



Newsletter – April 2018

Club News

Major Roadworks

Major roadworks have commenced near the entrance road to the Club. This work is for the new Donabate bypass project. Members will already have experienced some disruption due to the presence of large trucks and the General Manager is in conversation with Fingal County Council to better understand the potential level of future disruption to the Club during the construction phase. The below map is extracted from Fingal County Council documents showing the proposed routing of the new road.



Proshop

David Costigan has taken delivery of many new items of stock in preparation for summer. The following clothing lines will be available: Galvin Green 2018 Spring/Summer, Lyle & Scott Spring/Summer 2018, Ivanhoe Clothing (Danish company clothing), Rohnisch and Footjoy. New golf bags from Titleist and Ping are also available showing the Club crest. Members continued support of David is greatly appreciated.

Ladies Club News

Spring League:

Our very successful I Spring League finished on 15 March with a 9 Hole Shotgun Scramble, followed by Lunch and Prize giving. Luckily we had a beautiful Thursday, in the midst of a very bad weather week. We had roughly 70 for lunch and Danny and staff did us proud, despite all his weather set-backs of the previous weeks.

Teams

Our League Teams got off to a very good start with the very first match played, our Challenge Cup Team, winning their match on Tuesday 13 March. Their second round match is on the 7 April against Luttrellstown in Forrest Little.

We would much appreciate, if, and where possible, Members would come and give support to the Team.

All other Teams playing matches during month of April I give hereunder in chronological order:

Irish Mixed Foursomes - Monday 2 April 3 Pairs at The Island and 2 Pairs at Swords Open.

Intermediate Cup - Sunday 8 April The Island v Malahide at Rush Golf Club

Minor Cup The Island v Hermitage at Grange Castle Golf Club.

Junior Cup The Island v Elm Green at Moyvalley

Junior Foursomes - Saturday 21 April The Island v Rush at Skerries Golf Club

Mary McKenna Trophy - Monday 23 April: The Island v Blackbush at The Island

Please keep an eye on the Notice Board in the Ladies Locker Room for Team Selection, match venues, match times etc. And again we would please ask you to support and give encouragement to your teams. Also the sheet is up looking for players for the Revive Active Fourball Matchplay so please look at it and sign up. The first match is in May.

Ring Competition

This competition runs through the summer months and is played over an 18 hole Singles Competition. Its aim is to achieve the best 18 hole score possible over the period of play. A player has two chances to post the best score on each hole. It gives a player an interest in a round where a good score is unlikely, as one can still aim to score a few 'rings'. Each hole must have a score to complete the competition and 25% of handicap is then deducted.

Juniors

Our Junior Girls got off to a great start this year with some of them taking part in the Junior Development Day in St Anne's on Saturday 24th March. Perfect day and an Easter egg hunt at the end finished things off nicely.

The Junior Programme for 2018 is on the Junior Notice Board in the Corridor and in the Locker Room so you can see what's on for the rest of this busy year.

Lots of coaching thanks to the Fundraising Fashion Show organised by Ladies Club at end of last year.

We will have the next Junior girls Competition on Tuesday 3 April, during girls Easter Holidays and Easter Eggs will feature in the prizes!!

Many thanks to all the volunteers who have offered to help.

If you have a daughter or granddaughter over the age of 8 who would like to join us at any stage, please get in touch with Cathy.

Rules of Golf

Our ILGU Rules Official, Eithne Knight, has very kindly once again agreed to give her time to update everybody on the Rules of Golf. Eithne has agreed to do two Sessions on Thursday 26 April – one session after the first group come in roughly 2pm and the second when the final group come in 4pm/4.30pm.

Friday Night Invitation Nine Hole Competition

The first Friday Night Mixed will commence on Friday 4 May – Tee times reserved from 5pm – 7pm – online booking in operation, open two weeks in advance. We would encourage people to come and kick-start their weekends with 9 holes of golf, meet new people or use it to invite and entertain your friends.

Gertie McMullen

Congratulations to Gertie on finishing 5th in the Spanish International Senior Ladies Amateur in Malaga recently.

Lunchtime Guest Speaker

We are fortunate to get Tomi Reichental to be a Lunchtime Guest Speaker in The Island on Friday 13 April.

Tomi is a Holocaust survivor – he was captured, along with his family at the age of 9 and was deported to Bergen Belsen concentration camp and when he was eventually liberated in 1945, he discovered 35 members of his extended family were murdered.

Tomi tells an amazing real life story – his presentation, after lunch, lasts about 1/1.25 hours followed by questions and answers. Tomi will have copies of his books for sale, with signed dedications, if interested.

Cost: €20 to include lunch at 1pm

Tickets available from The Island Office.

This is a Ticket only event with limited number of places – so book early.

Men's Club News

Inter Club Golf

TEAM	Manager	VENUES	Date
All Ireland Fourball	Pat Desmond	V Links Portmarnock	30 March
Irish Mixed Foursomes	Dermot O'Meara	V Swords	2 April
Barton Cup	John Gartland	V Beaverstown	before 15 April
Metropolitan Cup	George Hurley	V Corballis	before 22 April
Pierce Purcell Shield	Eugene Reilly	Qualifier in Balbriggan	12 May
Barton Shield	Paul Cullen	Qualifier in Balcarrick	26 May
Junior Cup	Mark Fitzpatrick	Qualifier in Forest Little	9 June
Jimmy Bruen Shield	Tom Kelleher	Qualifier in St Anne's	16 June

Senior Cup	Paul Cullen	V Hollywood lakes	23 June
JB Carr	Paul Corkery	TBC	TBC
Uden Cup	Paul Goti	TBC	TBC
Mc Donnell Cup	George Lowe	TBC	TBC
Fingal Seniors	Fred Plunkett	TBC	TBC
Juniors	Willie O'Rourke/ Gerry Sinnott	TBC	TBC

The Fred Daly Juniors playing in The Island progressed on Sunday last in a local derby match against Donabate and are now into the next round. The Andy Desmond Junior Team made a strong start in Balbriggan winning in the morning against Skerries (giving 20 shots) in the first round. However, despite a great battle in tough conditions against Donabate they did not advance to the third round, losing by 5 holes (giving 8 shots).

Match-Play

Entries are now being accepted for the following match-play competitions:

Law Shield Singles - played off scratch
 Island Cup Singles - full handicap allowance
 Mixed Foursomes Full handicap allowance

April Fixtures

Sunday 1	Foursomes
Monday 2	Semi-Open > Fourball any combination & Fourball Mixed
Wednesday 4	Singles
Saturday 7	Fourball > Holmpatrick Cup > winners advance
Sunday 8	Fourball
Wednesday 11	Fourball
Saturday 14	Singles > Webster Cup
Sunday 15	Singles
Wednesday 18	Team of Four
Saturday 21	Fourball V Par O 'Rourke Cup Qualifier
Sunday 22	Fourball
Wednesday 25	Semi Open Fourball
Saturday 28	Medal & Green Option
Sunday 29	Singles

Note

Monday May 21

9 Hole Singles > qualifier for Carnoustie

Men's Committee 2018

Denis Gaffney (Captain), John Prendergast (Vice Captain), Finbar Gaffney (Honorary Secretary), Dermot Moran (Honorary Treasurer), Gerry Sinnott (Junior Convenor), Jim Duggan (Competition Secretary), Andy Nolan (Handicap Secretary), Pat Desmond (Greens Committee) & Ron Keane (Match-Plays).

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