



## FERMOY GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2014

Welcome to our second newsletter of 2014 where we intend to keep you informed of what is happening in our club.

The third meeting of Committee of Management took place last Tuesday night. The first major story of the night was "The Storm" and its minimal playing impact on the course; however the real story was the effort from the volunteers and the sense of "meitheal" that prevailed. The effort was truly amazing and it has saved the club substantial amounts of money on cleaning up. Alas there is still work to do which was unforeseen and was not in our budget.

So with this in mind it was suggested that an event on Easter Monday would take place to raise some extra cash to employ professional contactors required to remove fallen tree stumps and the larger fallen trees that remains.

A number of people have approached the office enquiring about the cut timber on the course. We believe the right thing to do is offer it to the volunteers who cut and stacked it. They can contact Denis in the office and arrange can be made to collect a car trailer load per person.

The second major item of the night was finance.

While in general the response has been good, a number of members have yet not made contact to either renew or advise us if the wish to remain members. Please contact Denis in the office 025 31472 ext 20 to finalise.

The importance of securing membership funds as early as possible is paramount. Preparing the course for the coming season is now in full swing. The outgoings are a constant strain if the money is not coming in.

While the membership meets the day to day spending the club is always looking to improve the facility and the associated equipment. The annual provides the much needed funds to support the long term purchases and development works carried out to the course.

We are lucky to have very good partnerships with our suppliers. Last year's classic raised a net amount of € 15,000. A new mower had to be purchased at a cost to the club of € 12,000. This mower will pay for itself in the short term, it has reduced the man hours to cut the course and thereby successfully maintain the course with one less full time green keeper. The balance of the money has been allocated to pay for the works carried out to the 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3<sup>rd</sup>. and 8<sup>th</sup>. greens and bunkers. The majority of this invoice remains unpaid so our summer classic will fund this work.

The club has secured the services of two Tús workers; they carry out maintenance work around the course paths signage etc. It is of great benefit to the club and we thank Denis for co-ordinating this.

Hereunder is a synopsis of the course manager's report

- **The Course:**

- The big news has been Storm Darwin, the loss of 300 trees. As a club, we can be proud of what we have achieved with the great efforts of the volunteer group. It is intended to continue with the volunteer work on a once per week basis for March at least. Generally the time is from 10.00AM to 1.00 PM, Sec/Mgr sends a text a day in advance. Anybody who can spare the time is very welcome, it's fun and interesting and the apple tart afterwards is to die for!!!
  - Met Eireann report rainfall of 222mm in Feb 2014 (Moorepark) compared to a mean of 80mm. Given the rainfall stats the course continues to be good and has improved recently with growth. Thankfully, as this is written, we are promised a dry week so that should really help.
  - The renovated greens (2 & 8) have been played on a few occasions lately as recommended by the contractor, and by all accounts they have been good to putt on. It is intended; weather and ground conditions permitting, that the full course will open on the week-end of March 29<sup>th</sup>, and hopefully we will enjoy summer golf from then.
  - Members will have noticed the ropes on various parts of the course over recent months. These play an important role in preventing soil damage through compaction. It would help greatly if members used existing pathways, avoided obviously damaged areas and parked trolleys on paths rather than on the edge of greens or tee boxes where possible.
  - New course indices have been prepared by the men's club in preparation for a new print run of scorecards. The ladies' club have left their indices as they were. The new men's indices are on display on notice boards with some interesting changes.

#### **Ladies club**

*Deirdre Butler and Martha Brennan successfully represented Fermoy in the first round Irish Daily Mail foursomes in Monkstown last Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>. Deirdre holds the lowest h/c in the ladies club and Martha was last year's Golfer of the year so they are a very good pairing and good foursomes' players.*

Fermoy Ladies will take part in the following ILGU Inter-club championships

Challenge Cup Team                      Fermoy v Blarney                      Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April in Mahon Golf Club  
*Team Manager Fiona Collier*

Minor Cup Team                              Fermoy v Douglas                      Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April in Fota Golf Club  
*Team Manager Kay Murphy*

Intermediate Cup Team                      Fermoy v Winners of Blarney V Douglas Sunday May 25<sup>th</sup> Muskerry Golf Club  
*Team Manager Alice O'Mahony*

The ILGU Private Home Care Inter-Club Matches will be held in Fermoy on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April. Eight teams from clubs in the Munster District area will compete in this event.

#### **Open Day**

A Ladies Open Singles 18 hole S/F will be held on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March, this is kindly sponsored by Mellerick's Pharmacy.

#### **Beginners Introduction to Golf**

If you know of any lady who is interested in taking up golf do give their names to a member of the ladies committee or Denis in the office, as an introduction for beginners will commence in early May.

#### **Spring Leagues:**

**Eventually the rain and winds relented and the ladies and gents spring leagues have started**

## National Cups

The managers for the various teams have been appointed and are as follows to compete at the following venues.

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| Barton Shield     | Denis Twomey & Pat O'Leary     | V Cork @ Douglas G.C. June 28 <sup>th</sup> .                   |
| Senior Cup        | Denis Twomey & Pat O'Leary     | V Douglas @ Cork G.C. July 12 <sup>th</sup> .                   |
| Junior Cup        | Ray Hurley                     | V Monkstown or Mahon @ Monkstown G.C. July 5 <sup>th</sup> .    |
| Jimmy Bruen       | Ronan Bagnall                  | V Douglas G.C. @ Cobh G.C May 10 <sup>th</sup> .                |
| Pierce Purcell    | Frank Fenlon                   | V Castlemartyr or Cobh @ Mahon Golf Club May 24 <sup>th</sup> . |
| Irish Mixed Fours | Helen O'Brien & John Mulvihill | V Mahon @ East Cork G.C. June 14 <sup>th</sup> .                |