



Howth Golf Club

Tee Times

Spring Edition 2017



*Captain's Drive In*

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### ***Captains Cournier***

It is a great honour to be elected Captains' of Howth Golf Club and we hope to serve you well in this, the 1st year of the new century in the history of the Club.

The Drive - In on the 7th of January, held in beautiful Spring weather, was a great start to 2017 & a memorable day for both of us. It was preceded by a 4 person team event, shotgun start @ 11am. The palpitations were high as we teed up and thankfully, the golf balls landed on the 1st fairway and not in Deerpark. This was followed by lunch at which 186 people attended. Thank you all for your support and good wishes which was much appreciated. To Sandra, Marcel & staff who provided us all with a fantastic meal on the day & again on the 'Valentine' & 'Italian' nights.

Junior Captain Matthew Duignan had his Drive - In on the 8<sup>th</sup>, another beautiful day. Juniors are a source of pride in HGC making a big contribution to our teams especially the very successful Senior Cup team. By the time of going to print we will have had our Junior golf fundraiser which we hope will contribute to the development of Golf and assist our lower handicap players to play in some of the major tournaments around the country. Best of luck to all our Juniors in the coming year.

Our thanks to Des Gilroy, our resident photographer for taking photographs at all the events and having them displayed in the bar so quickly. He organised a wonderful Show on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, "A night with Sean O'Casey" plus another entertaining night promised on 31<sup>st</sup> March with Susie Kennedy's show – "As time goes by".

Both Winter leagues have now finished and were very successful, our thanks to Gillian Guinness for spearheading the Ladies once again with her Team Managers, Fiona Mc Morrow, Julie Cassidy & Geraldine Maguire & to Marie O'Brien for managing the weekend League. (Pictures further on in the magazine). To Michael O'Neill and Kevin O Riordan for organising the Men's Winter League. Congratulations to the Winner - Eoin Moore.



We said goodbye to Catherine Mc Cann our Office Administrator for 14 years. Catherine has gone to Skerries Golf Club where she is once again working with Darragh Tighe. There was a large attendance at her farewell in January when our President - Ann Coleman made a presentation and thanked her for her contribution over the years. We wish Catherine every happiness and success in the future.

Another departure from the Club was Jimmy Tully, while not a direct employee of the Club, his contribution was enormous & will be missed by us all. We had the honour of presenting Jimmy with Honorary Life Membership. Jimmy has moved to the Kinsealy Driving Range, so not too far away. We wish Jimmy well and hope to see him back soon, this time playing the Course.

Congratulations to the Snooker team and Team Manager Stuart who won the North Dublin League for the first time since 2000.

Our thanks to Simon for his continued support, Ger Morgan for the great work he has done on the course and our Caterers for fantastic food.

Our thanks must also go to our 2 Committees & the many volunteers for all their hard work to make golf possible for us.

There is a number of issues with the Fixtures Diary, changes will be emailed on a monthly basis & posted in both locker rooms.

May you all enjoy your golf in 2017, drive straight and putts fall.  
We wish all our Teams every success.

Captains' - Michael & Carmel





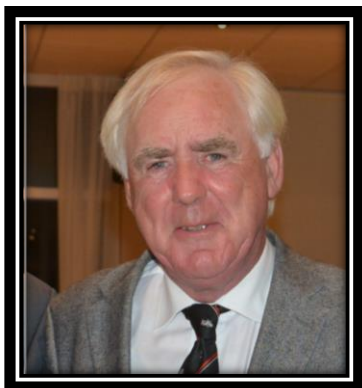
## The Captains and their Families





### Our New Trustees

With a new council , we also have two new trustees in place.



**Gerry Barry**



**Aveen Magnier Lyons**

#### **Aveen Magnier Lyons**

Aveen Magnier Lyons is no stranger to Howth Golf Club. Both her parents were former captains as was her brother, Paddy Archer. In fact, Aveen was lady captain in 2012 and is currently a Trustee of Howth Golf Club, both of which she considers to be great honours. She decided to join Howth Golf Club in 1962 with money she received in a Christmas card from her uncle! Aveen remembers her father receiving a letter dated January 10<sup>th</sup>, 1962 (which she still has) from Howth Golf Club confirming her election as a juvenile member. Also included in this letter was a number of new initiatives setting out what the club offered – tuition in etiquette, golf lessons for 6d and membership for juveniles which was the princely sum of 1 guinea and 2 guineas for students. Aveen mentioned that she felt like a dinosaur in relating this memory – most certainly not!!

