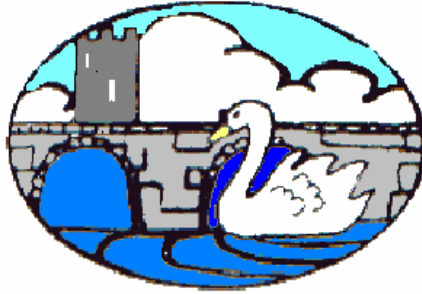


MALLOW GOLF CLUB



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NEWSPLETTER

May 2011



**Congratulations to Nora O'Connor on her fantastic
win of the 2011 Munster Junior Ladies
Championship at Ballykisteen**

An important piece of information for you to note:

DUE TO FLOOD RELIEF WORKS BEING UNDERTAKEN AT THE BOTTOM OF BALLYDAHEEN, DELAYS OF 30 MINUTES OR MORE CAN BE EXPECTED WHEN TRAVELLING TO MALLOW GOLF CLUB. PLEASE ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME TO GET HERE SAFELY. THESE WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO LAST UNTIL SEPTEMBER 2011.

Ladies

Mallow LADIES MINOR team, played Monkstown at Fermoy Sunday 15th May.

Team as follows, Mary Callanan, Geraldine McCarthy, Lily Walsh, Jenny McCarthy, and Kathleen Conway. We had three beginners on this team. We did not win but all enjoyed the experience.

Ladies Intermediate Team played Fermoy at Muskerry Golf Club also yesterday and had some great battles. Mallow went on to win.

Team as follows, Breda Mc Donnell, Ann Kelleher, Mary O Leary, Ann O' Sullivan, Nora Lehane, Subs: Anna Shannon & Ann McDonnagh.

Mallow v Charleville

The Miele Ladies Fourball took place on Sunday 22nd May. Two pairs played at home and two away. Mallow emerged victorious in a tight match played in difficult blustery conditions. Dusk was falling in Charleville as the final match finished on the 21^s hole.

Results as follows-Home:

Marie O'Sullivan and Pauline Hegarty won on the 15th hole.

Angela Goggin and Catherine Roche won on the 17th hole.

Away: Ann Kennelly and Deirdre Linehan won on the 17th hole.

Carmel Kearney and Mary Coakley won on the 21st hole.

Congratulations to all concerned and best of luck against Harbour Point in the next round.

Mallow Tennis Club Notes May 2011

Welcome to our new members! We hope you will all enjoy many happy hours on the courts!

The annual court clean-up is on Friday May 20th all implements welcome!

The dates for the summer competitions will be announced in the July newsletter.

Social tennis continues on Friday nights at 7.30pm – all members welcome!

Bridge Report

Following a busy year the bridge season is drawing to a close. On the 4th of May, the President, Liam O' Driscoll, had his Charity competition, which this year was for Marymount Hospice. The President's Prize was played for on the 11th and 18th of May. The Easter Prizes took place in April and over the three sessions 82 eggs were given out. On Wednesday evenings, a lack of car parking spaces is proving a deterrent for some of the more elderly members who find the car park too steep to walk. The AGM takes place on Wednesday 25th May. The summer months are quiet and the season begins again in September.

Mallow Golf Club

Fundraising Members Draw

2011 /2012

Notice of forthcoming promotion

ANNUAL WINNERS!!!!!!

Members will have the opportunity to enter a Member's Draw and win fantastic prizes **each year**

- Free annual subscription – Winner
- Discounted annual subscriptions – Runner up Prizes

BI ANNUAL WINNERS!!!!

WIN FREE LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Starting in 2012, the Club will offer one lucky winner Free Life Membership as first prize. This prize will be offered every 2 years only.

Watch this space: Tickets cost €10

Terms and Conditions will apply. Details will be posted in the Club

Juvenile Report



The golfing season is in full swing as witnessed by the big numbers availing of the subsidised lessons currently being provided by our professional Sean Conway. The Easter holidays saw three competition days that were well supported.

Monday 18th April-3Ball Scramble-Winners were Liam Griffin, Jack Dillon and Seamus Ronayne.

Thursday 21st April-14 hole Singles-1st Adam Walsh 50points, 2nd Edward Walsh 49 points, 3rd Jack Singleton 47 points.

Thursday 28th April - 3 Ball Scramble - Winners John Browne, Billy Walsh, David O'Sullivan and Roy Whelan.

2nd place went to Conor Roche, Jack Dillon and Killian Egan.

