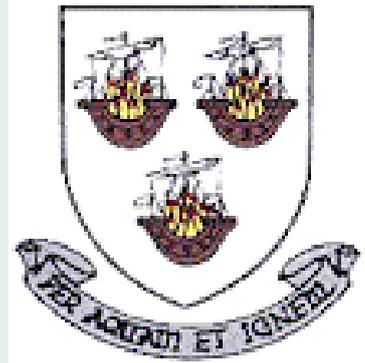


Club Newsletter



WEXFORD GOLF CLUB

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Message from the presidents

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new members. We hope that all Members, old and new, experience a great year in their golfing pursuits.

The Committees and various Sub-Committees are endeavouring to make Our Club one of the best in the country. To this end we would encourage Members to participate in the Club competitions and other organised events, if at all possible.

Considering the recent weather it is remarkable that very few days have been lost. Competitions are in full swing and great credit is due to our Head Greenkeeper Jake, and his dedicated team.

The ongoing sponsorship that we receive is appreciated by the Club and all our sponsors, in turn, deserve our support.

Best wishes to all Members and their Families for 2014. Happy golfing!

Pat Geoghegan, President

Colette Furlong, Lady President

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KEY UPCOMING DATES

- Captains Drive in— 9th March
- Subscriptions due — before February 28th

The Beginning of Wexford Golf Club

In early 1961 an important step was taken to provide Wexford with a tourist attraction and local amenity, a nine hole golf course, was taken at a public meeting in Wexford parish hall. A lot of people had been talking about a golf course in Wexford town for 15 to 20 years. A provisional committee, under the chairmanship of Dr. A. T. Ryan, was formed and 42 acres including a two storey farmhouse at Whiterock were bought. A group of civic minded people were found, who guaranteed £1600 between them to provide golf in Wexford. By May 1961 the noted golf course architect, J. Hamilton Stutt had been engaged to design a nine hole course. The people newspaper quoted that 'a golf course is being bulldozed, hacked and shovelled from a near wilderness of heather, gorse, and criss-crossing hedges and ditches'. A major amount of this work was done by voluntary labour. A pitch and putt course was laid out on part of the cleared land. Very soon the fledgling club had a membership of 200 at a membership fee of £1 for the first year. The longest continuous member of the club, Fintan Morris joined on July 11th 1961. The Morris, O'Neill, Pierce, O'Connor and O'Keefe families are some of those who have been continuously associated with Wexford golf club from the beginning. An extract from the club accounts in 1961 (with present day equivalents) is shown below.

Extract from club accounts 1961

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| | Old Money* | | | Euro value |
|---------------------------------|--------------|-----------|----------|--------------|
| | £ | s | d | € |
| <i>Purchase of Lands</i> | 1,600 | 5 | 9 | 2,032 |
| <i>Machinery and Implements</i> | 403 | 11 | 0 | 513 |
| <i>Expenditure on House</i> | 394 | 0 | 2 | 500 |
| <i>Drainage and Development</i> | 862 | 7 | 4 | 1,095 |
| <i>Architects Fees</i> | 103 | 5 | 0 | 131 |
| <i>Sundry Expenses</i> | 170 | 9 | 0 | 216 |
| Total | 3,533 | 18 | 3 | 4,488 |

* £; pound (20 s), s; shilling (12 d), d; penny

It was estimated that in the region of £8,000 would be required to complete the work and provide a clubhouse, so it was clear substantial fund raising would be required.

Later in 1961 a ladies committee was formed and they provided all the catering as well as fund raising. As can be seen from the proceeds of an American Tea Party held in November 1962, their fund-raising was substantial for the time. Exotic menus at the time ranged from tea and cake/buns to oxtail soup and ham sandwiches. According to one of the

first Lady Captains the main risk they ran was preserving sandwiches and buns from mischievous hungry members trying to scoff them, Mal O'Keefe reputed to be one of the main culprits.