Her earliest recollection of Howth Golf Club is being brought, as a child, up to the then club by her parents, which is today's snooker room. Aveen recalls that the 60's was a very vibrant time in the club, particularly the late 60's when there was a social in the club every Saturday night. There was always someone willing to play the piano and start a singsong; there was great talent performing which included the likes of Joe Cuddy and Susanne Murphy. The 70's found Aveen very involved with raising her family and so it wasn't until the 80's that she found her feet in golf.

Although too modest to say so, Aveen played on the winning 4<sup>th</sup> team in the ILGU Autumn Team matches. She was also on the winning McLaughlin Trophy competition and won the All-Ireland Granard Trophy with Breda Mullally.



Aveen managed the 3<sup>rd</sup> team of the ILGU Intermediate (2003) and the last winning Lady's Fingal Team (2006). Sadly, we haven't won anything since. Aveen was on the Greens Committee while Gerry Barry was Chairman and she is very complementary of him for the improvements made during that time. Coincidentally they are now both Trustees of Howth Golf Club.

The biggest changes in her time was the building of the existing club house, which she terms as the 'new club', and the huge improvements to the overall course. She professes to being a better caddy than a golfer as she did a lot of it in her time. She admits to being a hit or miss golfer but 'has had her moments'. I think she has had many great moments and Aveen, thank you for giving us these moments and walking us down your memory lane of Howth Golf Club.

### **Gerry Barry**

I managed to catch up with Gerry Barry one evening around 9:30. He chuckled that the call was a welcome relief to the 'more bad than good of the main evening news programme'.

Gerry refers to himself as a 'relative blow in' to HGC having joined as a mid-week member in 2001 and a couple of years later he 'paid the big lump sum' to become a fulltime member. However, he quickly made his mark in the club. Recognising his expertise in parkland and landscape, Paddy Archer encouraged Gerry to join the Greens Committee in 2006 and thus started a 10-year era of Paddy utilising his expertise to further the development of HGC course. He became Chair of the committee in 2008 and was invited to become Course Convenor in 2010.

In his own modest way, Gerry says it took him a few years to 'gain his feet' but he quickly started a phase of steady improvements which, as members, we have the pleasure of enjoying today. When asked what was the most significant development in recent years he suggests the approval of the Course Development Pan in 2013 was important involving as it did the following

- 9 new bunkers;
  - Re-configured 'The Tank';
  - New tee boxes at the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and upgrading of many others;
  - Major works on drainage;
  - Replacing the 'very deep' drain at the 11<sup>th</sup> tee box with a friendlier dry drain.
  - Many other 'little items' including new spinneys
- clearly a lot of effort expended by both himself and the grounds team.





However, when pushed on the question of the biggest achievement, he is very clear and enthused with his answer – the recently appointed new Course Superintendent - ‘A new conductor of the band’. He believes we have made a great choice and it will take the course to a new level. In his own words ‘We now have a great platform to build on to achieve the rank of one of the top 100 courses in Ireland’.

Gerry has now moved on to become one of the clubs Trustees and he laughs when he muses if it will allow him to take out the whip every now and then. When you look at Gerry’s career it’s easy to see why he was a ‘duck to water’ in his involvement with course development – he was City Parks Superintendent with Dublin City Council for 20 years until retirement in 2011. He has a particular fondness for the many variety of trees throughout the course and describes it as being similar to an expansive park - the only difference being that he is allowed hit a golf ball around this one!!

### ***Bridge Results***

Molly Waters Trophy  
Winners.

