



Introduction:

Welcome to the first edition of our Stackstown Golf Club Newsletter.

We have a diverse membership ranging in age, length of membership and golfing ability amongst other things. We must continue to nurture our sense of community, sense of belonging and sense of pride that comes from being part of a great club such as Stackstown.

An initiative to support this endeavour is the launch of this newsletter. This digital version of a magazine will cover reports from various contacts on all aspects of the club including results, joker updates, tips from the Pros and social activities, to name but a few headings. We believe that there will be something of interest for each and every member.

We would like to thank the Editorial team of Ciara Leech and Tom McCormack for their initiative in producing this edition. This team is a subgroup of the overall Club Development Committee.

Our editorial team welcomes your input. If you or your circle of friends and playing partners have an event or story to tell, please contact that team. We hope you enjoy it and look forward to your feedback.

Looking forward to seeing you on the fairways and at the 19th in the not too distant future!

Captain Frank McGrath and Lady Captain Mary Grogan with Pdraig Harrington at the drive in. Many thanks to Pdraig for attending and as always thanks for supporting our club.





Ladies Team update

A big congratulations to Joan Kavanagh and her **Challenge Cup** team who had a great 3.5/1.5 win over Castlewarden in Grange Castle. The team was Aideen O'Brien, Denise Grogan, Mary O'Leary, Sandy Wagstaff, Grace Wallace and sub was Mary Dee. It was a great performance from all the ladies especially Denise who won her first ever inter club match on the 11th!

Commiserations to Marian White and her **Junior Foursomes** team who were beaten by Craddockstown at Kilmashogue on Friday 14th April. The team was Dolores Nulty and Ciara Leech, Sheila Gillick and Niamh Egan, and Avila Mairtin and Joan Moore - subs Fiona Neill and Sinead Murphy.

Irish Mixed Foursomes Team had a great win. We won 3 at home - Anne O'Connor/Liam Tyrell, Dolores Nulty/Paddy Murphy and Mary Grogan/Larry O'Connor. Called in away - Mary Brennan/Brian Flanagan Fiona Neill/Enda O'Halloran. We now play Elm Park before the 21st May in the third round.

Minor Cup team managed by Avila Mairtin had a great win against Moy Valley in Slade Valley Golf Club. Congratulations to Clare Timlin, Paulene Hendley and Susan Murray on their wins!

Revive Fourball managed by Aideen O'Brien will play Dun Laoghaire on Sunday 7th May - two matches at home and three matches away at 2.15pm

Junior Cup team managed by Ciara Leech will play Carrickmines on Sunday 14th May in Druids Heath at 1.45pm

Mark Bloom team managed by Joan O'Brien will play Foxrock at home on Sunday 14th May at 1pm with the return match on Sunday 21st May at 9am

Wishing all our managers and players the best of luck and as always the members support is very much appreciated by them.



Mens Team update

Stackstown Mens teams got off to a great start this year.

The **Super Seniors** have played three of the four matches in their group and won all three. 5-0 in Old Conna, 5-0 at home V Edmondstown and 3.5-1.5 V Hermitage at home. The final match in the group will be in Portmarnock on Monday 8th May at 10.30am. We only require a half point to advance to the Quarter finals.

The Irish mixed foursomes have won their first two matches defeating Old Conna and Dunlaoghaire. Both matches went to extra holes and Stackstown secured the win on the two occasions by winning the 20th. We now play Elm Park before the 21st May in the third round.

The All Ireland Fourball Team have also won their first two matches defeating Powerscourt who had home advantage and winning all three matches in Stackstown in defeating Charlesland.

The Metropolitan Trophy team played our neighbours Rathfarnham on Easter Monday and won 7-2. Well done to Jeff Gavin and his team.

The Barton Cup Team lost to Powerscourt 3-2 in a very close contest. Hard luck to all those involved, it was a great match but Powerscourt were the better team on the day.

Fred Daly Cup John Lavelle's team had a fantastic win against Woodbrook in the Fred Daly Cup. Well done to all involved

Other upcoming events for the diary:

The Pierce Purcell Shield qualifying is in Woodbrook on Sunday 14th May.

The Barton Shield qualifying is in Old Conna on 20th May.

The Junior Cup qualifying is in Rathfarnham on 10th June.

