

# WEXFORD GOLF CLUB



Wexford Golf Club Newsletter

December 2015



## A message from the Captains

We have come to that time of year again when we reflect on the year almost gone. We have unfortunately during the year seen some of our members pass away due to sickness and we would like to pass on our sympathy to the families of those members.

We would also like to welcome the new members who have joined this year. It is hard to imagine that we will celebrate 50 years as an affiliated golf club in 2016. Since the first nine hole golf club in 1966 when Dr Aidan Ryan and Margaret Matthews were the first Captains to the present day when we will hold office and

celebrate our anniversary.

We will issue the newsletter on a more frequent basis in the future where we will have a section for informing members of planned activities or decisions taken at committee level. We feel that there is an information gap that can lead to members feeling that they are not being kept properly informed about the clubs activities.

We would like all members to try and promote the club where possible especially the bar and restaurant for parties where we need to improve our income.

We would like to wish all members and their families a very happy and prosperous Christmas and a happy new year.

*Paddy Cleary*

*Captain 2016*

*Denise Dunne*

*Lady Captain 2016*



The fabulous Clubhouse at Wexford Golf Club

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## How you help

### REPAIR PITCH MARKS

The Right Way:

Discard any loose piece of turf taken out by the ball.

Insert the pitchmark repair tool just outside of the back of the pitchmark.

Lever the turf towards the centre of the pitchmark.

Repeat this motion from all sides of the pitchmark.

Gently tap the repaired area with your putter.

## HOW TO REPAIR A PITCHMARK



Take your ball mark repair tool and insert the prongs into the turf at the edge of the depression. Do NOT insert the prongs into the depression itself, but at the rim of the depression.

Then push the edge of the ball mark toward the centre, using your ball mark repair tool in a gentle twisting motion.



*This is where golfers who try to repair ball marks usually mess up. Many golfers believe the way to fix a ball mark is to insert the tool at an angle, so the prongs are beneath the center of the crater, and then to use the tool as a lever to push the bottom of the ball mark back up even with the surface. Do not do this!*

Pushing the bottom of the depression upward only tears the roots, and kills the grass.

**Right:** Using the prongs to push grass at the edge of the depression toward the centre



**Wrong:** Using the prongs as levers to push up the bottom of the depression



Keep 14 August in mind and follow @greenkeeperdave @golftubeteds @clearwing on Twitter for details.

**PLEASE  
RAKE  
BUNKERS  
AFTER USE**

# Course Report from Jake

**NOVEMBER 2015.**

### General maintenance:

- Resurfacing buggy paths in the new land.
- Blowing and gathering leaves in various parts of the golf course.
- Course staff completed spraying courses held by HCT learning at Wexford Golf Club in accordance with new legislation.
- Routine maintenance of fairways, tees and rough during a prolonged growing season.
- Temporary greens cut out and top-dressed in preparation of Frost and the main greens been closed.

### Greens maintenance:

- Height of cut on the greens raised to 3.75mm from 3.25mm summer cutting height.
- Two applications of a penetrant wetting agent applied to keep water moving through the green.
- Hollow cored greens with a 5mm core and topdressed afterwards. The small core diameter coupled with good growing conditions enabled us to do this.
- Two applications of a Fungicide applied to the greens to curtail fusarium disease, during a month with high disease pressure.
- Routine cutting and rolling of greens when conditions allowed.

**DECEMBER 2015**

### General maintenance:

- Course staff completed spraying courses held by HCT learning at Wexford Golf Club in accordance with new legislation.
- Tree maintenance, cutting and pruning various trees around the course and boundaries of the golf course.
- Bunker maintenance.
- Verti draining tee boxes with a 12mm diameter solid tine to a depth of 200mm depth and topdressing afterwards.
- Fairway yardage markers all raised.

### Greens maintenance:

- Verti drain greens.
  - A liquid fertilizer will be applied to keep the greens ticking over and also healthy.
  - Penetrant wetting agents will also be applied, particularly if the weather is wet.
  - A fungicide will be applied if there is high disease pressure.
- Routine cutting and rolling of the greens.

# Slow Play

Slow play is the single major issue driving people away from golf. We all have a responsibility to enable everyone's enjoyment of their golf by doing what we can to keep pace of play at an acceptable level.

## Hole by Hole pace of play

During last summer members were asked to fill in time taken to play each hole. Timing followed GUI/ILGU guidelines. Times were taken from tee off to flag replaced on the first hole. Thereafter the times noted were from flag replaced to flag replaced on the next hole all the way to 18. This took into account walking time between holes. Average, fastest and slowest times are shown in Table 1.