By 1965, the club debt of £5,000, in a time of 'squeezed credit' (anything familiar?), was described by club president Fr. M. Doyle as a millstone around the neck of the club. However, Fr. Doyle and company had a novel idea to raise money, a three day ballad festival in the parish hall, sponsored by P. J. Carroll & Co. This festival ran for a number of years and attracted some of the foremost ballad and folk groups in the country. Other fundraising events were 'silver circles', card drives and a raffle for a car. The reward for so much voluntary work was realised when Wexford Golf Club became affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland. In some ways we have come a long way; in others it seems to be a case of back to the future.

Proceeds from American Tea Party

| | Old Money | | | Euro Value |
|--|------------|----------|----------|------------|
| | £ | s | d | € |
| <i>Mrs Curtis</i> | 7 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| <i>Mrs Lennon</i> | 4 | 10 | 0 | 6 |
| <i>Mrs. A. Ryan</i> | 22 | 0 | 0 | 28 |
| <i>M. Scallan</i> | 13 | 0 | 0 | 17 |
| <i>Mrs B. O'Connor</i> | 5 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| <i>Mrs. Wallace</i> | 12 | 0 | 0 | 15 |
| <i>Mrs Barry & Mrs. Matthews</i> | 7 | 15 | 0 | 10 |
| <i>Mrs. E. Walsh</i> | 10 | 0 | 0 | 13 |
| <i>Mrs. Gaynor</i> | 6 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| <i>Mrs. M. Murphy</i> | 12 | 10 | 0 | 16 |
| <i>Mrs. Hore</i> | 4 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| <i>Mrs. O'Neill & Mrs. Gleeson</i> | 7 | 10 | 0 | 10 |
| <i>Mrs. Gaddern</i> | 4 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| <i>Mrs. Drury</i> | 15 | 10 | 0 | 20 |
| <i>Miss. Keating</i> | 11 | 6 | 0 | 14 |
| <i>Mrs Pierce</i> | 15 | 0 | 0 | 19 |
| <i>Sundries</i> | 35 | 4 | 3 | 45 |
| <i>Costs</i> | | | | |
| <i>Caretaker</i> | -1 | 0 | 0 | -1 |
| <i>D. Whitney</i> | -7 | 0 | 0 | -9 |
| Total | 184 | 5 | 3 | 234 |

Golf Etiquette

If you are new to the game, or just need to brush up on your golf etiquette, here are some basic rules of the road that will help keep the game enjoyable for you and those around you.

Keep It Safe

- Do not swing your club until you know that others in your group are at a safe distance. Likewise, keep your distance when others are swinging. Be aware to steer clear of trouble.
- When practicing your swing, never swing in the direction of another player. There may be pebbles or twigs or other matter in the grass that could fly up and injure a playing partner.
- Do not hit the ball until you are certain that the group ahead of you is out of range.
- If your ball appears headed toward another player or another group, give them a warning by yelling out, "Fore!" (an internationally recognized alert)
- Observe the safety suggestions posted in golf carts and drive carefully. Golf etiquette requires keeping your cart off the grass as much as possible. (see [golf cart safety](#) for more)
- Never throw clubs in anger. In addition to being rude and childish, it could also be dangerous.

[More golf safety tips](#)

Maintain a Good Pace

- Keep the round moving by being prepared to hit your shot when it is your turn. You probably don't like waiting on other groups - don't make other groups wait on you.
- The player who is [away](#) hits first in a group. However, in friendly matches (as opposed to tournament play), this rule can be ignored in favor of "ready play" - players hit as they are ready. All players should agree to "ready play" before it is put into effect.
- Do not spend too much time looking for a lost ball, particularly if there is a group behind you ready to play. If you insist on taking the full five minutes allotted in the rulebook to look for lost balls, golf etiquette says wave up the group behind to allow them to [play through](#).
- Always try to keep pace with the group ahead of you. If space opens in front of you, allow a faster group to play through.
- When two players in a cart hit to opposite sides of a hole, drive to first ball and drop off that player with his club, then drive to the second ball. After both players hit, meet up farther down the hole.
- When walking from your cart to your ball, take a couple clubs with you. Taking only one club, then having to return to the cart to retrieve a different club, is a huge time-waster.
- Always leave the putting green as soon as your group has finished putting.