The **Fred Daly** team successfully opened their campaign with two wins over the Easter period, defeating Mitchelstown at home and Doneraile away. They now face Skibbereen in Macroom on Sunday 29th May. All support is welcome. The panel is Kevin Dowling, Paul McCarthy, James Sugrue, Eoin Goggin, Kevin O'Keeffe, Conor Hannon, Liam Attridge, Kieran O'Sullivan and Ger Buckley.

Keep up the good work boys!

The Summer Programme will be displayed on the junior notice board in the near future.

Deirdre Linehan, Juvenile Officer

Course News:

Course Concerns —Wear & Tear.

As there are now in excess of 50,000 rounds played in Mallow Golf Club in a year (Source: 2011 Members Survey) it is very noticeable that there are signs already of course wear & tear. Our STRI consultant is very happy with the progress with our course at Mallow but has expressed serious concern about lack of ball mark repairs & fairway divot repairs. We, as a course committee are pleading with our fellow members to take more care with our course when playing.

Why It's Important to Repair Your Ball Marks on the Green



During a tournament on the Champions Tour, Mark Johnson (center), Morris Hatalsky (left) and Ben Crenshaw take time to repair their ball marks. If they can do it, so can you.

Repairing those little depressions is very important. Equally important is doing it the right way. Because while many golfers fail to repair ball marks - there are also many well-meaning golfers who do "repair" the pitch marks, only to do so incorrectly.

A ball mark can cause the grass in the depression to die, leaving not just a scar but also a pit in the putting surface that can knock well-struck putts offline. Repairing a ball mark restores a smooth surface and helps keep the grass healthy. But "repairing" a ball mark incorrectly can actually cause more damage than not attempting to repair it at all.

Research has found that incorrectly "repaired" ball marks take up to twice as long to heal as those that are properly repaired.

So members, let's all start fixing our ball marks, and doing it the right way. And if you have a moment - if there isn't another group of golfers behind you waiting for you to clear the green - fix one or two other ball marks, too, if you find more of them on the green.

Repairing ball marks isn't just important for the health of the greens, and for smooth-rolling putts. It isn't just a matter of golf etiquette. It is our obligation to help take care of the golf course we play. And repairing ball marks is a big part of that obligation to the game.

Divots

Play Your Shot



Most good swings on well-struck iron shots produce a divot in the fairway. The word "divot" actually refers to two different things: the top layer of turf that is sliced off and sent flying as your iron enters the ground; and the resulting scar, or patch of bare earth that is left in the fairway.

If you look closely, in the photo above, just to the left and forward of the golfer you can see part of the divot flying away.

Repairing divots is an important duty of golfers who create them. According to our head green keeper Patrick O'Leary, a repaired divot can speed up the healing process (meaning: the grass will cover over the scar in the fairway) by a couple weeks, as opposed to an unrepaired divot.

On all par threes we provide sand boxes please use if you have taken a divot.

Seve Ballesteros 1957-2011

**“I’d like to see the fairways more narrow.
Then everyone would have to play from the
rough, not just me.”**

Bunkers:

Smooth Over the Sand as You Back Out of the Bunker



Begin raking over the signs of play from the sand - the area where your club made contact with the sand, and your footprints. Pull the tines of the rake toward you as you begin moving back to the rim of the bunker. But be careful not to pull *too* much sand toward you. The idea is to restore an even surface to the sand without displacing too much sand. If you are pulling too much sand toward you, try pushing the tines outward a few times, too. All the while, you should be progressing back to the edge of the bunker.

Admire Your Work



When you are finished, the sand's surface should be evened out, with no signs of divots or footprints, and no excess sand having been pulled toward the bunker's edge. There *will* be little furrows left from the tines of the rake.

The important thing is that the sand be in as good or better condition than that which you found it in. Make sure golfers following behind you have a good quality bunker from which to play any necessary sand shots.

Finally do not be shy in pointing out to your playing partners if they have not done any of the above.

On behalf of the Course Committee we thank you for your time in reading this and we look forward to your co-operation during the season.

Many Thanks:

Aidan Mc Donagh- Course Chairperson

Denis O'Donovan- Course Committee

Patrick O'Leary- Head Green keeper

Distance Measuring Devices



Distance Measuring Devices (DMD's) are now permitted under local rule, in all GUI run events, including all provincial and national Championships and all Cups and Shields events, both at provincial and national level. The ILGU do not permit the use of DMD's for their competitions.

When a GUI event is held at a golf club - the GUI Local Rules and Tournament Conditions take precedence over the Club Local Rules.