Marie Stanley and Mary  
Judge been presented  
with the trophy from the  
Howth GC Bridge  
President  
Frankie Lappin.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sheila Nolan &  
Bridget Leavy,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Mary Plunkett &  
Carmel MacCanna





### ***Juniors News.***

The Junior golfing year began as usual with the Junior Captain's Drive-In on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January. Matthew Duignan drove off in beautiful sunny weather and he was followed by a very good turnout of Juniors and judging by the standard of driving, the future of Junior golf in Howth looks bright! The Drive-In was followed by a nine-hole competition and afterwards everyone adjourned to the clubhouse for food, prize-giving and speeches. The Captain, Lady Captain and Club President all addressed the Juniors and their parents and affirmed their support for the Juniors in the club. Matthew made an excellent speech in which he thanked George Kearns for all the work he had done with the Juniors over the past two years as Junior Convenor. He also made special mention of the help that he personally and Juniors in general have received from Errol Golding in the whole area of training. George then spoke of his involvement with the Juniors and wished everyone involved every success for the future. He also expressed his continuing support for the Juniors in his new role as Vice-Captain.







I think everyone present agreed that George's tenure as Junior Convenor has been a tremendous success and he has put in place a firm structure for the future. It is a testament to the amount of hard work and commitment he has put into this section of the club.

The Junior Sub-committee held its first meeting of the year in January to plan for the coming year. Junior competitions will be held on Friday mornings from 9.30 to 11.00 during school holidays i.e. summer, Easter, mid-term breaks and Christmas. Coaching has already commenced and is provided by Karl Herbert at the Kinsealy Driving Range. This began on 27<sup>th</sup> February and runs for five weeks on Monday and Wednesday evenings at 7pm. We are planning to run training sessions for the younger Cadets in the coming months at the club. We are delighted that Errol Golding has agreed to act as Team Manager and this year he will be ably assisted by Brendan Smyth.

A Sub-committee was set up in February to revise the Junior Guidelines and the revised document was approved to by the club council. These new Guidelines will be circulated to the parents of all Junior members shortly. The new Child Officer in the club is Karl Dunne. To supplement email communications with parents a new Whatsapp group has been created. If any parents are not yet members of this group and wish to be please contact the Junior Convenor.

This year it was decided to hold a four person team competition on the 4<sup>th</sup> March and all proceeds were to go to supporting Junior Golf in the club. However despite strong support from members and friends, the heavy downpours of the night before meant the course was closed and the fundraiser was rescheduled for St. Patrick's Day. It was very heartening to see the strong turnout again for the re-run of this event. Hopefully, this will be an annual event.

Joe Cremem  
Junior Boys Convenor





### Course Report

I attended my first Council meeting as Course Convenor on 14 December 2016 and two further meetings in January & February 2017. The key issues to be addressed were,

Put a greens/course sub-committee in place

Agree the priorities for the course winter programme

Address the issues & progress the proposals to resolve the illegal pathway on Howth Golf Club lands (adjacent/parallel to the 16<sup>th</sup> fairway).

Progress the proposals to improve the public right of way from the 18<sup>th</sup> tee across the course at the back of the 17<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> greens and across the 3<sup>rd</sup> fairway.

#### **Greens Committee**

The Greens Committee members are the Vice-Captains, Derval Magann & George Kearns and the Captains' nominees, Mary Judge & Michael A. O'Neill. The greens committee has had two meetings (Jan & Feb).

The basic remit of the greens committee is to ensure that the strategic plan, adopted at the SGM on 14 November 2016, as it relates to the course, is implemented. This can be summarised as follows,

#### **Vision**

Our course will be a challenge for the best while playable by all. As part of the stewardship of our heritage, we will preserve our natural surroundings and maintain our superior views.

#### **Mission**

The mission of HGC is to provide our members and guests with a first class golfing experience that is enjoyable, accessible and welcoming.

The golf course will be maintained consistent with best practice standards so as to deliver superior playing surfaces.

#### **Golf Course Objectives**

To maintain our course and its environs to the highest standard for the enjoyment of a unique golfing experience by all members & visitors and to continue to maximise the potential of the course through a programme of agreed improvements. The course should be a fair challenge for the best golfers and playable for all levels of golfing skills.