**TABLE 1 AVERAGE, FASTEST AND SLOWEST TIME IN MINUTES FOR EACH HOLE**

Hole	Slowest	Fastest	Average		Hole	Slowest	Fastest	Average
1	16	6	10		10	18	8	12
2	15	9	11		11	17	11	14
3	17	6	9		12	16	7	13
4	20	8	15		13	14	6	10
5	18	6	11		14	15	8	12
6	14	5	9		15	16	10	12
7	17	7	12		16	14	6	9
8	20	12	15		17	14	8	12
9	16	4	10		18	20	6	13
<b>Total</b>	2hr:33	1hr:03	1hr:42			2hr:24	1hr:10	1hr:47

Slowest times are about two and a half hours for each nine, which is unacceptable. Equally times of a little over an hour for each nine is unrealistic. **The average times, of about an hour and three quarters, for each nine is reasonable, and achievable by most members.**

Measured times for six and twelve holes are shown in Table 2. As in a lot of clubs, reminders of target times for holes played can help to improve slow play. Proposed target times for each six with five minutes added to the average for each six holes to allow for those members who may not be as fit as our younger members.

**Table 2 Slowest, fastest, average, and proposed**

	First 6	First 12	18 Hole
<b>Slowest</b>	1hr: 40	3hr:24	4hr:57
<b>Fastest</b>	40 min	1hr:29	2hr:13
<b>Average</b>	1hr: 05	2hr:21	3hr:29
<b>Proposed</b>	1hr:10	2hr:30	3hr:45

It is also worth noting that slow play can be attributed to impatience. One example from the cards returned is a very fast first nine, possibly a two ball, but came in after sixteen holes because it was too slow. At that stage they were playing for just under three hours. So show a bit of consideration for other members by avoiding slow play, but also by giving players ahead reasonable time if they do get trouble on a hole.

## **Early payment of Full fees/Subscriptions for 2016 (before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015)**

Early payment will entitle members to the following sums being credited to their Smart card account. This applies to members paying in full on an annual basis only.

<b>Full Gent &amp; Full Lady.</b>	<b>€50.00</b>
<b>Reduced full gent &amp; Lady.</b>	<b>€25.00</b>
<b>Lady Associate.</b>	<b>€40.00</b>
<b>Reduced Lady Associate.</b>	<b>€20.00</b>
<b>5 Day member.</b>	<b>€30.00</b>
<b>Husband &amp; wife.</b>	<b>€100.00</b>
<b>Reduced Husband &amp; wife.</b>	<b>€60.00</b>

**Don't forget the Children's Christmas party  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December in the clubhouse at 3pm**

**New Years Eve Party  
Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> December  
Music & Finger food etc**

# *Ladies Section*

The ladies of Wexford Golf Club have been busier off the fairways these last few weeks. We held our AGM on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov. With a very good attendance our outgoing LC Yvonne presided over the meeting. Reports and discussions were held on another very successful and enjoyable season in the Club, tributes were paid to our Finn Trophy Winners and all other competitors who played for Wexford Golf club in 2015.

The Officers and committee for 2016 were then elected as follows:-

Lady President:	Bernie Galvin
Lady Captain:	Denise Dunne
Lady Vice Capt.:	Una Doherty
Hon Sec.:	Rita Douglas
Hon. Treasurer:	Helen Lacey
H.Cap Sec.:	Beppi O'Connor
Ex Officio:	Yvonne Mac Sweeney

Committee: Tara Dunne, Ruth Kennedy, Kathleen Rossiter, Patricia Boyd, Louise Boshoff, Ann Conway, Mary Fallon.

Our Christmas party was held on Friday night, we all enjoyed a lovely meal prepared by Tommy and his staff and afterwards, as usual, all the stops were pulled out to put on a very entertaining show ably produced by award winning Theresa Kehoe. LC Denise and her guests were entertained by a host of singers, dancers and comediennes!! Mary Robinson did what Croke Park could not do – present Garth Brooks! There were old cows, an amorous French man who lost his moustache, A & E victims and Brenda provided all the GOSSIP!

The show was followed by a disco and there was dancing galore til the wee small hours!

A raffle was held on the night and all proceeds went to LC Denise's choice of charity namely the WSPCA.

On the fairways, the Nov. Monthly 10 hole competition winner was Rachel O'Connor

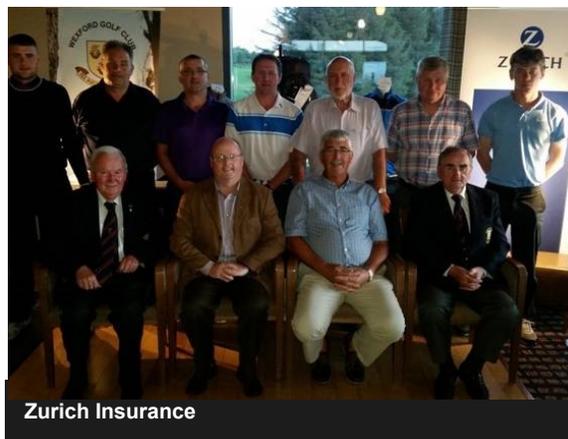
Winners of Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Nov. 3 Person Team event was Ruth Kennedy, Rachel O'Connor & Mary B O'Leary.  
Nearest the Pin : Ruth Kennedy.

