



Howth Golf Club

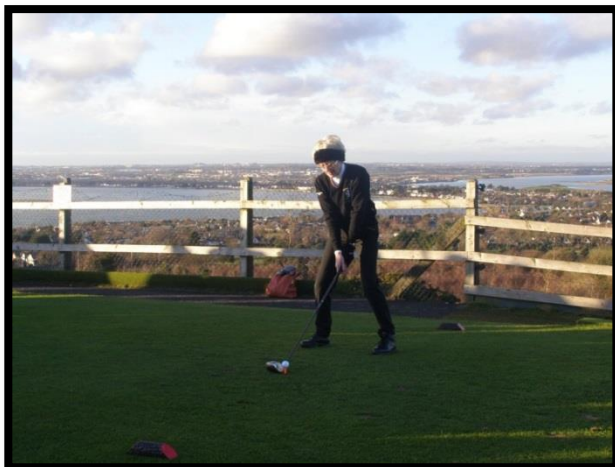
Tee Times

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## ***The Captains' Drive-In***



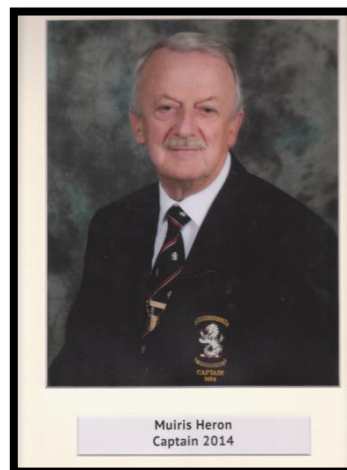
**Lady Captain Breda and Captain Muiris at  
their drive in on January 4<sup>th</sup> 2014**



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### *The Captains' Corner*



Firstly we would like to thank our nominating Captains, Therese and Eamonn. Also many thanks to the members and staff for their very kind and sincere wishes of support for the year ahead.

January 4<sup>th</sup> 2014 will go down as a perfect day – an oasis of sunshine from dawn to dusk. It was also the day of our Captains' Drive-In and celebration, which in itself went off perfectly. Many thanks to Des Gilroy and his musical ensemble, which created a wonderful atmosphere. To Bert for blowing his horn so eloquently, and thanks also to Sean O'Sullivan for acting as MC and making the occasion run so smoothly. Not forgetting Paddy Keenan, and also Paddy Harford for retrieving the balls. Finally our sincere thanks to the members, our guests and our staff for making it a very memorable day.



SUPPORTING LADY CAPTAIN 2013, THERESE, THROUGH HER CAPTAINCY DETOX ARE JOYCE HANRAHAN, VERA O'BRIEN AND PADDY HINKSMAN.



THREE BOTH SUCCESSFUL AND SUCCESSIVE LADY CAPTAINS, AVEEN MAGNER-LYONS (2012), GILLIAN BLAKE ( 2010 ) AND BRED A MULLALLY (2011) HOST PETER FAHERTY AND PHILIP MULLALLY.



### ***The Captains' Corner Cont'd***

That was nearly two months ago, so what's been happening since then?

On the Ladies side the Winter League is just coming to a conclusion, thanks to Gillian and her ladies for keeping everyone motivated, also there was great interest shown in the Round Robin match-play which started this year, and hopefully will continue next year under the guidance of Mary Judge. The 12 hole Lamb Competitions are just about to finish, so overall the ladies have had a busy Autumn/Winter season.

On the Men's side our very popular Winter League is also coming to a conclusion with some of the usual suspects already turning into the 'home straight', and with some I feel easing up on the whip. Handicap secretary please note!

If you are keen to play on any inter-club team please refer to the criteria as set out on the notice-board.

With 'Summer Time' on the horizon we are looking forward to a very active year with many extra competitions in our diary. As a consequence we seriously need more volunteers to act either as starters or to close off competition reports. An hour every few weeks would be a great help. Full training where required will be given.