#### **Actions Required**

1. Implement a structured sustainable maintenance programme appropriate for the course and in line with best practice
2. Continue the current over seeding programme with the objective of achieving Bent/Annual Meadow grass (Poa) greens.
3. Complete the course improvement works approved by the SGM in 2013 (tees, drainage etc.),



4. Improve efficiency of the irrigation system
5. Improve on-course signage etc.
6. Remove unnecessary obstacles to the enjoyment of our golf course.
7. Implement a flora management programme with the objective of encouraging naturalised heather habitats, restricting gorse encroachment and controlling invasive species.
8. Liaise with Fingal Co. Co. with a view to resolving issues relating to the existing Right of Way across the course, and the illegal access route adjacent to the 16<sup>th</sup> fairway.
9. Continue to maintain the 'Cottage' at the 18<sup>th</sup> tee in sound structural condition
10. Acquire over a 3-year period the fleet of top class machinery necessary for the efficient and sustainable management of the course and environs.
11. Enhance the practice ground with practice mats, nets, (and a covered bay).
12. Acquire additional buggies (and eventually construct a buggy shelter).

As you can see the strategic plan lays out quite an ambitious programme, which will take at least 3 years to implement.

### **Winter programme on the course & on going course work maintenance**

#### **(a) Winter programme**

The winter programme for the course has now ended for this winter (end of Feb). The priority was to address items (vi) & (vii) of the actions in the strategic plan (outlined above). It will not be possible to continue with this kind of work once the growing season gets under way and the full attention of the course superintendent and his staff will be the presentation of greens, tees and fairways for the prime golfing season.

The gorse clearance on the second hole between the first and second elevations addressed the objective of removing unnecessary obstacles to the enjoyment of the golf course. If we had not cleared this gorse and just allowed the gorse and trees to grow uninterrupted, the hole would be all but unplayable by the average golfer in a few years. It also allows players playing their second shot on this hole to have a clear and uninterrupted view of the whole target area (green and surrounds).

The clearance of the gorse on the left at the second elevation (2nd hole) is designed to support the heather by removing an aggressive competitor (Common Gorse or furze).



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At the 14<sup>th</sup> the trees on the left at the approach to the green were encroaching to the point of making a difficult second shot impossible for the average golfer. This tree stand was under grown with gorse and briars and just slowed up play. In addition the trees are not native or natural to the Howth terrain, were in poor condition, growing at odd angles (one was growing almost parallel to the ground), and were not planted by the club.



On the 16<sup>th</sup>, the ornamental/groomed gorse was removed from the new spinney on the right. The spinney of trees is well established and the under sown gorse was unnecessary and causing delay in searching for golf balls.

The objective on all the par 3's is, in so far as is possible, to have a clear view of the green and the hazards surrounding the green. The clearance of gorse at the 8<sup>th</sup> broadly achieves this objective, although further clearance may be necessary next winter. It also opens up the magnificent vista from the tee box.





A number of other areas have also had gorse cleared and all the clearances are carried out with the intention of delivering the objectives set out in the strategic plan.

The stumps left behind after the gorse clearance should ideally be removed but this is a taxing and time-consuming job. What we propose doing is to apply a chemical to these stumps to encourage the stumps/roots to rot and make them easier to remove in 12 – 18 months time. The chemical will have no impact on people or animals.

In total approximately 22 to 25 tons of gorse, briars & trees have been removed from the course over the winter and this has been shredded at a cost of €830. It is anticipated that a similar amount will be cleared in next winters programme.

Complaints and suggestions concerning the winter mats on the par 3's, the general quality of the tee boxes and a wide range of other issues will have to wait next years winter programme. Some of the tee boxes will require major works and can only be carried out in a winter programme.

The objective for the rest of the year up to the 1<sup>st</sup> October is to get the greens, fairways and tee surfaces in the best condition possible during the peak golfing season.

### **(b) On going course maintenance**

The normal day-to-day work is approximately one month ahead of schedule this year. Three light top dressings have been applied to all the greens, including the practice green and the greens in the practice ground – 22 greens in all. All greens have been verti-cut once and this has removed c.2tons of material from the greens. All the greens have been aerated regularly, every two weeks, to promote root development and this appears to be paying off.