A successful and enjoyable Bridge Morning was held in the clubhouse on Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec

1st Mary Lynch ,Wendy Tiernan  
2nd Marie Walker ,Mary O'Sullivan  
3rd Kitty Murphy ,Pat Flanagan  
4th Mary Fielding, Seamus O'Beirne

Next Bridge Morning will be on Jan 6<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am

# Some of our 2015 Prize Winners



## *The prize-winners of the Major competitions in 2015.*

### **Captain Clem Daly's**

**1<sup>st</sup> Roy Sexton**

### **Lady Captain Yvonne MacSweeney's**

**1<sup>st</sup> Eithne Walsh**

### **President Ger Cashman's**

**1<sup>st</sup> Tony O'Leary**

### **Lady President Mary O'Leary's**

**1<sup>st</sup> Louise Boshoff**

### **Captain Clem Daly's prize to Ladies**

**1<sup>st</sup> Irene Bolger**

### **President Ger Cashman's prize to Ladies**

**1<sup>st</sup> Beppi O'Connor**

### **Howlin Cup**

**1<sup>st</sup> Nicky Lacey**

### **Studio Cup**

**Joint Winners. Rhys Clark & Valerie Amerinov**

### **Pettitts Golfer of the Year**

**1<sup>st</sup> Martin Codd**

### **Top Golf Junior Scratch Cup.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sean Flood**

### **Intermediate Scratch Cup.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Paul Roche**

### **Martin Jewellers Scotch Foursomes:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sean Hurley & Michael Rossiter**

### **WGC Mixed Foursomes:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Peter Byrne & Aoife McGrath**

### **J.J Devereux Ladies Match play Cup:**

**Winner. Breda Devoy**

### **Golfer of the Year. The Irene Dowdall Memorial Cup:**

**Winner. Denise Dunne**

# Some of our 2015 Prize Winners



2015 Captains Prize



2015 Captains Prize to the Lady Golfers



Pettitts Golfer of the Year



Liam Bowler Pro Shop



The Yard Restaurant



John Codd Decorators



## Masters Restaurant

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CHRISTMAS AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

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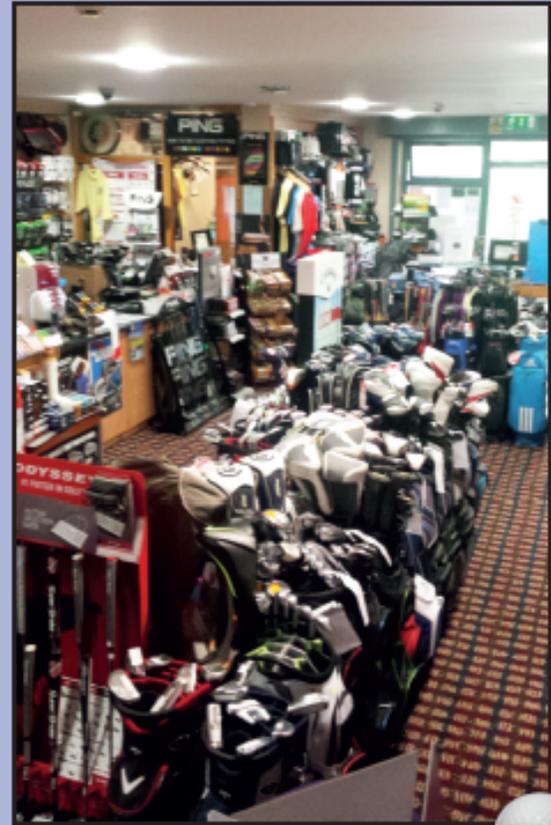
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# Happy New Year!

**bring in the new year with family and  
friends**

LIVE MUSIC BY HOUSE BAND

**1 drink + finger food**

**for only €10.00 pp**

31<sup>st</sup> December at 9pm. Finger food @ 10.30 pm

All are welcome

# IT'S PARTY TIME





Wexford Golf club



# Fantastic membership offer 2016

**Introductory offer for 1 year €599**

**Distant membership offer per year €385**

**Become a member of one of the most picturesque golf courses in the Sunny South East where we offer all year round golf**

**Join now and play the rest of 2015 free of charge!!!**

**Wonderful Clubhouse facilities, fully licensed**

**Bar and restaurant suitable for all kinds of parties.**

**Enjoy your Sunday lunch in our excellent Masters Restaurant.**

**Open weekdays for lunches and snacks.**

**Visit our Pro-Shop and see the extensive stock of golf equipment.**

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## Club Officers & Management Committee

<i>President:</i>	Ger Cashman
<i>Captain:</i>	Paddy Cleary
<i>Vice Captain:</i>	Tony O'Neill
<i>Lady Captain:</i>	Denise Dunne
<i>Lady Vice Captain</i>	Una Doherty
<i>Hon Secretary:</i>	Paul Hynes
<i>Hon Treasurer:</i>	Michael Moran.
<i>Hon Auditor.</i>	Liam Gaynor.
<i>Committee members:</i>	
<i>Ex Officio:</i>	Clem Daly
<i>Ex Officio:</i>	Yvonne MacSweeney
<i>Marketing</i>	Ian Thomas
<i>Health &amp; Safety</i>	Brian Reilly
<i>House / Social</i>	Des Nash
<i>Course Officer</i>	Pat Harnett

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Golf is a game that is played on a five-inch course — the distance between your ears. ~Bobby Jones