Both Ladies and Men's preparations are already underway for our Inter-club Team Competitions, with coaching and practice going on. Many managers have been seen with binoculars talent-spotting, so Lads and Lassies keep on top of your game. Many thanks to those members who have agreed to serve on committees and sub-committees, manage teams, and you the players who give up so much of your time to practice, play and caddie on the teams, we wish you all an enjoyable and successful season.

Membership is holding up and we ask members to make a concerted effort to welcome new members.

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### **March Madness** **Membership Promotion**

***Offer must expire March 31, 2014!***  
***For full details, contact our General Manager, Darragh Tighe***







### *The Captains' Corner Cont'd....*

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February we hosted a Captains' Music Circle evening, which was attended by over sixty members and guests. A success by all accounts.

We strongly recommend members to support the various social activities held in the club – drama, music circle, bridge, indoor bowling, and snooker.

We wish our new Caterers Anthony Chesterton and Lisa Flynn a long and successful association with Howth Golf Club.

To our sponsors, we thank them for their continued support to the club in these difficult economic times, and we encourage members to support them whenever possible.

Both of us wish our Vice Captains Mary Judge and Joe Richardson an enjoyable year and thank them for their much appreciated support. Best of luck also to Robbie Hynes our junior captain.

We wish you all, Good Health, Happiness, and Good Golf in 2014.

“With Light Hearts and Cheerful Spirits”!



AN INNOVATION FOR 2014, WHEN CLUB VICE-CAPTAINS JOE AND MARY PRESENT CAPTAINS BRED A AND MUIRIS WITH THEIR CLUB PHOTO PORTRAITS AS WELL AS THEIR CAPTAINS' PINS.



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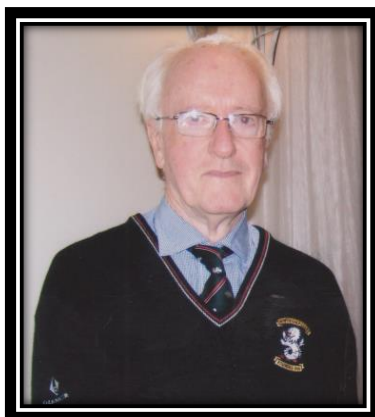
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### ***Council Matters***



**Veronica Baker**  
Hon. Treasurer



**Liam Cahill**  
Council Chairperson



**Brian O'Connor**  
Hon. Secretary



**Breda Swan**  
Lady Captain



**Muiris Heron**  
Captain



**Gerry Barry**  
Course Convenor



**Brenda Flynn**  
Marketing

The new Council Members are just about getting used to their roles and whilst the Chairman has been involved in Club activities for many years, Brian O'Connor and Veronica Baker are new. Both of them have broad business experience and it is already evident in how well they have fitted into their roles of Hon Secretary and Hon Treasurer.

The decision of the Council not to support the Course development plan was not taken lightly. Given the short timeframe of the new Council being in situ, advice was taken to assist us in arriving at a decision. HGC was successfully guided through the stormy 2008/2012 period by former Hon Treasurers and the Council and we believe we need to be prudent about the Clubs finances.

Gerry Barry, the Greens Convenor, has proposed that some of the smaller works at the top of the course should proceed and the Council is in full agreement with this. We recommend that an outline of the proposed work should be submitted and, provided that none of the works require Members' approval, they can proceed.

We are pleased that the new arrangements for under 30 golfers were passed by the Members recently. Wishing you all fair weather and good golf.

Liam Cahill  
Chairman



### ***Young Guns***



#### ***In Conversation with our Junior Boys Captain, Robbie Hynes.***

'I joined Howth Golf Club when I was 10 years old. I was on the Fred Daly team which reached The Leinster semi-final. I represented the club 13 times at senior level and won twelve times. I won back to back club championships in 2012 and 2013. My total was +3 and I won by countback against Ross Moore and in 2013 my total was -1 helped by a 68 in the first Round.

My proudest moment in golf personally was playing with Shane O'Hare and winning 6 and 5 in Athy in the Jimmy Bruen quarter finals. Unfortunately the team lost but on a personal level, myself and Shane were very pleased how our match went.