All the tee boxes have had one heavy top-dressing applied as well as an application of growth regulator. This should improved the tee boxes overall and give a more defined growth and look.

The use of plastic rims in the holes over the winter will be discontinued from the 1<sup>st</sup> of April, to the delight of many I expect.

A new service road has been developed at the top of the practice ground to allow easier access to stores and dumps without traversing the practice ground and the whole sandpit, concrete stores and dump areas have been re-organised for more efficient operation.





### **(c) Course Machinery**

The strategic plan included a provision for acquiring a top class fleet of course machinery over a 3-year period – see item (x) of the actions required. I am happy to inform you that 6 new pieces of machinery will be arriving by the first week of April at a total cost of €149,500. This includes the following, a surrounds cutter, a computer controlled accurate sprayer, a roughs mower, a greens mower, a greens roller and a utility vehicle.

### **Illegal Pathway**

An illegal/unauthorised pathway has been cleared and put in place by persons unknown in c. 2013 to the left of the 16<sup>th</sup> fairway. It comes close to the course at the ladies 16<sup>th</sup> tee box. Efforts by the club to block this off have been unsuccessful to-date. Fingal County Council have been approached about it and a proposal to shift the pathway to the golf clubs boundary – some 20 metres further away from the 16<sup>th</sup> fairway - at the County Council's expense is under consideration. I will keep you posted on developments.

### **Public Right of Way at 18<sup>th</sup> Tee and exiting at 3<sup>rd</sup> fairway.**

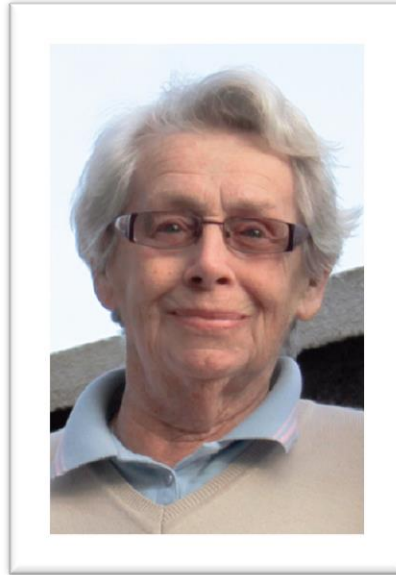
The public ROW at 18<sup>th</sup> tee etc., gets very muddy in winter and results in a widening of the area traversed by walkers. In addition the ROW comes very close to the 17<sup>th</sup> green and that area in particular cuts up badly in winter. The Club have put a proposal to Fingal County Council to put in hardcore or ritter type path approximately 1.2 metres wide and c. 220 metres long from the 18<sup>th</sup> tee to the exit at the 3<sup>rd</sup> at Fingal County Councils expense. Again this is under consideration and I will keep you informed of developments.

### **Other**

I have been reliably informed that a stoat has been seen on the course, unless the observer was hallucinating, and if it is true then the rabbit population may be kept in check.

Finally can I thank all those who have provided helpful suggestions, made constructive comments on the works carried out to-date and have engaged constructively with the objectives of the strategic plan. It will take 3 years or more to deliver the kind of course envisaged in the plan but I believe a good start has been made. I must also thank Gerard Morgan, Course Superintendent and his staff for the outstanding work they have been doing over the past number of months.

Paddy Cooney  
Course Convenor



### **WE REMEMBER THE LATE BELOVED PADDY CAGNEY**

There is a great sense of sadness and loss in Howth Golf Club as members come to terms with the very sad passing, after a short illness, of one of the great loyalists of the club, Paddy Cagney. A former lady captain, an honorary life member, a highly successful golfer and an enthusiastic bridge player, Paddy was a vibrant presence, never to go-unnoticed, in the clubhouse right up until her untimely death at the Blackrock Clinic on March 15 just ten hours short of her 90th birthday .

