



Captain's Prizes's

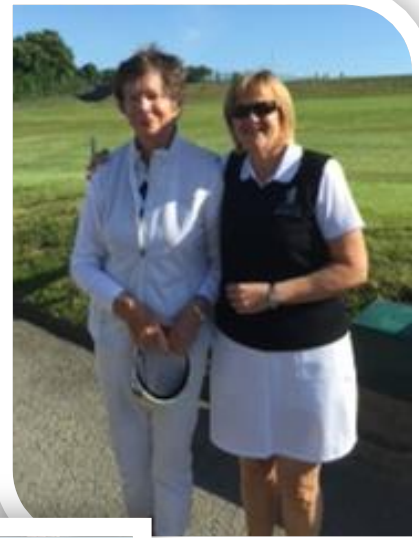


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The ladies getting ready for
the First day of Lady Captain
Brenda Flynn's Prize





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Lady Captains' Corner

It has been a whirlwind three months since the last Tee Times, so I will attempt to do a quick round-up of the highlights! Golf & Lunch for local Lady Captains was held on April 18th – many thanks to all our helpers on the day and especially to Roisin, Fiona and all our flower ladies – the club looked super!

The Centenary Mixed Foursomes was held on Sunday, April 24th and despite having 2 ladies inter club matches and the men's Metropolitan Cup playing on the same day, we had 84 golfers take part. Peter provided a lovely brunch buffet which was enjoyed by all. Congratulations to Carol & Ronan Carberry who won the engraved crystal.

Howth GC hosted the ILGU Inter Club Championships on Tuesday, April 26th. Many thanks to Maura Dillon and her team of helpers – I received a note of thanks from Malahide and many congratulations for the great organisation on the day.

Our first ever, Ladies Day Away, was held at Palmerston Stud GC on Friday April 29th. We were blessed with the weather and had a wonderful day. 51 ladies played golf and we were joined by an additional 4 for dinner. Thanks to all the staff at Palmerston who treated us so well and even gifted us with 4 green fees which we added to our picky-outs!

Centenary Week Celebrations were a major success with unprecedented numbers playing each day. The Centenary Medal was played for on Sunday – 135 members entered; The Monday Nighters all day integrated jamboree had 103; Tuesday Nighters had 62. The Ladies Day integrated team event was sponsored by Home Instead. 10 local clubs participated and the total number of players was 156. Similarly we had 156 for the Thursday Fourball. Our Centenary Matches against Rossmore & West Kent GC took place on Friday, with Howth emerging victorious! A great night of celebration, complete with singing, was had by all. Gifts from both clubs are on display in the trophy cabinet. The week was wrapped up with the Flo Noonan Cup in support of Meals on Wheels. 38 teams entered resulting in €1520 for the charity as prizes were provided from the centenary week funds. A dinner was attended by approximately 90 members and guests and *Home Instead* has indicated they may come on board next year as sponsors.



The Captain's with the winners
Of the Monday Nights, Deirdre & Billy
Ward.

Our Lady Captain with her Centenary
Medal





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Thanks as well to all the convenors, John Robinson, Peter Faherty, Deirdre Ward, Nuala O'Connell, Eddie Hyland, Mary Tynan, Maura Dillon, Pauline Quinn, Maura Dorgan, Gillian Blake, Deirdre Ward, David Coleman & Matt Gahan, the mens and ladies competition committees, and of course to our two vice-captains, Carmel and Michael for their exceptional efforts all week. The buzz in the club all week was palatable.

On June 3rd, we were honoured to host the Captain of the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Gavin Caldwell. It was a formal event preceded by the Former Captains Prize competition – Congratulations to winners Myra Keavney & Michael Gray. Captain Caldwell gave an extraordinary toast to our club and its history – a truly proud moment for all present. He also presented us with a silver salver which is on display in the trophy cabinet.

