

# Newsletter

March 2011



## Traditional "drive-in" opens 2011 Golfing Season



Pictured from left to right: Captain Tommie Mellett, Lady Captain Phyllis Lee, President Margaret Twibill, and Junior Captains Siobhan Burke and Joe Cooper on the first tee at Ballinrobe Golf Club. Picture below: Enthusiastic members are waiting for the first drives of the season to be hit.

On Sunday, 6th of March 2011, on a fresh, but dry and windless day, President Margaret Twibill, Captain Tommie Mellett, Lady Captain Phyllis Lee and Junior Captains, Siobhan Burke and Joe Cooper, officially opened the 2011 golfing season with the traditional "Drive-in". All of them had fantastic drives right down the middle of the fairway. On a golf course in unrivalled condition following the severe winter weather, a great number of members played in the mixed scramble. The day was rounded off with some light refreshments in the clubhouse and the presentation of prizes.

1<sup>st</sup> - 57.7 nett, Charlie O'Sullivan, Vincent Connell, Gerry Comer, Mary Daly

2<sup>nd</sup> - 59.5 nett, Pat Fahy, Eddie Killeen, Michael Rattigan, Mary Colleran

3<sup>rd</sup> - 59.9 nett, Tommie Mellett, Phyllis Lee, Margaret Twibill, Ray Darcy

4<sup>th</sup> - 60.1 nett, Paul Hynes, Alan Murphy, Sean McEvoy, Sue Kane

5<sup>th</sup> - 60.7nett, Paddy Lee, Coilin, O'Flaherty, Tom Connelly, Joseph Molloy



## Note from the President, Captain and Lady Captain

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all members who attended this years "Drive-in" and all the helpers from the Gents, Ladies and Junior Branch who made it happen! Let's hope that the glorious sunshine we had on the "drive-in" day is a good omen for the rest of the year and that we all can enjoy a successful and enjoyable golfing year both on a personal level and at club level.

Margaret Twibill, Tommie Mellett, Phyllis Lee

# The "Officials" Swing Analysis



Captain Tommie Mellett:  
Good turn, unknown trajectory, high finish but what else would you expect at 6ft+? However, Tommie was seen to look for his drive in the bushes afterwards ...



Lady Captain Phyllis Lee:  
Great focus and determination and a fine start to her year! The impact of Phyllis' drive was so great that it split the ball!



President Margaret Twibill:  
Fine impact position, incredible club head speed as you can see from the shaft! She also managed the bunker shot excellently that followed her drive!



Junior Boys Captain Joe Cooper:  
The elasticity of youth! Perfectly demonstrated in the big "C" position. Unfortunately the next shot from the tree was not as elegant...!

Junior Girls Captain Siobhan Burke:  
Impressive body turn coupled with target line. Perfectly landing on a piece of fairway!





## GENTS BRANCH NEWS

### OVER55's COMPETITION

9 hole S/ford Comp off 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

### MIXED CLUB COMPETITION

The first club mixed evening will be held on Tue 12th of April 2011. We would like to encourage all gents and ladies to take part in this social event. Look out for more information nearer the date on the notice boards.

### COMPETITONS ADVISORY BOARD

The primary objective of the Competitions Advisory Board is to help develop successful teams representing Ballinrobe Golf Club in Connacht and nationwide competitions. It is hoped that the efforts of this board and the anticipated increase in success of our representative teams will also further advance the market awareness of Ballinrobe Golf Club.

Pat Fahy, Mike Lee, Mike Joyce, John C Burke, Len Jones

### Cups & Shields Captains 2011:

Irish Senior Cup	Tom Treacy Jnr
Barton Shield	Tom Treacy Jnr
Irish Junior Cup	Paddy Lee
Jimmy Bruen Shield	Tom Feerick
Pierce Purcell Shield	Darren Egan
Jack O'Sullivan Trophy	Sean Mulryan
Connacht Shield	Martin Hughes
Seniors Inter Club	Willie Walsh
Cecil Ewing Shield	Tony O'Toole
Irish Mixed Foursomes	
Siobhan Hunt/Paul Hynes	

### UP-COMING DRAWS

Rathcarreen Cup - 27 March  
Birmingham Cup - 17 April  
Dalgan Woods Foursomes - 1 May  
Look out for draw sheets on the notice board to enter your name and further information!

**Tommie Mellet - Gents Captain**



## LADIES BRANCH NEWS

### DAILY MAIL MATCHPLAY:

This years competitors for the Daily Mail competition are Aine Melville (Golfer of the year 2010) and Ann Keogh (Runner-up). They already played and won the first round! Well done and best of luck!