Paddy, who was one of the great characters in HGC, had a marvellous sense of humour and was very popular with all the members, men and ladies alike. Indeed, that old saying – when they made her, they threw the mould away, would certainly apply to Paddy. All those who knew her will remember her skills as a storyteller, the jokes she loved to shock with, and the tears of laughter which were accompanied by that unique chuckle with which she finished every story while wiping her tears away.

Everyone who knew Paddy looked forward to a roller-coaster of a year in 1984 when she was nominated as lady captain by the late Agnes Hudson and so it proved. She was a wonderful captain of the ladies section, a great ambassador in other clubs and a caring listener to all who sought her advice or help. Indeed, she is remembered fondly by the Club Captain that year, Tom Thunder, who found her highly supportive and great company.

A flavour of Paddy's commitment to Howth Golf Club can be gleaned from the comments of her nephew, Billy White, as he delivered the eulogy at her funeral at the Church of the Resurrection, Bayside, on March 18th.



***“Paddy had some real passions in life, one being her beloved golf and Howth Golf Club. Her year as Lady Captain in 1984 was one of the highlights. This completed a unique treble in that over a period of six years, three of the Cagney sisters, Paddy, Monica (1979 Howth) and my mother Mamie (1978 St. Annes) held the captaincies of two of the local clubs, Howth and St Anne’s. I believe that Paddy’s carefully crafted Captain’s speech was abandoned a third of the way into it when in typical Paddy fashion she decided to just wing the rest of it!”***

Paddy’s course career had many highlights. In 1976, with Kevin O’Reilly as partner, she won the Felix McHenry Mixed Foursomes Trophy. She was a great enthusiast for mixed golf and around the same time she did the club proud when winning the famed Annesley Motors Mixed Foursomes Trophy, a highly prestigious open competition in St Ann’s GC. With her golfing friends from HGC, she made many a summer foray around the country playing in open competitions. Our own Gillian Blake remembers her joy when herself and sister Monica competed in Castletroy Open week and were the winners of the net prize, while Gillian and her own sister, Mary Powell won the gross. No doubt those Limerick ladies wondered about these Howth bandits. In later years, she and Monica were regulars on golfing holidays organised by tour operator Sean Skehan and made her usual impression in places as far away as Cypress, Egypt, Crete and Villamoura, to mention a few. She was an avid exponent of the malapropism, the use of an incorrect word in place of a word with a similar sound, resulting in a nonsensical, often humorous utterance. Her friends suspect she did this on purpose to keep them entertained.

And when darkness fell and golf was not an option, Paddy was an enthusiastic and skillful bridge player and played in Howth Golf Club with the Royal Howth Bridge Club as well as in Howth Yacht Club. It was at bridge that Paddy made her last appearance in HGC and this visit was a momentous one. Some three weeks ago and feeling most unwell prior to going into hospital, Paddy was determined that she would not let her bridge partner down and loyally turned up to play in the President’s Prize competition which was played over two weeks. That there is a God in heaven is proven. On her last night in HGC, Paddy and her partner Sally Byrne won the President Mary Plunkett’s Prize by one point.

Hopefully, St Peter had a good Irish whiskey up there to greet her as she turned up in her Howth Golf Club sweater. She will be sorely missed.

Howth Golf Club Captains, Michael and Carmel, attended the funeral mass in Bayside and conveyed the sympathy of members to Monica who we know will miss Paddy greatly, and to her other sisters Gemma and Margaret as well as extended family.

***Des Gilrory***



### THE SOCIAL BUTTERFLY

There is plenty of social activity taking place in the Club such as Snooker, Bowling and the monthly Music Circle Evenings. The Music Circle evenings take place on the second Wednesday of the month from October to March. The first Music Circle evening for 2017 was presented by our new Captains Carmel and Michael and a most enjoyable evening was had by all who attended and they were spoilt with the lovely addition of beautiful canapés and a glass of wine. In February the music was presented by Paddy McGinley and enjoyed by all who attended. The March event was hosted by Michael O'Hanlon who presented Members Music Choices and we were entertained by a wide selection of various music tastes and gossipy tit bits which were very enlightening and entertaining. .