A Lady Captain's Prize Day just wouldn't be the same without John McGuirk and I am so pleased that he gave up both Saturdays to make sure our event ran on time – hearing stories of HGC and its members over the last 50 years was a privilege and great craic! A word of thanks to Jimmy in the Pro shop who always manages not only to give a smile but get a smile back when solving my latest problem!

While it initially felt strange not to be playing, it was great fun to see everyone off and then start welcoming in the early birds! Having the top 20 within 8 points on the first day, made for exciting speculation! Apologies for the fog on Day 1 – you know I would have blown it away if I could, but hopefully all was forgotten as you soaked up the sunshine on Day 2!

Of course, days like this don't happen by magic and I must thank my hard superb committee who have put in enormous work. To handicap secretary Pat & her assistant, Mary T – a huge thank you for all your hard work in assembling the results which is no small feat given the combined nature of the 2 day event. Setting up the competitions, editing handicaps & determining the 27 prize winners are a painstaking and we are all so grateful for your efforts.

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Mary G handles the financial end of a day like today with total ease and grace – I wish she could give lessons! Collecting the entry fee is one task, trying to organise dinner prepayment is quite another and again, much appreciation.

Our competition team of Nuala, Deirdre, Margaret, Pauline and Maura not only helped in the organisation of last week and today, but managed to pull off a superb Pink Day in the middle, where €3500 was raised for Breast Cancer Research. Photos on the day were taken by Angela McCudden and in my opinion; she captured the sea of pink and good will perfectly! Many thanks Angela! My Guardian Angel, always hovering with a gentle and watchful eye deserves special mention – Mary, thank you so much for the joy of this Captaincy and your constant support and guidance.

And to my extraordinary band of flower ladies led by Roisin, Fiona – Margaret Grainger, Pauline Quinn, Mary P, Bronwyn, Frankie, Joan, Ann Marie, Emer Lyons, Shaun, Therese, Maura Mulhall, Jacyntha, Pat O'Sullivan, Ann Campion, Niamh, Mary Fitz & Breda Swan – Howth Golf Club has been blooming and I am so grateful for all the hard work and talent.

To Catherine in the office, to Course Superintendent Ger Morgan and all the green staff, to the 2 Davids and Geraldine who despite wanting to run a mile when they see me coming, handle each request with a smile and gave us a clubhouse and course to be proud of; - huge thanks.

To Captain Paddy, many thanks for all the support – I thought I was hard working- I have nothing on him and I am so happy to have such an easy Captain to work with. And thanks to Des, who once again gave up a Saturday night to take photos for us and for posterity.

Because it is our Centenary year, the Waterford glass prizes were all engraved to mark the occasion – congratulations to all the winners, especially to Darina McGuirk who held her nerve after a super first day score of 38 points and came back on day 2 with 33. Darina is a most worthy winner and her smile light up the night! Though my year is only half way done, it's not premature to say, thanks for the memories.



Lady Captain Brenda presenting Eamon Walsh with his Centenary Medal.

Captain's Paddy & Brenda with Flo Noonan Trophy winners Kevin O'Riordan, Joe Cremen, Noel Mannion, Brian Dack





Lady Captain Brenda presenting Darina McGuirk with the Lady Captain's Prize.

Darina McGuirk, in her acceptance speech thank her marker, the ladies that wished her all the best during the week.

Darina has been playing in Howth GC for the last 17 year's with her husband Bernard and family. She put her win down to the new driver that she bought off the shelf last Christmas as Bernard was driving around the car park ! During the winter she is seen out most weekend's playing in the winter league or with Carole and Anne. Picture on the right are some of Darina's support team.





Lady Captain Brenda presenting the
Gross Prize to Louise Mahon and
3rd to Valerie Moffatt.



Lady Captain Brenda presenting
Gemma O'Neill with 2nd prize
and Bernadette Grant with the 9 hole prize.
N.B. Brenda previously won Bernadette's
Captain Prize.