[More Tips for Fighting Slow Play](#)

[FAQ: Do singles have a right to play through?](#)

"I would like to see the fairways more narrow. That way, everyone would have to play from the rough, not just me. (Seve Ballesteros.)"

Golf Etiquette

Be Kind to the Course

- Observe cart rules. Some courses will post "cart path only" signs; others will ask you to observe the "[90-degree rule](#)." Do as you are told.
- Keep carts away from greens and hazards. The wheels on carts can damage these sensitive areas (see [golf cart rules and etiquette](#)).
- Repair your [divots](#) in the fairway.
- Repair your [ball marks](#) on the green.
- Always rake sand bunkers after hitting to erase your footprints and damage to the area where your ball was.
- Avoid taking a divot on a practice swing.

[How to repair ball marks](#)

[How to repair divots](#)

[How to rake sand bunkers](#)

And a Few More Golf Etiquette Hints

- Quiet, please! Never talk during another player's swing.
- Do not yell out following a shot. Even if boisterous behavior doesn't bother your playing partners, there are other people on the course who may be within earshot.
- Be aware of your shadow on the putting green. Don't stand in a place that causes your shadow to be cast across another player or that player's putting line. (See: [How to tend the flagstick](#))
- Never walk through a playing partner's putting line. Your footprints might alter the path of a partner's putt. Step over the putting line, or walk around (behind) the partner's ball.

News and Events:

NEW LAST MAN STANDING !!

PICK A PREMIER LEAGUE TEAM to win each week.

First set of fixtures: Sat 22nd February – entry €10.

See Ireland beat Wales next Saturday 9th February @2.30pm

Tickets on sale at bar – €2 each – pick the time of the final try!

€80 bar credit to winner.

Free pint for everybody present if Jamie Heaslip scores the first try.

Joker Draw Sunday 9th February:

Only 4 numbers left: 28, 35, 40, 49.

Jackpot now: €11,663 !!

Course Report (February):

The following tasks are scheduled during the month of February.

- Fortnightly micro-tining of the greens to break up any compaction and allow air movement.
- Light top-dressing of the greens.
- Penetrant wetting agent will be applied to help move water quickly through the greens and out.
- Light liquid feed of fertilizer and iron to keep greens ticking over.
- We hope to plant 600 (approx) young trees (whips) in February, mostly native varieties. This is part of our annual tree planting program.
- Continued sanding of wet/wear areas.
- Bunker maintenance if weather permits.

Jake (Head Greenkeeper) & the Team

"I find it helpful to inform an opponent lining up a four foot putt that under the metric system now widely used, its actually a putt of just over 1,200 millimetres!! (Leslie Nielson).

Down Memory Lane — Can you name the golfers?



February Proshop News.

Why not **“GET A GRIP OF YOUR GAME”** before the golfing season gets well and truly under way and have your clubs re-gripped when grips are up to 50% off or why not avail of a lesson with Darren Walsh PGA Pro who is offering two half hour lessons at a price of €39 (which is a saving of €21) vouchers must be used on or before the 16th of March 2014.

We have also decided to extend the January sale into the month of February with many more items been added to both the gents and ladies half price sale rail to allow for room for new Spring/Summer 2014 stock.

Last month we mentioned about giving tips on bunkers but due to the recent heavy rain fall we have decided to wait until next month to give these tips when the bunkers will be back in play.

As part of the winter course programme to ensure the course is at its peak condition in the summer the par 3's mats are in play we here in the proshop have suitable small step tees that are only costing **€1** per packet !

Tour Tips

For those of you who are keen on having a flutter the following events are taking place in February . Obviously it will depend if the Pro's enter the events but below we have outlined a list of Pro's that you should keep your eye on.

