



Men's Club News

January 2018

Captain's Drive In

We are delighted to advise that our Captain's Drive In will take place on Sunday 7 January from 11.15am with a 9 hole shotgun start after the Drive In. We look forward to seeing all our Members in attendance to celebrate the start of Captain Denis' year.



Captain Denis with his Vice Captain, John Prendergast.

Handicaps

The annual review of member's handicaps has been completed as per the GUI guidelines and all affected Members have been notified by post.

The GUI have notified us that changes to the CONGU Handicapping System will come into effect from 1 January 2018. These changes refer to a new category 5 for men and a new category 6 for ladies, with a maximum handicap of 54 for all golfers. There are also a number of other changes relating to mixed tee competitions, supplementary scores and 9-hole medal competitions. Full details have not been published yet by CONGU.

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Inter Club Golf

At recent GUI Delegate meetings a number of changes have been made to the handicap conditions for the 2018 season.

Pierce Purcell Shield - lowest handicap in 2017 no lower than 11 (previously 12) and combined at least 25 (previously 27). In addition, the format for the Pierce Purcell Shield will be changed to Scotch Foursomes for 2018 (previously it was Foursomes).

Jimmy Bruen Shield - lowest handicap in 2017 no lower than 5 (previously 6) and combined at least 15 (previously 17).

Junior Cup - lowest handicap in 2017 no lower than 4 (previously 5).

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Winter League

Some interest in having a Winter League was expressed at the AGM and we have decided that we will run one on an experimental basis from Saturday 13 January to Sunday 11 March. Members who are interested in participating should put their names down on the sheet on the Competitions Board in the locker room. The rules for the Winter League will be as follows.

- It will be a SINGLES 9-hole competition.
- Players must play in the normal competition on the day and must also write WINTER LEAGUE on the top of their cards. Failure to do so will result in that card not being counted for the League.
- The League will be based on Stableford points, regardless of the type of main competition for that day and it will help if you write your Stableford points on the card in addition to the normal scoring for the day's main competition.
- The League will be based on Saturday and Sunday competitions only.

- All cards are eligible with a player's best five cards counting for the league. League results will be based on Total Stableford Points and the cards can be for either front or back nine.
- Domestic Cuts will not apply to the league scores.
- Entry fee for the Winter League is €10 euro which must be paid before the first singles competition. The method of paying this fee will be notified later.

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Men's Committee 2018

We are pleased to advise that your Men's Committee for 2018 is 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.

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Dates for you diary

Wednesday 3 January	Singles 2 x 9 holes
Saturday 6 January	Fourball v Par 2 x 9 holes
Sunday 7 January	Captain's Drive In & 9 hole shotgun
Wednesday 10 January	Fourball 2 x 9 holes
Saturday 13 January	Pinehurst foursomes 2 x 9 holes
Sunday 14 January	Pinehurst foursomes 2 x 9 holes
Wednesday 17 January	4 man team 2 x 9 holes
Saturday 20 January	Singles 2 x 9 holes
Sunday 21 January	Singles 2 x 9 holes
Wednesday 24 January	Fourball 2 x 9 holes
Saturday 27 January	Fourball 2 x 9 holes
Sunday 28 January	Fourball 2 x 9 holes
Wednesday 31 January	3 man team 2 x 9 holes

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Check out https://twitter.com/golfbirdie_app/status/745679501489737728 for a great video of The Island.