### ILGU - AA CHAMPIONSHIPS:

#### JUNIOR CUP

Singles Match-play, Hcp 8-15, 5 players. 1<sup>st</sup> match played on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April 2011 against Ballyhaunis in Strandhill. Team Captain: Phyllis Lee/Sue Kane

#### JUNIOR F'SOME

Foursomes Match-play 3 teams of 2, Hcp 15-30. 1<sup>st</sup> match played on the 16th of April 2011 against Tuam in Ballina. Team Captains: Phyllis Lee & Carmel Maloney & Ann O'Reilly

#### INTERMEDIATE CUP

Singles Match-play, Hcp 16-22, 5 players. 1<sup>st</sup> match played on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May 2011 against Enniscrone or Nairin Portnoo. Team Captains: Margaret McHugh/Monica O'Connor

#### CHALLENGE CUP

Singles Match-play, Hcp 30-36, 5 players. 1<sup>st</sup> match played on the 11<sup>th</sup> of April 2011 against Bellmullet in Westport. Team Captain: Angela Murphy

### MINOR CUP

Singles Match-play, Hcp 23-29, 5 players. 1<sup>st</sup> match played on the 7<sup>th</sup> of April 2011 against Athlone in Claremorris. Team Captains: Mary Colleran & Peggy Buttler

### SENIOR F'SOME

Foursomes Match-play 3 teams of 2, Hcp 0-14. 1<sup>st</sup> match played on the 25<sup>th</sup> of June 2011 against Athenry in Athlone. Team Captain: Anne Galvin

**MIELE 4-BALL** 4 Ball Better Ball Match-play. Team Captains: Helen Healy & Sue Kane

**MAYO COUNTY CUP:** Captains: Ann Keogh & Margaret Twibill - Date and venue to be confirmed.

### CLUB MATCH PLAY:

The entry sheets for the Singles and Doubles Club Matchplay will soon be displayed in the Ladies locker room. Only players who have paid entry fee of €5 will be placed in draw.

### **2011 CONNAUGHT WOMEN'S MATCHPLAY Championship**

**back at Ballinrobe Golf Club!**  
22nd - 24th of June 2011 - Seniors Hcp's 12 and under, Juniors Hcp's 13-26. Entry €30. Closing Date 24th of May 2011.

### **WEDNESDAY - 9 holes Competition**

Draw at 13:30, but please check time-sheet for further details - entry fee €3. All welcome!

**LESSONS** The lessons have started and are very popular with our own professional Sean Whelan. Thanks to Angela Murphy for the organisation!

**Phyllis Lee - Lady Captain**

## **Important Note from the Council to all members**

Membership fees and levies were due on the 1st of March 2011. We remind all members that unless all fees and levies are paid in full they are not eligible to play in competitions and their names will be suspended from the time-sheet booking system until payment is received. Several payment options are available - please contact Bernie in the office or Tommy Fahy, Hon. Secretary, for further information.

To avoid disappointment, please ensure your payment is lodged! **The Council**

# Course Update

Despite the poor weather during the winter, the course staff got through a lot of work which will enhance the course over the coming years. The most noticeable change is the enlargement of the pond at the 13th. The water has been brought much closer to the front of the green and also around it on the left hand side. The change has made a huge difference to the hole both from a visual aspect and also to its playability. Trees have been planted on the 4th, 6th, 8th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 14th, 15th and 17th holes and in time these will ensure that wild shots will be penalised.



Aled also hopes to get some work done on the corners of the dog-legs on the 14th and 15th before the end of spring.

The Council has also decided that Aled will take responsibility for deciding on when cleaning and dropping will be allowed. Notices with regard to this will be placed on the notice board at the first tee. Players should ensure that they check the notice board for local rules every day before playing in competition.

**Seamus McHugh**

## ASK NOT....

...what your parish will do for you but rather what will you do for your parish. On the May bank holiday, Monday May 2nd, we are running an inter parish competition for the Ciara McHugh Perpetual Cup. We expect to have 10 parish teams vying for bragging rights for the rest of the year. Captains have been asked to select their best ladies and gents for the contest. The format will be similar to the County Cup with a specific number of cards to count. Players must play for the parish in which they reside. Keep an eye on the notice board in the club house for further information closer to the date.

## WINTER COMPETITION RESULTS

Due to the severe weather conditions this winter many competitions had to be re-scheduled. Many thanks to Harry Walsh who again sponsored the Winter League this year and all who helped with organising and preparing these events!



**Harry Walsh Winter League** Winners with 95 points: Team 1 "Charlie's Angels" Charlie O'Sullivan; 2nd Team 10, Michael Joyce 92 pts; 3rd Team 6, Tom Feerick 92 pts

**Gent Winter Alliance** 1st Paddy Lee, 2nd Ray Pendergast, 3rd Michael Burke

**Captain's Day (Mr. Gerry Sheridan)** 1st Tommie Mellett, 2nd Cian Coleman, Gross: Michael Burke, 3rd Paddy Lee, 4th Noel Ansboro, 5th Timmy Maguire, Front 9 Paul Hynes, Back 9 Michael McManamon

**Ladies Winter Alliance** 1st Maura Joyce, 2nd Anne Treacy, Gross Mary Daly, 3rd Catherine O'Toole, 4th Martina Cummins, 5th Carmel Maloney

## Fashion Show

Angler's Rest, Headford

Fri, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2011

7:30 for 8:00



Ladies & Gents

Catwalk Fashions by:

Deirdre Biggins, Ballinrobe

Kevin Joyce, Headford

Hidden Closet, Tuam

Golfstyle, Galway

Anthony Ryan's, Galway



Entry €15

includes Cheese & Wine

Organised by Ballinrobe Golf Club Ladies Branch - All Welcome!!!