Nothern Trust Open Thursday 13th to Sunday 16th - Bill Hass or Keegan Bradley

Africa Open Thursday 13th to Sunday 16th - James Kingston or Damien McGrane

WGC World Match Play Wed. 19th to Sunday 23rd - Rory McIlroy or Jason Day

Tip from Liam

Quite often, with short chip shots I see too many people trying to “lift” the ball by swinging their hands in a “scooping” motion. This month try and practice by keeping your wrist that is nearest the hole quieter (not breaking), so for a right handed golfer keep your left wrist from breaking and for all the **GOOD** left handed golfers in the club aka Nicky “No.1” Murphy, Eddy / Sean Hopkins, , Liam / Jack Sinnott or Des Nash keep your right hand from breaking.

Shop Opening Hours Feb.

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|------------|-------------|
| Monday: | 8.30 – 5.00 |
| Tuesday: | 8.00 – 5.00 |
| Wednesday: | 8.00 – 5.00 |
| Thursday: | 8.30 – 5.00 |
| Friday: | 8.00 – 5.00 |
| Saturday: | 7.30 – 5.00 |
| Sunday: | 7.30 – 5.00 |

Liam's Short Game Challenge :

How to work out your short game handicap.

With teams and inter club matches coming up soon it is the ideal time for you to practice your short game. With the weather being so wet and cold we understand that it is hard to motivate ourselves to play and practice however why not test yourself and try the below challenge.

All you need to do is go to the practice chipping green (which is left of the first hole)

Then set up 3 holes on the green & also 3 tee boxes (A, B & C) from various distances away (5 , 10 & 25 yards from the green) This will give you shots with a mixture length of shots from 10 to 45 yards depending on where you choose to set up the tees.

Mark each tee box by A, B & C and then the flags will be three different colours (ie:three different holes) so the objective then is to chip a ball from tee A to all three flags then repeat this from tee box B & C.

Make sure to record your score for each hole.

The par of the course will be then be 18 - as you would have played nine holes.

This is an excellent way to practice under pressure.

It'll be interesting to see if there is much of a difference between your GUI / ILGU and your new "shortgame handicap" after doing this for the first time .

Are you up for the challenge ?

Calculate your short game handicap from the above. Make use of lessons from myself or Darren and also practice time and re-test your self after a couple of weeks to see the improvement in your new short game handicap.

Darren Walsh

Qualified PGA Golf Professional

Improve Your Golf Game

Special Offer

2 Lessons for €39

(35% Off)

Offer Ends the 16th of March 2014

Terms; *Payment must be made on first Lesson by cash/cheque. Offer ends on both Lessons the 16th of March 2014. Max Purchase of 4 Lessons (€78) per person.*

Contact Darren @ 086 1695312

Email: darrenwalshpga@hotmail.com Pro-Shop: 053 9146300

Shock Result in Competition held on Sunday 19th January 2014

A two man Champagne Scramble was held on Sunday 19th January in perfect conditions.

Our esteemed golf professional Liam Bowler found himself paired with a mystery man.

In advance of the game this person was said to be telling people he was a scratch golfer.

When the (winning) result was posted, questions were raised about the handicaps.

It was accepted that Liam was playing off scratch - so where did the 26 handicap come from?

It seems that the answer lies in Sean Crosbie interpreting 'Scratch' as meaning you write down all the good scores and scratch the bad ones!!



- *New Grab n' Go offer*
- *Cookery demonstration class nights*
- *Some light recipes for the new year*

New Grab n' Go offer

From February 1st Golfers at the club now have the option of taking home a meal in the evening, from our daily curries and one pots to a nice tub of freshly prepared homemade soup or even a few mini scones you can now avail of the offering in professional takeaway containers, suitable for the freezer, to have the following day or later that evening these in house prepared products will save much valued time and effort to all

Keep an eye on our notice board for further details !

Cookery demonstration class nights

If anybody is interested in coming to a group night or organising a group night for a cookery class at the Golf Club please contact Phelim on 0879608150 – minimum numbers are 10 people and max are 25 you can chose your own theme from one pot cooking or dinner parties made easy to Thai and Asian cooking, we will create a menu and orchestrate the evening to work around your guests -prices range from €25- €35pp and a full tasting the equivalent of a meal will be served on the evening along with full notes!