Aggregate Winners Eileen Howard, Lesley Phelan, Lady Captain Brenda, Breda Mullally and Mary Lowe.



Aggregate Runner Up Clare Cawley, Pat Slowey, Lady Captain Brenda, Clare Walsh and Kate O'Neill.



Day One Class Winners
Fiona McMorrow, Barbara Reamsbottom, Lady Captain Brenda, Barbara McMullen and Helen Dawkins

Day Two Class Winners
Pauline Quinn, Mary Gray Fitzpatrick, Lady Captain Brenda, Audrey McAdams and Sibeal Cole.





Captain's Corner

Congratulations to Craig McMullen, who was presented with the Captain's prize - a painting by Sorca O'Farrell. Craig had a magnificent 41 points on Day 1 followed by a very good score of 35 points on day 2 in much more trying conditions.



2nd place went to Philip King who had an incredible 41 points on Day two to add to his first day score of 33 points. 3rd place went to the leader after day 1 - Vice-Captain, Michael O'Connor who finished on 73 points and in 3rd place was Joe Cremen, who was a model of consistency with 36 points on Day 1 followed by 35 points on day 2. Gerry Barry scooped the gross prize.

The result of the Captain's prize - was as follows;

Winner: Craig McMullen (7) - 76 points

2. Philip King (15) - 74 points

3. Michael O'Connor (19) - 73 points

4. Joe Cremen (15) - 71 points

Gross. Gerry Barry - 55 points

5. Gerry McCarthy (10) - 70 points

6. Paddy Mahon (13) - 69 points

7. Declan Fallon (13) - 68 points

8. Jeff Fallon (10) - 67 points (L18)

9. Owen Pepper (21) - 67 points

10. Rowan Johnson (16) - 66 points



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DAY 1. Michael Woods (9) - 39 points

DAY 2. Ian Gibson (23) - 36 points

Veterans: Tom O'Connor (10) - 55 points (L18)

Former Captains: Bernard Byrne (14) - 68 points

Committee Prize: Michael O'Neill (17) - 59 points

Class 1: Terence Reddy (12) - 65 points

Class 2: Darrell Reamsbottom (15) - 66 points (L18)

Class 3: Frank Moore (20) - 66 points (L18)

Five Day: Martin Murphy (17) - 38 points

CSS Day 2 = 73 (34 points)

CSS Day 1 = 71 (36 points)

Over the two days a total of 180 golfers participated and the weather behaved with the exception of a few showers and a difficult wind on day 2.



Captain Paddy presenting prizes to
Phillip King, Michael O'Connor and
Gerry Barry





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Lady Captain Brenda present's Captain Paddy with a memento of the day.

Dermot Toomey, Michael Dunphy, Captain Paddy and David Will



Richard Wormald,
Darrell Reasbottom and
Raoul Holden on the 1st tee
With Captain Paddy.



Social Butterfly Column

This edition of Tee Times commences with a very busy Golf season most particularly Centenary Golf Week which was the highlight of Howth Golf Club and commenced on Sunday 22nd May with a Centenary Medal Competition. The day started well but for those who started out later in the day there was rain and rain and rain. Our congratulations to our Lady Captain Brenda and Eamon Walsh on winning such a beautiful prize each during this very prestigious year. A solid silver medal inscribed with the Howth logo in gold. A most treasured prize.

The week followed with integrated Monday nighters, Tuesday nighters, Invitation Four Person team on Wednesday's Ladies Day and Thursday Fourball.

On Friday we welcomed Golf Clubs from West Kent and Rossmore who were also celebrating their centenary year. A Ryder Cup competition format was played and a great day was enjoyed by all. The day was completed with a beautiful dinner and an impromptu sing song that evening. The weather also was kind to everyone.

Saturday the Flo Noonan Trophy was held and everyone was just "golfed out" after such a hectic week.

A very special array of photographs are featured in this edition of the Tee Times and I'm sure these will be looked at in decades to come with great fondness by present and future members of the Club.