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February there was a Valentine Nights Dinner which was very well supported by the Club members and friends and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended with excellent food prepared by Sandra and Marcel, wine and lovely classical guitar music.

On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February there was an Italian Night which was also a great success with lovely Italian food, Peroni or Pinot Grigio and again lovely classical guitar music. This event finished in the Members Bar in the wee small hours of the morning with lots of singing.

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March Theatre Nights returned to Golf Club with *"Innisfallen, Fare Thee Well"*, written by Eddie Naughton and performed by Ron Wilmot. Ronan is well known for his film roles in *The Field*, *The General* and *In the Name of the Father*. This intriguing play was based on the life of famous Irish rebel and playwright, Sean O'Casey who wrote *Juno and the Paycock*, *The Plough* and *the Stars* among many others. The audience were invited to walk down memory lane with the 78 -year old exiled writer as he reminisced about Dublin at the turn of the century, the 1913 Lockout, the Easter Rising, Connolly, Pearse and Larkin and the early Abbey Theatre. The night's theatre presented a unique window into the mind of one of Ireland's most celebrated creative minds and was most enjoyable entertaining and enlightening.

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March to close the winter season of golf there was a 9 hole competition - the Lady Captain versus the Lady Vice Captain competition and this was followed by a beautiful lunch prepared by Sandra and Marcel, the presentation of prizes and a talk by Adrienne Kelly on how to get fit and flexible in order to improve our golf game.



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On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March a Juniors fundraising 4 person team event competition with an "all day" lunch choice of Beef in Guinness Stew or Bacon and Cabbage for €10 – what excellent value.

On Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March Theatre Nights will present Susie Kennedy. This is a play with music and stories and one not to be missed. We are thankful to Des and Eileen Gilroy for giving us the opportunity to see such wonderful theatre in our Club at an incredible price of €15 per ticket. Tickets are now available at the Bar.

Wishing all our members, families and friends a happy, healthy and good golfing for 2017.

Norma O'Mahony





### ***Jimmy Tully & John McGuirk***

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February there was a farewell get together for Jimmy Tully, John McGuirk's right hand man in the Pro Shop. A lovely presentation of Honorary Life Long Membership was given to Jimmy from the Club and a wonderful presentation speech was given by our new President Anne Coleman as well as speeches from our Lady Captain Carmel and Captain Michael. Jimmy will be sadly missed by all the members.



On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February we said farewell to the Club's legendary professional John McGuirk who has been with us for 50 years. John will be fondly remembered for his generosity and encouragement to members, particularly the juniors.. We send our best wishes to John and his wife Josephine as they relax and enjoy their retirement.

There will be a plaque honouring and marking John's contribution to Howth Golf Club and this will be erected on the completion of the Club refurbishment works



### ***Ladies Winter Leagues***

The finals of the Winter League took place on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February and on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February. The winter leagues are fun 9 holes competitions played from October to February and the final day is always good fun with lovely food and a prize for everyone in the audience. We are very thankful to Angela McCudden for the beautiful photographs she took of the various "Bird" teams and which are featured in the Tee Times.



#### **Blue Tit's winners**

Clare Walsh,  
Agnes Buckley,  
Angela  
McCudden,  
Phill Redmond &  
Fiona McMorrow

#### **Tiger's Cub Winners,**

Barbara O'Leary, Bernie Walsh,  
Geraldine McGuire, Fiona Staunton,  
Jill Pitcher, Mary McLean & Maura  
Dillon





**Eager Eagles Winners**

Julie Cassidy, Nina Salveta, Gaye Bothwell, Judy Scott,  
Mary McKenna & Mary Grey Fitzpatrick

**Pheasant Runner's Winners**

Jassy O'Siochain, Gillian Guinness, Frances  
Brady, Mary Tynan & Margreat O'Donnell



