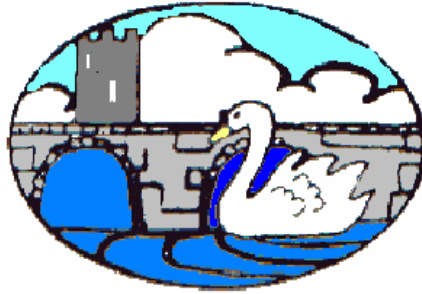


MALLOW GOLF CLUB



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Winter 2011 Newsletter

Gents Golfer of the Year



Presentation of prizes to Eoin Goggin Winner 2011 Golfer of the year, runner up Danny Butler



Congratulations to James Sugrue on being selected for the Munster U 15 Boys Team



Presentation of prizes to Paul McCarthy Winner Scratch Matchplay, runner up Ciaran McKenna



Presentation of prizes to John Sheehan Winner 2011 Ballyellis Cup, sponsored by Danny Buckley, Buckley Caravans. Also in Photo is Rena Sheehan and Cpt John Quill.

Captain John Quill's final comments.

Just a quick note to let you know that I've very much enjoyed my year as captain of our great club. I took it as a great honour to be captain for 2011 and gave it my best throughout the full year. I especially enjoyed being with the various teams and watching them represent our club.

Mallow Golf Club has made significant progress in many areas during these tough times and I think we should all be proud of what we have achieved together. We continue to lead the way and introduce changes that reflect the times we now live in.

I would like to once again thank all the committees, those involved in teams and everyone else that helped during the year, your input has been greatly appreciated. (I shall cover these with a full report at the AGM.)

Finally, I'd like to wish the incoming officers and committees all the best for 2012, I am confident that you will continue to lead the club forward.

Mallow Golf Club is a fantastic Club, one of the best, so I finish were I started, by saying I am proud to have been its Captain for 2011.

John.

Captain Pauline Hegarty

We can look back on the past year with some very positive thoughts. We have a Munster Champion in our midst. We won the Duhallow Shield after a long wait for victory. We competed in many inter club competitions. We had a very successful programme for beginner Ladies, we can see the results already with some of the Ladies competing in our weekly competitions and being in the winner's enclosure.

The year has flown, but the many memories will remain.

May I take this opportunity to thank the many Ladies, who helped me to make the year what it was. "wonderful".

Thanks to the members of the B.O.M, for their dedication to a job well done.

Thanks to Captain John and his team for the courtesy shown to me at all times. Thanks to the Ground, office, bar and catering staff.

It is a big wheel to turn, but we keep the show on the road.

**Thanks Again,
Pauline Hegarty.**

President Carmel Kearney

I have been very honoured to be Lady President of Mallow Golf Club for 2011. Particularly as I have followed in the footsteps of my parents Dermot & Nell, both past Captains and Presidents of the club. I would like to thank the Lady Captain Pauline, Captain John and President Maurice for their friendship during the year and wish Edel, David, Kit & Paddy all the best for the coming year. I would also like to extend my thanks and appreciation to all the members for their support and courtesy shown to me throughout the year and to wish everyone all the best and happy golfing for 2012.

Regards Carmel .

President Maurice O'Connor

It was a privilege and an honour to be President of this great club in 2011 and I thank you for all your support.

It was a year full of highlights, none more so than the performances of all the teams who represented the club and who did us proud, especially the Fred Daly and Jimmy Carroll teams on reaching the All-Irelands.

I take great pride in the excellent condition of our course and especially the compliments that it gets from visitors. With the programme of ongoing improvements in place, it will make it even better in the future.

It is great to see the number of people who give of their time behind the scenes for the benefit of the club, whether it is planting shrubs, divoting, overseeing the course, being a selector, serving on committees, running competitions, looking after juveniles, beginners and new members or planning for the future. The club is in safe hands and long may it continue.