Many thanks are extended to all the committees on the organisation of the Centenary week, and special thanks to our Vice Captains Carmel and Michael on the organisation of the visiting teams from Rossmore and West Kent.

As we all know things do not just happen and in talking to many members in the Club each and every one of them was very proud of the professional organisation carried out by the committee members involved and many of whom would also have a "day job".

Vice Captain's Michael and Carmel
with the Centenary Ryder Cup
Match Prize.





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As well as the above golf competitions the social Friday nighters commenced on 10th April and this gives all members, and particularly new members, the opportunity to invite a friend, partner or husband (and on some occasions all three!!!!) for a round of 9 holes of golf followed by supper in the Club. It is a very social occasion and gives the opportunity for members to get to know one another in a relaxed atmosphere.

The Lady Captain Brenda's Competition took place on Saturday the 11th and 18th June. The weather on the first day (11th June) was a dry day but sadly mist came in bursts after 11am. However that did not deter many of our lady golfers most particularly Darina McGuirk who was the leader in the Club House on the first day and brought in a great score of 38 points. The second day on 18th June was sunny and warm and dry from start to finish. All the Ladies were spoilt by the Lady Captain. Each lady received a lovely pen and marker with hold for their visor plus refreshments for our round of golf. The final day was very exciting for all of those golfers who were on the leaderboard.

Lady Captain Brenda's magnificent prize was a 14ct gold triple linked necklace and this beautiful prize was deservedly won by Darina McGuirk, who had a score of 33 points on the second day and with 38 points on the first day gave her a total of 71 points. Congratulations and good wishes were expressed to her by all the lady members of the Club. The runner up was Gemma O'Neill with 67 points the Gross Prize was won by Louise Mahon with 48 points and third prizewinner was Valerie Moffatt with 65 points. There were many other prize winners who were all very fortunate to receive beautiful pieces of Waterford Glass all inscribed this being the Centenary Year. All of these prizes were presented to the Ladies at a most enjoyable dinner which was enjoyed by all the lady members.





The next big event will be Captain Paddy Cooney's competition with the first round on Saturday 25th June and Saturday 2nd July. After two windy days, Craig McMullen was a worthy winner.

The Club Open Week commences on Sunday 10th July until Sunday 17th July. This is an ideal opportunity for all members, both male and female, to promote Howth Golf Club to their families, relatives, and friends.

Saturday 20th August the Husband and Wife Competition will take place, which is an annual event in the Club. This very enjoyable event is followed by dinner and prizegiving in the Club. The O'Mahonys are organising this very popular event this year and look forward to and would appreciate the support of the members for this social day.

The Captains' Charity days will take place on Friday 26th and Saturday 27th August. The Corporate day is €400 a line and includes dinner on the same evening. Saturday 27th August is the members' day. The designated Charity is St. Francis Hospice. This is a very worthy charity and deserves the support of the members and their friends.

On Sunday 28th August, members from Howth Golf Club will make a visit to both Rossmore and West Kent Golf Clubs for a return Ryder Cup competition.

Friday 9th September will be the Centenary Ball, which will be held in Clontarf Castle. The tickets at €60 each are now due for payment. The Ball tickets were sold out within a week of its

Junior Girls with their coach Phillip Ring on their final day of their Introduction to Golf Course. Can you spot the Future winner of the Lady Captain Prize?





National Breast Cancer Day

On Wednesday 15th June (between the Lady Captains Days) was a fund raising team event for National Breast Cancer. The day was magnificent and the course was a “sea of pink” as all the ladies dressed up for the event and many got into the spirit of the “pink day” with boas and wigs and pink grass skirts!!!!. We must also congratulate some male and junior members who also got into the spirit of the day with their pink gear. Congratulations must go to all the members and their guests for making this such a successful day as €3,505 was raised for the Charity which was the main goal for all the members and guests.