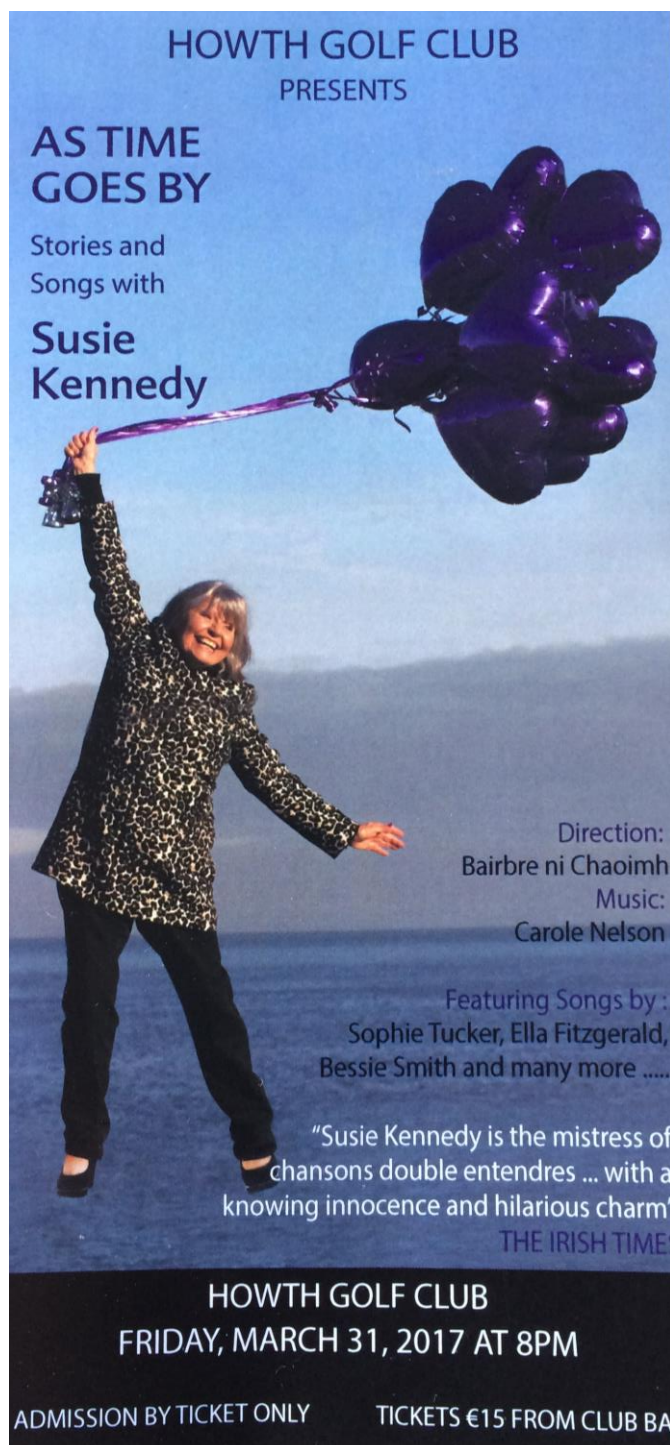




HOWTH GOLF CLUB  
PRESENTS

**AS TIME  
GOES BY**

Stories and  
Songs with  
**Susie  
Kennedy**



Direction:  
Bairbre ni Chaoimh  
Music:  
Carole Nelson

Featuring Songs by:  
Sophie Tucker, Ella Fitzgerald,  
Bessie Smith and many more .....

"Susie Kennedy is the mistress of  
chansons double entendres ... with a  
knowing innocence and hilarious charm"  
THE IRISH TIMES

HOWTH GOLF CLUB  
FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2017 AT 8PM

ADMISSION BY TICKET ONLY      TICKETS €15 FROM CLUB BA



We love great food and we know you do too. Here at MS Catering we use only the freshest ingredients locally sourced artisan ingredients to design seasonal menus with a twist!

Our service is professional, hospitable and efficient to impress your guests and make sure your event is a success.

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**“Save the Dates”**

## Competition Schedule

May 5th  
May 19th  
June 23rd  
July 7th  
August 18th  
September 15th

October 14th  
(Final 10AM-12PM, 2PM-3PM)

Timesheet available from 5:30 PM

## TEAMS OF TWO

Member **20€**

Visitor **25€**

\*Golf & Meal Included\*

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This Competition is not limited to couples. Any partnership is welcome.