This year we have lost some of our star, and like Man United are in transition. We have lost great players such as Kevin and Simon but I still feel positive on our chances in the Andy Desmond and Irish Junior Foursomes with our four latest upcoming start Michael, Tom and Tim.

I love the senses of team spirit and competition bring out the best in my game. There is nothing better than after you have won your match and shook hand.

All our junior have a killer instinct to finish out a match when selected to play. I owe a lot to Robert Herssens and especially Errol Golding for without them I would not be where I am today. I am looking forward to working with the 2014 Junior convener, Mossie Connolly.

I am at present in St Fintan High School doing my Leaving Cert.'



### *Junior Captain's Drive In – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2014*



THE CLUB WAS DELIGHTED TO WELCOME ROBBIE'S FAMILY TO HIS JUNIOR CAPTAIN'S DRIVE-IN. (L TO R); BROTHER ALEX, MUM HILLARY, ROBBIE AND DAD FRANK.





### *In Conversation with ...*

#### **Ann Coleman**



Ann Coleman is a member of HGC since 1974, and while there is no clear evidence, it is widely suspected that she joined the Club in her early teens!

Shortly after joining HGC Ann won, the 'Beginners Prize', which had been donated by a past Lady Captain, Joan Bunworth. Not content with the 'Beginners Prize', Ann went on to win the much coveted Lady Captains (Maeve Mullen) Prize shortly after. In her innocence Ann thought that she was a real 'golfer' now, and could possibly win this popular competition many times!!!!.....alas, the reality check! Ann has a host of really funny anecdotes, picked up over her long & successful association with HGC.

During this short 40 years, Ann's contribution to the Club has been significant; she has served on numerous committees, and also represented the Club on the Eastern District of the ILGU for 4 years.

Over the years Ann has represented the Club on various Teams, some of which were very successful, and others not so however, Ann has always been very proud to wear the 'HGC team colours'.

Ann was Lady Captain in 1988, her male counterpart that year was Nesson Griffin. That same year she was instrumental in starting the Foresomes Matchplay competition, sponsored by John McGuirk and this highly popular competition continues to the present day. Ann currently manages the Junior Cup Team, and is hopeful that 2014 will be their year of triumph!!

Ann thoroughly enjoys her involvement with the Club, and the many friendships she and her husband David have made throughout their long association with it. She is a popular member, who has contributed in many ways to the growth and success of Howth Golf Club, and continues to do so.

Ann was made a Trustee of the Club, following the untimely death of another great lady, Brid Healy. Congratulations Ann - truly well deserved!





### ***The Social Butterfly***

The Social Butterfly took a rest over the Christmas period but from her sources heard that a wonderful evening was enjoyed by all who attended the New Year's Eve Dinner on 31<sup>st</sup> December, the closing social event for 2013. It was supported and enjoyed by approx 80 members and friends. An excellent meal was provided by Kyle Catering. The music by the Band "Twinkle Toes" and as their name suggests were superb for dancing and ringing in 2014. The Captains' Drive In which will be outlined in more detail in another section of the Tee Times took place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2014. The day started with a shot gun start for approx 150 members taking part in a 4 person team competition. All the golfers returned back to the Club House only to be greeted with music from a lively Jazz Band. The serious proceedings then commenced when our Lady Captain Breda and Captain Muiris did us proud with their golf shots all taken with a GIANT GOLF CLUB. Everyone adjourned to the Clubhouse where welcome speeches by both our gracious Captains was followed by a buffet meal served by the catering staff of Howth Golf Club. Our sincere thanks to the Catering Staff and the Bar Staff for the wonderful manner in which they looked after such a large attendance..

The first social event for 2014 was a play called "Tom Crean – Antarctic Explorer" held on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January. Aidan Dooley, its creator and performer, has won Best Actor Awards at numerous worldwide festivals and we were thrilled to have him perform for our members in Howth Golf Club. Thanks to all those who came along and had a most entertaining evening. With over 200 members and guests in the Carrickbrack Room, a new record was set for Howth Golf Club, and the room was able to seat all comfortably. Regrettably, we could not fit everyone in, so sincere apologies to over seventy people who could not get tickets for the event.