Winner's Anne Tyndell and Fiona Murphy receiving their prize from Lady Captain Brenda and Miriam Hand



Eugene O'Neill winner of the Men's 9 hole competition.



Best Dress Ladies
Frankie, Therese, Joan
and Christine &

And Best Dressed
Men!!!!





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Ladies in Pink
Mary Judge, Fiona Stauton,
Ann Colman and Kay Deasy

Lady Captain Brenda with
Miriam Hand, Nora Gahan & Mary
Geraghty.





INTRODUCING OUR COURSE SUPERINTENDENT GERARD MORGAN

Gerard Morgan from The Naul in North County Dublin was appointed Course Superintendent in mid March of this year thereby realising a career ambition of managing a major golf course. There were 35 applicants for the position which were shortlisted to 10 with a final interview conducted by Paddy McGinley Trustee, Brian O Connor Hon Sec, Declan Branigan Consultant Agronomist, and Gerry Barry Course Convenor, confined to three preferred candidates. The board were unanimous in recommending Ger for the position and the club is delighted that he is part of the team which will bring Howth Golf club to a new level in the coming years.

Ger's interest in greenkeeping was sparked by him working during his school holidays at Donabate golf club and after completing his secondary education he commenced a degree course in Horticulture and Sports turf at the National Botanic Gardens and the Institute of Technology Blanchardstown. He graduated with a B.Sc.



In 2008 having come first place in his class and being chosen by the RDS as student of the year - a well deserved accolade which also attracted a €2500 bursary. While studying for his degree he worked part time in Portmarnock golf club and then took up a full time position as Greenkeeper with that club after graduating up until 2011.

Like many young people Ger wanted to gain further experience working abroad and took a position of Assistant Head Greenkeeper at Stavanger Golf Club in Norway during 2012. It has been suggested to him that his Norse experience may well be replicated during some of our winters in Howth! Returning home he joined the greenkeeping staff at The Island Golf Club from January to July 2013 and from there was offered a position by his former club Portmarnock in mid 2013 where he has worked until joining Howth in March of this year. As is usual nowadays your basic qualification is really just a starter position, and as part of his continued professional development, Ger has studied further and has gained an academic qualification in Ecology from Trinity College in addition to operational certificates in the specific areas of Health and Safety, Chemical applications and First Line Management.

Ger's first impression of Howth are very positive - he has little doubt but that we can realise our full potential as a premier golf course and to be included in the top 100 courses in Ireland (no pressure!).



His first year will be one of constant learning about the course and in particular our greens and their various idiosyncrasies and individual characteristics (the 6th, 8th 10th and 14th are particularly troublesome) – he knows already that no two greens are the same and indeed that there are variations even within greens. Courses are judged on the quality of their putting surfaces and Ger has developed a structured programme of feeding, topdressing aeration and rolling which will improve our greens significantly. He is concerned about the quality of our course machinery for which he recommends some serious investment and the Club Council will be addressing this matter in the coming months.

As he admits himself Ger is 'sports turf mad' and while he loves the game of golf, does not have the time to play as much as he would like particularly as he has a one year old son and is in the throes of planning his wedding to his partner Mags in September of this year (sorry to all unattached lady members !). His other interest is in the GAA and as he says himself he is a Meath supporter living in Dublin – his Dad is from the Royal county -- the surprise is that he admitted that given recent happenings in Croke Park .

Ger is a young man of 29 starting out on his career as Course Superintendent here in Howth and has impressed all who have had dealings with him in the last three months. I have no doubt he is and will be a major asset to Howth in the coming years and I'm sure all members will support and wish him well.

Gerry Barry Course Convenor.

View over the
Course from
the new 13th tee
box.





Centenary Week



The West Kent Team with the Captain and Vice Captains.



Rosmore GC Team



Our members enjoying our newly renovated dinning room.