We had many very enjoyable social occasions during the year, starting with the Captain's and President's drive-ins, the Captain's and President's prize nights, table quiz nights, matches with other Avondhu clubs, celebrations after teams winning their matches right up to the civic reception in City Hall.

I want to compliment those involved in the production of our excellent newsletters for their work in keeping us up to date with everything that happens in the club and for the informative articles and news items.

Finally I made a lot of friends during the year and I have always found the members of Mallow Golf club most welcoming. I will miss being involved next year, but will be proud to see the club going onwards and upwards.

Maurice

INFORMATION EVENING

The Board of Management took the opportunity to present members with the outcome of the Member's Survey undertaken in Jan 2011. The feedback to members took the form of a presentation to members on Thursday 20th October in the Club.

A summary of the Presentation content outlined how the Board of Management, on behalf of its members strive to have a vibrant, well-run club with a strong membership on a course that we are proud of, a course that is well maintained, well presented, generally playable all year round, challenging and acknowledged throughout the Irish golfing community as being a 'top quality' golf course.

A number of slides and displays were presented on the night.

These documented members suggestions from the 2011 Survey - what they would like to see in Mallow Golf Club

The Board are keen to emphasise that the displays are not a proposal for changes. No decisions have been made and there is no new course design presented

It is important to emphasise that the suggestions and ideas put forward by members will be presented to Qualified Professionals for both the Clubhouse and the Course to give advice on feasibility and costings for any future implementation.

Readers will recall the Survey was organised to gain feedback from the valued members of the club on the strengths and areas for development by the club.

A total of 227 completed questionnaires were returned out of 900 sent out giving a 25% return rate

The survey was designed to collect both quantitative and qualitative feedback from members.

Comments and suggestions of members provided in the survey have proved most helpful in assisting the Board to prioritise actions – many of which have been implemented and are work in progress.

The survey was accessible to over 900 members and 227 responses were returned. Of the 227 returned, all were anonymously entered into an electronic data analysis system. The response rate received is considered to be a sufficient representation of the membership to establish a reasonable margin of error and elicit a demographic profile of the thoughts, views and opinions of the members of Mallow Golf Club.

The number of comments and suggestions numbered in excess of 1,800 in total. The responses can provide the Club with valuable information on how members use the Club and also how they see the club can improve, based upon existing facilities. The gender of respondents was 25% female and 75% male. 4% of respondents have handicaps less than 5 and 31% have handicaps less than 12. 63% have handicaps between 13 and 28.

- ▲ 74% of respondents play 2 or more rounds of golf per week.
- 1.3% of respondents play tennis. 2.7% of respondents play bridge.

- ▲ 62% live less than 10 miles from the club. 26% of respondents live over 20 miles away and almost 38% live over 10 miles away.

A copy of all the displays and course suggestions are located in the main function room downstairs for members to view. It will remain there for 2 weeks. A suggestion box is located in the hallway for members to comment.

Please go along to view the presentation.

The Outcome from the presentation

Members can review the ideas from the Information provided.

Should they wish, a member can comment in the suggestion box.

The Board will then collate all responses and submit to Professionals for advice. The recommendations will be costed at today's prices.

A 5 year plan for developing the Club will then be created. This plan will contain the ranked preferences and costs.

Subsequent committees will then be able to make alterations as future budgets allow.

*Ann Kennelly
Chairman Board of Management
21/10/2011*

Mallow Golf Club

10 key development areas for attention over the next 5 years

Our priorities

Promotion of the club

Retain and Increase Membership

Develop our membership base

Maintain an adequate revenue base

Maintaining existing programs and services

Efficiency, business minded approach

Develop and upgrade the Course

Maintain the course in best possible condition

Develop and upgrade the Clubhouse

Maintain the club facilities in best possible condition

Broadening the club revenue base

Promote our Club and Sport(s)

Maximise value for money and efficiency

Operate within available resources

Involve the club in the community

Development of juvenile participation

Availability of coaching for all ages and grades

Rules Section

What's the difference between Red and Yellow stakes?