**Captain Muiris, Lady Captain Breda with actor and writer , Aidan Dooley**



### ***The Social Butterfly cont'd***

The next event on the Social Calendar was held on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February for all the Romantics in Howth Golf Club – Valentines Night. A beautiful meal was again supplied by Kyle Catering. The cabaret guests on the night were Malahide Golf Club Singers with Jenny McCabe, their musical director, are very well established in music circles. A wonderful evening was enjoyed by over 80 members and their guests.



An Irish Hooley Night was again arranged to celebrate St. Patrick's Festival Week on Friday March 14. This night has become one of the liveliest and most enjoyable social nights in Howth Golf Club over the past three years. We were entertained once again by The Kelly Band, whose mix of traditional Irish tunes, comedy and good humour has made them a huge success. We were also treated to the expertise of the young dancers from the Scoil Rince Reanna School of Irish Dancing. Other social events are being planned by Eileen Gilroy and the Social Committee so keep an eye on the website for details!





### ***New Kids on the Block***

Yet again we are into a New Year of Tee Times.... around the golf course touches of spring are to be seen with the appearance of buds on trees and other spring awakenings. While some of us players have been in hibernation during the cold winter a lot of hard work has been going on by our different committees particularly our Marketing and Communications Committee which has been working relentlessly to entice new members to HGC. The latest events being promoted are our 'March Madness Friends and Family Promotion' and 'Introduction to Golf 6 Weeks Membership Offer' which we hope will entice new members to our club. As a result of last year's successful 'Oktoberfest' we have some new members which include Kevin Foster, Michael Dempsey, and Patrick Smyth. To these and the other new members who are listed below we wish them all a warm welcome aboard.

One of our youngest 'newbies' to date is Karen Kaveh whom we caught up to hear how she is settling in. In her own words...

*"A group of friends and I had been talking for a while about taking up golf so when the 6 week introduction course with Darragh was on last March we decided to give it a try ! Everyone was very friendly and encouraging. As a tennis player I have seen quite a number of friends taking up golf in the last few years so I have decided to give it a go! Anyone who plays seems to get hooked so I decided at the beginning of 2014 to join Howth Golf Club and see if I will get hooked on golf too!"*

### ***A warm welcome to our new Members ....***

Wilfred Cote	Philip Munnelly	Mary Lowe	John Griffin	Barry Doyle
Ailin Doyle	Karen Kaveh	Janet Wilson	Val Kelly	Aisling Duignan
Michael Duignan				



**New member Karen Kaveh**



### **Report on the EGM, Howth golf club, 3/3/14**

A motion was passed to alter the junior / student and intermediate membership categories at Howth golf club. There was an unanimous support for these proposals.

#### **The changes resulted in the following categories**

**Junior membership** – for members under 20 yrs, €200 / year

**Intermediate membership** – for members aged 20 – 27 yrs. €450

**Non voting 7 day membership** – for members 28 + 29 yrs, a discount will apply, amounting to not greater than a 33.3% reduction of the full membership fee. The previous options were a Junior A and B membership, these have been replaced by a junior membership to 19 yrs. The previous student and intermediate memberships have been replaced by an intermediate membership which applies for members age 20 – 27 years.

Then for those aged 28 and 29 years, there is a 7 day non voting membership which is discounted to a maximum of 33.3% of the full membership fee.

### **Junior Golf News**

Our Junior had there first competition in the February haft term and it was well supported. We played a match against St Ann's and it was a 2 all draw.

All junior who would like to attend our March Junior coaching it has started on Tuesday evening between 6.45 and 8.00 in Fingal Driving range.

