

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2012

1. **FINANCE:** The Committee was given a comprehensive overview of the finances of the club by the treasurer and considered the potential for further savings into the new golfing year. It was decided to plan for the future rather than meet issues from year to year and the work started this year should be developed into a five year plan for the club.
2. **Resignation:** The Committee accepted the resignation of Denis Twomey as Hon Secretary in the light of his temporary appointment as a staff member of the club and in keeping with the Constitution. Denis will remain on the Committee as Secretary Manager (Temporary) but will have no voting rights on issues. The Committee will fill the vacancies created by the resignation Denis and Martha Brennan who previously resigned.
3. **Competitions:** Having discussed the recent rulings relating to re entries to weekend competitions and taking into account members responses, it was agreed that the Captain of the men's club would clarify the position regarding re-entries and that with the exception of the various cups and the Captain and President's prizes, re entry would be allowed as hereto fore.
4. **The Course :** The good weather provided an opportunity to put the course in reasonable order and while there are still some very wet and soft patches, the overall condition of the course is good. The Committee was informed of the work to be undertaken by the workers obtained through the TUS programme. A work programme involving the repair and construction of walls, paths, steps to tee boxes etc has been agreed, and this will be reviewed and monitored over the year.
 - 4.1 While some areas of the course have suffered more than others in the bad weather, the greens have remained very good throughout. It is necessary to follow the maintenance programme to keep them right and while hollow tining might upset some, it is essential that proper aeration is achieved to encourage healthy root systems. The tine holes were left open for this purpose and did not generally cause problems although it was noted that facebook was used to post comments that could be deemed to be unfair and at best ill informed. Perhaps a pause before a rush to print might be the more wiser course of action if one is not to look foolish. Facebook can cause one to lose face.
 - 4.2 The course committee inspected the course on the 25 September and agreed a programme of thinning of trees to reveal hard woods and assist in aeration of the ground. A full list will be published later, when the back nine holes is surveyed.
5. **Shop:** The Committee considered the future of the pro shop and decided that it would be a good idea to establish a working group to deal with the building and to consider its future use as a retail outlet or as an office or perhaps both.