Yellow Stakes. Most commonly, yellow stakes can be found marking the boundary of a pond or stream that runs somewhere directly between the tee box and the green. In other words, the hazard must be carried at some point in order to get to the green. If your ball comes to rest in such a hazard marked by yellow stakes, you have two options as to how you may take relief. It should also be noted that you don't have to take relief. If you want to play the ball out of the hazard, red or yellow, you may. However, you may not move any loose impediments in the hazard and you also may not ground your club in the hazard. But, you do have the option to play the ball as it lies.

If you do choose to take relief;

1. The first option that you have is to play your next shot from as close as possible to the point from which you hit your original shot. So, if you were in the middle of the fairway at 150 yards and you hit it in the hazard, you can go back to that spot and try to hit the shot again, plus a one-stroke penalty. Thus, if you had hit your second shot in the hazard, you would now be hitting your fourth shot from that same original spot. This is the less commonly selected choice of the two because it is essentially a stroke and distance penalty and because the hazard has to be played over again from the original distance!

2. The second option for relief from a yellow hazard is usually the best option, but is also the most misunderstood choice as well. The other way to take relief from a yellow hazard is to mark the point that the ball

crossed the hazard (point of entry) and then draw a line between that point and the flag. You may drop your ball at any point back along that line. Essentially, you can go back, keeping the point where your ball crossed the hazard in line with the pin, as far as you choose to go. Please note that you cannot go back on the line of flight that your ball took as it flew into the hazard! That is the most common mistake in this type of relief situation. How your ball got there doesn't matter. What matters is the point where it crossed the hazard.

Red Stakes. These are used to mark lateral hazards. Because these hazards run parallel to the hole, this may be on the side or even in the middle of a hole. It is typically impractical to take relief by going behind the hazard as described in the second option of the yellow stakes. So, the rules of golf allow for an additional option for relief if your ball is in a red hazard. That third option is to take relief within two club lengths of where the ball crossed the hazard, not nearer the hole. This may be down from either side of the red hazard. Just because your ball crossed the hazard on the right side doesn't mean that you can't take relief, within two club lengths and equidistant from the hole, on the left side of the same hazard. That third option is the only difference between a hazard marked by red stakes and a hazard marked by yellow stakes.

Also note that you do not have to find your ball in the either hazard before taking any relief.

Squash In Mallow Golf club

The management of the club took an inspired decision when they built two squash courts of the highest quality in the mid 1960's. These proved to be a wonderful amenity for all members over the years. When squash took off as a sport in the seventies and eighties, the Mallow club competed with the best of clubs in the Cork area. Men's and women's teams represented the club at all levels and there was intense internal competition as well. Individuals achieved national and international honours. For a variety of reasons

squash has waned in popularity in recent years. A number of members, two of whom are entering their sixth decade as squash players, still make use of the two courts which are in fine condition. A glass back and a viewing balcony have been added to court two. All members are entitled to use the courts and a separate Racquets membership is available.

The ladies team pictured below were the first club team to win a Munster title.



Munster Junior League-Cork Section-Winners 1973- 1974

Front Row L/R Peg Horgan (sub), Marie Lynch, Mary Redmond (Captain), Margot Farrell, Claire Warlow.

Back Row L/R Ann Curtin (sub), Celine Holt, Tess O'Leary (Lady Captain, Mallow Golf Club), Marian Buckley (sub).

Course Report: The winter season is upon us but the work continues for us all. Before describing the winter programme of work, we on the course committee wish to thank the many members for their co-operation & support during the start of a 3 year programme of work on the Greens, fairways & rough which commenced in 2011. The greens at present are firm & rolling well and this is as a result of the intensive sanding programme laid out by our agronomist Conor Nolan & implemented by our head green keeper Patrick O'Leary. This, along with the intensive rough management programme will result in a healthier & more manageable rough grass in years to come.

Winter Programme:

Greens:

All the greens will have their height of cut raised from 5mm to 5.5mm and finally 6.0mm by mid November for the winter.