Junior Golf

School holidays herald a very busy period for the Junior Boys Section. It also marks the half way point in the golfing year, and, a time to reflect on aspect of the operation of the Junior Boys' Strategy. A major element was the Recruitment and Induction Programme carried out by Fer Kelly and Ray Collier.

On 22nd June an induction evening was held for parents and boys who joined last year and this year. The evening was also attended by the Club Captains and Council Members. In his address to the assembly George Kearns, Junior Convenor, wished the new members an enjoyable time playing golf, and, a pleasant experience in Howth Golf Club. He also emphasised the etiquette for juniors on the practice areas, club house and on the course. Junior members in their first two years, or, when the Junior Committee decides, must be under adult supervision at all times. Junior Captain, Conor Collier, spoke of the development programme, inter club competitions and communications. The meeting was much appreciated by both the parents and the Junior Boys Sub-Committee.

The major of the inter-club competitions for 2016 have already been decided, and, while no pennants have been won it has been highly successful. The highlight has been the achievement of the U15 team who recorded famous victories over The Island and Portmarnock in the Leinster U15 Inter-Club Competition before losing to Malahide. The junior team reached the Leinster quarter final of the Irish Junior Foursomes, and the semi final of the Andy Desmond Trophy. Throughout the summer the Fingal League of 16 Clubs takes place over eight venues. This competition is excellent for introducing new players to competitive golf. Junior members will, throughout the summer, compete in relevant GUI, Leinster and Open Junior Competitions.

The Junior Committee is actively promoting the Howth Centenary Junior Open on the 12th July.



Robert Gulmann winner of the Centenary Junior Competition receiving his prize from our Lady Captain, Brenda.



Senior Cup Team Triumphant in Baltray



The Howth Senior Cup Team progressed to the quarter-finals of the Leinster Branch section of the GUI Senior Cup competition at Co. Louth Golf Club, Baltray over the week-end, Sat 25 & Sun 26th June.

They beat St. Margaret's GC on Saturday and on Sunday morning overcame Rush GC 4-1.

On Sunday Afternoon they met Co. Meath GC from Trim and after an epic tussle Howth prevailed when John Smyth holed a 10 foot putt on the 18th green to win his match 1 up and the overall contest by 3 -2.

The team was as follows;

Sean Fotheringhame

Brendan Smyth

Conor Collier

John Smyth

Niall Bermingham

The manager, Eddie Hyland, did a wonderful job managing & motivating the team and in getting additional practice for the team at the Montgomery course in Carton House.

It should be noted that the combined handicap of the Co. Meath GC team was 3 and the combined handicap of the Howth team was 14. Well done to one and all.

The quarter final takes place at Laytown-Bettystown Golf Club on Saturday August 27th at 9.20 am against Qualifier A from the Elm Park qualifying day.

Our Best Cup Team, on Thursday 30th June, overcame a very strong Powerscourt team who were finalists last year to reach the Semi-final of the competition. Well done to Fred Newell and his team.

On Sunday 3rd July Howth qualified for the semi-final of the McDonnell Cup by beating Clontarf in a nail-biting match winning all 4 matches at home, with two of the matches going down the 19th and another finishing on the 18th green. Congratulations to Muiris Heron and his team.



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Centenary Year 2016



The Details of 30 Days Trial Membership at Howth Golf Club are:

Subscription: €150.00

Benefits

- Play Golf Monday through Sunday, outside of competition times.
- 30 day consecutive. ie Join on the 15th of the month and you can play until the 14th of the following month,
- Participate in Club Socials and Events
- Discounted Buggy Hire
- Discounted Room Hire for Meeting's & Social Events
- Full Use of All Club Facilities
- Full use of the Practice Facilities

Terms & Condition's

- No Voting Rights
- Must be booked on the timesheet through the office before play
- The club will not issue a handicap
- Must be a full time resident in Dublin
- This offer is only for 30 Day and cannot be renewed.
- Not eligible to play in Club Competitions

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