If a golf club wishes to permit Distance Measuring Devices in their own competitions, it must adopt a local rule that permits their use.

Mallow Golf Club has decided to permit these and have a local rule in place. Please note that

caddy cars which are capable of measuring distance are considered DMD's and can thus only be used at other clubs in competition if permitted by local rule, please check before start of play.

A Distance Measuring Device must only measure distance. If a player uses a device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play, the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, regardless of whether any such function is used.

The full wording is below, as it appears in GUI Tournament Conditions for all events.

"A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. gradient, wind speed, temperature etc.) the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used."

Gents Golf News.

Inaugural Pat Owens Memorial.

This event was held over the May bank holiday weekend and provided a fitting tribute to a man who will be missed around town and Mallow golf club.

Great event indeed and very well supported over the three days. Many family and friends traveled to Mallow to take part in the event which was sponsored by the Hibernian Hotel Mallow.

- * 1st Declan Kearney & Con O' Flynn
- * 2nd Tommy O'Connell & John Sheehan
- * 3rd Mick Higgins & Dave Curtin
- * Gross Pa Daly & Mick Higgins

Pierce Purcell 2011 Results

Mallow Pierce Purcell Team played in Mahon GC on Weekend of May 7th & 8th

Team: Denis O'Donovan, Donal O'Connor, Paul Cosgrave, Jim O'Keeffe, Emmet Gyves, Seamus O'Brien, Tim Birmingham, Johnny Long, Eamon Quinlan, Dave Cusack, PJ O'Sullivan, Kevin Goggin, Donal Healy & Michael St. John Cremin.

Selectors: Bobby Howell & Joe Dowling.

Results:

- * Mallow 3 - Lee Valley 2
- * Mallow 3 - Douglas 2
- * Mallow 3 - Cobh 2
- * Area Final Mallow 1 - Blarney Resort 4

Great achievement, very tight matches provided much excitement and a few tense moments. The team really jelled well together and put in a tremendous performance and one to be very proud of.

Well done and thanks to all to participated including those that came along to support the team.

This has been an excellent start for our teams and hopefully we can have many more wins this season.

Did you know? This Competition is named after Professor Purcell, one of Ireland's outstanding golf administrators, from the 1920s to 1960s, it was won first by Masserene, in 1970. Five foursome pairings represent each club, comprised of minimum individual handicaps of 12 and minimum combined of 27.

Barton Shield 2011 Results



Mallow Barton Shield Team played in Fota GC on May 12th & 13th

Team: David Conway, Brian Attridge, Ian Spillane, Darragh Murray

Kevin Dowling, Paul McCarthy & Pa Daly

Selectors: Kevin O'Keeffe & Lar Thompson

Results:

- * Mallow Lisselan - won 6 up
- * Mallow Rafeen Creek - won 7 up
- Mallow Lee Valley - lost 6 down

The team played two great matches and made it through to the 3rd round where they met a very strong and much fancied Lee Valley team which proved too difficult to beat on the day. Lee Valley went on to the area final and were beaten by last year's Munster champions Bandon. Well done and thanks to all who participated including those that came along to support the team.

Upcoming Gents Golf Events

JIMMY BRUEN SHIELD

East Cork G.C. - 11th & 12th June - Mallow v Douglas

IRISH MIXED FOURSOMES

Douglas G.C. - 18th & 19th June - Mallow v Youghal.

FRED DALY

Macroom G.C. - Sunday 29th May at Noon - Mallow v Skibereen

Gents CAPTAIN'S PRIZE Qualifier - 17th, 18th & 19th June with play off on Sat June 25th.

Gents Golfer of the Year 2011

GOY



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Standings after Third Event:

Place	Name	Event 1	Event 2	Event 3	Total
1st	Eoin Goggin	4	2	3	9
2nd	Stephen Lyons	4	4		8
3rd	Billy Clifford	4	0	3	7
	Daniel Butler	2	4	1	7
5th	Kevin Harrington	4	0	2	6
	Ross Buddle	4	2	0	6
	Tim Duggan	6	0	0	6
8th	Gerard Carey	0		5	5
	Gerard McEvoy	3	2	0	5
	Kieran O' Halloran	4	1	0	5
	Patrick Kelleher	5	0		5
	Paul McCarthy		3	2	5
	Robert Howell	0	2	3	5
	Sean O' Sullivan	0	5		5

Next Qualifying Competition:

June - 17th & 18th Captain's Prize Qualifier