Remedial work:

Mid November – The 13th green will be worked on this month with the back left portion lifted, raised and replaced. This will take approx 1 week but the full green will be out of play for approx 6 weeks after which the front portion will reopen and the full green back in play by April 2011. There will be a temporary green in play instead on the 13th for those who wish to “go out the country” but it is also likely there will be only 16 holes in play during the winter with holes 12 & 13 closed at times so keep an eye on the 1st tee notice board.

Fairways:

The height of cut on the fairways will be raised from the traditional 12mm to 19mm this winter. Preparation can then begin to widen some fairways on the course in time for

next spring season. Fairways are being brought back closer to the tee boxes & this has started already. The fairways will be played as much as possible and monitored by our head green keeper.

The areas of the course where some planting is required have been identified and our thanks go to James Cotter who has volunteered to oversee this project for us going forward. This will be an ongoing project and James has completed the first part on the 18th tee box. If any member wishes to help please let James Cotter know or any member of the course committee so that we can call on you if help is required.

Tees:

The 1st Tee Notice board will be relocated by the course staff to the opposite side so all players will see the notices as they walk from the car park to their respective tee boxes.

The Winter mats will be placed on the par 3 holes and other holes as the head green keeper sees fit depending on course traffic. The access to and from greens will be cordoned off so we ask you to heed the diversions.

There will be a big campaign by the course staff to clear leaves from the course during the next number of weeks and a new machine is being purchased so all members can play golf at ease without having to deal with debris from the trees. The trimming & cleaning of the spinneys will form part of the winter programme by the course staff allowing easier access to ones golf ball.

As this course committee completes their second year of their 3 year commitment we would like to thank all the staff for their co-operation & support during this testing year where they contributed in no small way to managing costs on the course. We are happy

Course update continued

that the course staff & committee are working well together in making sure Mallow Golf Course will continue to prosper with greens playable all year round and the many members/ visitors who complimented the efforts will come back to play Mallow in the future.

Finally, we wish to thank the many members who submitted their ideas for the course during the year, members of the men's golf committee, members of the ladies golf committee, the Board of Management, the staff and other non committee members of which there were many both ladies/gents & juniors. Their ideas have been recorded and we are sure they will form part of a programme leading to a very enjoyable round of golf for the future in this club.

Finally, we can all play a significant role in keeping our course in good shape by keeping plug marks repaired and divots replaced. Your efforts this season have paid great dividends. Many thanks to you all.

Keep an eye on 1st tee notice board for daily conditions of play.

Course Committee:

Aidan Mc Donagh

Denis O'Donovan

Patrick O'Leary

David Curtin

Bridge

The bridge season is in full swing now. We have played for some of our traditional trophies. The results were as follows. Bank of Ireland on Wednesday the 28th of September:

1st: Kay Cotton and Joan Waters

2nd: Pat Horgan and Anne Cronin

3rd: Carmel Gleeson and Margaret O Shea

The Dan Wrafter cup on Monday 10th of October:

1st: Ann Kennedy and Sheila O Connor

2nd: Phyllis O Brien and Denis Barry

3rd: Marie Dalton and Dolores Meade

We are using our new computerised equipment with great success. Each table has a remote control into which the score after every round is entered and then sent to a server which relays the information to the computer. At the end of the session the result is printed on command. On a normal night this saves about one hour of calculations but on the big competition nights it will save up to eight hours of work. We had an E. G. M. at 7.30pm on the 26th of October to decide whether to start at 7.30 or 7.45. The whole idea is to finish playing at 11.00.

We are also planning for our Christmas party which will be held in the golf club on the 14th of December. The Thursday afternoons are being well supported and proving very enjoyable.

These start at 2.30.

Quote of the Month.

"Making history in the sport is very important, but the role of husband and father are the most important in the world to me. Being there for my wife and family is where I have to be." **Luke Donald on passing up the opportunity to become World and European number one.** **His wife is expecting their second child.**