Senior Junior coaching is on on Friday between 7.30 and 9.00

Mossie Connolly  
Junior Convener



**A special note of appreciation to social committee member and photographer extraordinaire,  
Des Gilroy**





### **Louise Mahon Captain of The Leinster Ladies Alliance.**



Our club member Louise Mahon also has the honor of being the captain of The Leinster Ladies Alliance, which has eighty lady members from 35 clubs throughout Leinster. Handicap range is 9 and under and they have six outings from October to March in The Grange for the PGA Tankard, Milltown for the President's Prize, Killiney, Killen Castle, The Island and Howth.

They play 14 fourball matches against the men's sections of clubs throughout Leinster and also one match against the Munster Ladies Alliance.

They also have a singles and foursomes matchplay running throughout the season.

All the outings and matchplays give points for golfer of the year. In Howth we have five ladies that are members.

Louise Captains Prize will be held in Howth on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> of March and it will be an 18 hole single strokes.

A busy year...



### Men Winter League 2013/ 2014

#### FINAL STANDINGS

#### STABLEFORD POINTS

1 <sup>st</sup> Joe Richardson (17)	129
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tom O'Connor (8)	121
3 <sup>rd</sup> Declan Fallon (13)	119
4 <sup>th</sup> Michael A O'Neill (18)	117
GROSS - Eoin Moore (8)	108
5 <sup>th</sup> Finntan Archer (16)	116
6 <sup>th</sup> Stan O'Neill (18)	115
7 <sup>th</sup> George Reid (12)	111
8 <sup>th</sup> Fank McKenna (11)	111
9 <sup>th</sup> Gerry Hurley (16)	110
10 <sup>th</sup> Dan Moore (18)	109
CLASS 1: Terry Reddy (12)	106
CLASS 2: Paul Guinee (16)	110
CLASS 3: Owen Pepper (19)	116

Many thanks to all our competitors who turned out and played in pretty tough conditions over the last two months. Just over 850 rounds (9 holes) were played over the course of the Winter League.

A Winter League prize giving evening will take place, at a date and time to be decided, in the near future. All are welcome and you will be advised as soon as it is arranged

### Ladies Winter League 2013/2014

The Ladies winter league is run from October till February and is played in four group of 14 in a Four ball v Par format. We had our final day on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> followed by lunch in the club house. Below is the list of winner.

#### **Eager Eagles**

1<sup>st</sup> Barbra McMullan  
2<sup>nd</sup> Carmel Walshe  
3<sup>rd</sup> Ann O'Boyle  
= 4<sup>th</sup> Mary Beddy  
Kate O'Neill

#### **Pheasant Runners**

1<sup>st</sup> Carmel Brennan  
2<sup>nd</sup> Emer O'Hallon  
=3<sup>rd</sup> Jan Ives  
Audrey McAdams  
5<sup>th</sup> Maura Mulhall  
6<sup>th</sup> Sandra Cawley

#### **Blue Tits**

1<sup>st</sup> Aveen Magner Lyons  
2<sup>nd</sup> Maura Dorgan  
=3<sup>rd</sup> Syliva Kennedy  
Mary McLean  
5<sup>th</sup> Bronwyn Reilly

#### **Tigers Cubs**

=1<sup>st</sup> Margaret O'Halloran  
Anne Tyndall  
3<sup>rd</sup> Alice Kissane  
4<sup>th</sup> Emer Lyons  
5<sup>th</sup> Mary Gray Fitzpatrick  
=6<sup>th</sup> Mary Judge  
Deirdre Ward



Barbara McMullan with Ann O'Boyle



Deirdre Ward with Emer Lyons

## Some of the many winner in the ladies winter league



Carmel Brennan with Mary Tynan



Fiona McMorrough with Aveen Mager Lyons



### Ladies Section Prize Giving on the 5th March 2014



Lady Captain Breda Swan presenting  
Louise Mahon with the Scratch Cup for 2013

Lady Captain Breda Swan presenting  
Jassy O'Siochain with the Golf of The Year  
trophy for 2013



Lady Captain Breda Swan presenting the  
Hi Low Trophy to Ann O'Boyle and Roisin  
Fitzgerald.





***Scenes from the Ladies Winter League Luncheon Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2014***





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