38pts and the Gross Medal went to Justin Keady with 27pts.

CECIL EWING:

After beating Claremorris the team has played the first round against Connemara Isles at Ballinrobe achieving a 4-1 lead before the return round on Sat. the 12th of September at Connemara Isles Golf Club. The team went to win the Cecil Ewing Final - See pictures on next page.

END OF SEASON SCRAMBLE

Will take now place on Sun 11th of October. No shotgun start—the draws take place from 8am onwards. Entry fee is €10.

OPEN FRIDAYS:

Grand Final of Open Fridays will take place on the 16th of October 2009

OVER55's AUTUMN/SPRING

9 hole S/ford Comp of white tees. Play Mon-Fri anytime. Each player to return min of 6 cards the 5 best cards will count for prizes. Entry fee €5 + €2 each time you play. Contact Brendan Fennell

Paul Hynes — Gents Captain



LADIES BRANCH NEWS

Note from the Lady Captain, Leo Gannon

I would like to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to all the members who helped to make my Lady Captain's Day so very special and unforgettable for me. I also would like to thank everybody for the many presents and good wishes received on the day.

I believe the day was a great success and very enjoyable to all.

Lady Captain, Leo Gannon

Advance Notice: Ladies AGM

The Ladies AGM will take place on Tue 27th of October 2009 at 7:30 in the Clubhouse. Members who would like to bring forward a motion should put them in writing and place them in the box provided in the ladies locker room by the Tue 20th of October, to the Hon. Lady Secretary.

**Connie Darcy,
Ladies Hon. Secretary**

CLUB MATCH COMPETITIONS

Please ensure that you play your matches within the allocated times on the Competition Sheets displayed in the locker room.

WINTER ALLIANCE/LEAGUE

Yes, it is that time of the year already again! The winter alliance/league entry forms will be displayed in the locker room.

The Harry Walsh Winter Competition format has been altered to make it more attractive for ladies to join the gents in that Club competition this year. Note the Entry Sheet in the entrance hall for further information!

Leo Gannon— Lady Captain



JUNIOR BRANCH NEWS

END OF YEAR PRESENTATION

The final presentation for the juniors took place in the Clubhouse — see pictures on the back page. Thanks to all the sponsors and helpers to make this a great final day for the Juniors!

Special Thanks to Sean Whelan, the professional giving his time to the Juniors in any weather and congratulations on his recent wedding day!

Special Thanks also to ALL the Junior Committee members and all the Ladies and Gents who devoted their time throughout the year to get the Juniors out on the course and supporting Sean during the lessons!

**Pat McDermott, John G Burke
- Junior Convenors**

PS: As per the interview with Pat McDermott in the August Newsletter, she will be resigning from the Junior Committee and any member who is interested to take over from Pat should get in touch with her to discuss what is involved in organising the Juniors. Please do not hesitate to contact her - if you have an interest in promoting Junior Golf, you may find that this could be a very rewarding and interesting position in the club!



The successful Cecil Ewing Team winning the only trophy for Ballinrobe Golf Club in 2009! Congratulations to all the team players and Captains!

Members with Marketing Experience

Ballinrobe Golf Club enjoys a very high reputation throughout the Connaught area. It is the prime location for Green fee golf, Societies, Am-Am's and other provincial and interprovincial events.

In order to maintain and expand that reputation, the Council is looking for club members with marketing experience who are interested in forming a marketing team to prepare and implement a strategic marketing and action plan for the club, to include Special Golf Promotions, Media advertisement and general marketing for societies and sponsors.

If you are interested, please contact Ray Darcy, Tommy Fahy or Doris Jones.

The Council

Note from the Council

During a recent meeting the Council discussed the annually reoccurring cash flow shortage for the months of November, December and January. The Council decided to ask members who are able and willing to pay their annual subscriptions by the 31st of November 2009, rather than the 31st of January 2010 to get in touch with Bernie in the office to provide them with an invoice. Your co-operation is very much appreciated.

At the same time the Council is very disappointed to note that there are still members who have not paid their ILGU/GUI levy and/or the Development levy or are falling behind with their Fairway Credit Scheme payments. It is imperative to the clubs financial welfare that all members adhere to their payment plans.

The Council feels that there have been enough notices displayed and letters sent to the individuals. The last resort is to openly name those members with outstanding payments and to remove such playing members from the Congu Handicap system and the Clubs online booking system by the end of September.

The Council

Junior Annual Presentation:

The annual Junior presentation took place in the Clubhouse and the Junior Committee would like to thank all the generous sponsors allowing to provide a fantastic table of prizes for all the juniors taking part in the lessons throughout the year.

Pictured are the "Girls Golfer of the Year" Shannon Burke with Peggy Buttler (Sponsor Gerard Buttler, Driving Instructor) and Beatrice Schalks, Junior Committee member. The "Boys Golfer of the Year" Kevin Quinn was presented by Sean Whelan, Golf Professional. Sean addressed all juniors and reminded the youngsters to keep up to practice during the winter months and said how impressive the set up here in Ballinrobe was for Juniors—not seen in any other club around the Connaught area.



Lady Captain's Outing - Glasson Golf Club:

The Ladies Section enjoyed a lovely day out at the Glasson Golf Resort in last August. Fortunately the weather dried up during the day for all to enjoy the lovely setting and wonderful course. Golf was followed by a meal, story-telling by the lovely Frances Burke, a sing-a-song and just a few drinks...