Recipes

One Pot Chicken Fillet in semidried tomato, mascarpone and parmesan cream

4 chicken fillets or one chicken broken down (as you will do today)

1 finely diced white onion

Approx 8 -14 sliced mushrooms

Garlic 2 cloves, chopped or minced

2tbsp fresh chopped coriander /basil or more

1 jar of semi dried tomatoes

350 ml good chicken stock

100 ml white wine

Salt and pepper

- ◆ *Seal off the chicken on a hot pan, seasoned with a little oil, salt and pepper*
- ◆ *Fry the garlic, onion and mushroom in a little oil until soft*
- ◆ *Place the vegetables on the chicken, add the white wine and stock and cover*
- ◆ *Cook at 190c for approx 45 minutes or until the chicken is tender and cooked*
- ◆ *Strain the liquid and keep in a jug*
- ◆ *Make a roux from the flour and butter , then slowly whisk in the liquid to form a veloute as shown*
- ◆ *Add the semidried tomatoes, mascarpone, parmesan and herbs then puree in a food processor or with a stick blender*
- ◆ *Season to taste and pour back over the warm chicken to serve*

Recipes

Braised Rice

300g wild rice and long grain mix

1 onion diced finely

1 carrot diced finely

2 garlic cloves minced

1 pint of chicken stock

Salt and pepper to taste

- ◆ A tasty yet simple way to prepare rice for all occasions
- ◆ Sweat off the onion , carrot and garlic in a tray over a medium heat and season well
- ◆ Add the rice , then coat with all the flavours by mixing well
- ◆ Add the stock, bring to the boil and cover
- ◆ Place in the oven for 25 – 30 minutes at 190c until tender
- ◆ If you wish fold a few fresh herbs or a knob of butter through the rice to add more flavour when fluffing up
- ◆ Serve as you wish



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SOCIETY SPECIAL

Play the fabulous Wexford Golf Club, designed by Jeff Howes with panoramic views over Wexford harbour & then dine in acclaimed chef

Phelim Byrne's Seasuir restaurant

Golf & Meal – Monday to Friday only €25 per person

Golf & Meal - Weekends only €30 per person

(Minimum group of 12)

Contact the Pro-Shop for Bookings:

Email: proshop@wexfordgolfclub.ie

Phone: **053 9142238 / 9146300**

Green Fees 2014

Monday Madness

Our special green fee offer will continue for the summer months. On selected Mondays we will be doing a 'Golf & Meal' deal which costs €40 and includes golf for two followed by a meal for two.

The 'Golf Only' option costs €20 for two people. This also means a 4-ball for €40, which works out at only €10 per player!!

Booking for visitors highly recommended. Contact Proshop and restaurant for details

Phone for golf reservations; 053/9142238 *All offers exclude bank holidays.

Winter Green Fees are as follows: Monday Madness continues!!

Monday*: €10 p.p

Tuesday – Friday: €20 p.p

Weekends/Bank Holidays: €25 p.p

***All Green Fee Packages include the use of the following:**

- * Practice chipping and putting facilities
- * Changing Room with secure Locker facility
- * Towel Rental Service
- * Access to Pro Shop
- * Tea & Coffee served from 9.00am
- * Breakfast available on request

"I don't have an image or a nickname. Maybe I should dye my hair blonde and call myself the Great White Tadpole". (Ian Woosnam)

Feedback:

If you have feedback about this newsletter or if you have suggestions for upcoming newsletters, please contact the following:
info@wexfordgolfclub.ie

Management Committee 2014:

Club Officers:

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|-------------------|------------------|
| President | Pat Geoghegan |
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| Vice Captain | Clem Daly |
| Lady Vice Captain | Yvonne McSweeney |
| Hon Secretary | Paddy Cleary |
| Hon Treasurer | Michael Moran |

Management Committee Members

| | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
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| Pat Hartnett | Course |
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"The worlds No.1 tennis player spends 90% of their time winning while the worlds No. 1 golfer spends 90% of his time losing" (David Feherty)