Jimmy Bruen Shield in Edmondstown on 17th June.

Senior Cup in Killeen on 24th June.

Best Cup Stackstown V Charlesland Sun 7th May

[Click here](#) to see all team results



Winners Enclosure

April Medals

Ladies winner of the April Medal was
Ciara Leech



Mens winner of the April Medal was
John Conroy



Hole in 1

Congratulations to one of our SIGS (Stay in Golf) Suzanne Cummings who had a hole in one on the 10th hole.





Tip from Pro

Most golfers know you can't ground your club in a hazard, nor touch the sand with your hand (Rule 13-4b).

However, touching or brushing the sand with your club on your backswing is also a breach of Rule 13-4b. All breaches under Rule 13 incur a two-stroke penalty in stroke play and loss of hole in match play.

However, if you aren't certain which club you're going to use, and take two or more into the bunker, you may lay the extra clubs down in the sand once you've decided, provided nothing is done to test the condition of the hazard or improve the lie off the ball.

Equally, you can take your bag, or even trolley, in with you, and while that may sound a little silly, on modern courses with vast expanses of sand, it could be a time-saver.

But you'll probably attract comment from other golfers, and suspicious looks from greenkeepers, so while it's perfectly legal, we wouldn't recommend it generally.

When it comes to what you can and can't pick up and remove from a bunker, you need to tread very carefully, for you are only allowed to remove 'movable obstructions' (i.e. anything artificial or manmade such as scorecards, gloves, headcovers etc) and not anything classed as a 'loose impediment' (i.e. natural objects such as twigs, leaves, cones and branches).



It's important to know the difference between a movable obstruction and a loose impediment in the sand.

The potential stumbling block is stones, for while they are classed as 'loose impediments' under the Rules (so you aren't allowed to touch them), many clubs have Local Rules reclassifying them as 'movable obstructions' so you can then remove them from bunkers under Rule 24-1, primarily for reasons of safety and to prevent club damage.



Social update

The social golf year is in full swing and social golf events took place on the 19th March, 17th April and 1st May. The team of Peter Horn, Michael Travers, Andrew Curry and Seamus Fenton won the men's prize in the March event with Neil O'Toole, Patricia Cooney, John O'Neill and Mary O'Neill taking the honours in the mixed section. In April Derek Denby, Cathal Wilson, Sean Kelly and Michael Halloran won the men's competition after a count back on the back 9. Avila Mairtin, Eimear Mairtin, Mark Williams and Fergal Mairtin took the honours in the mixed with Ann O'Connor, Sheila Gillick, Phil Halpin of Castlewarden Golf club and Kitty Batty of Grange Castle Golf club taking the spoils in the ladies competition. 1st May update in the next newsletter.

The members of Stackstown were joined by friends and members of Ballinteer St Johns GAA Club for our annual Table Quiz which was held in Ballinteer St Johns club house on Friday 21st April. Questions on Golf, GAA, Irish Folklore and other topics were asked and answers given. Questions such as, Name as many golfers as you can who play left handed and has won a major? In Irish folklore who did the druids foretell would cause great tragedy and heartache and was later promised in marriage to King Conor? Who were the first county to win the Sam Maguire (answers in next month's newsletter.) The quiz was closely fought and perhaps came down to one or two tables indulging in too much of the intelligence juice aka Guinness! In the end it was won by Deirdre Ryan's table closely pursued by our vice-captains' table.

Dates for the diary

- The next 9 and dine will take place on Friday the 26th May. The 'dine' section will take place in Taylors Three Rock.

The social committee would like to thank everyone who took part in the social events to date. Without your support they would not be the success they are. We would like to pay special thanks to the members and staff at Ballinteer St Johns GAA Club for all your support and hospitality to date.



Joker update



The Joker Competition was put forward to committee in May 2015 as a means of contributing towards much needed funds for our course ongoing maintenance and development programmes and also to create a bit of social interest amongst members .

It was immediately approved so one had to learn what it was all about , get cabinet etc manufactured to hold the 53 numbers and get a team together to implement and run it .

A lot of work followed and a year later we launched our first Joker draw on 3rd May 2016 with an initial Jackpot of €200.

It proved to be an immediate success and entries poured in and continue to do so .

On our 4th draw the Joker was drawn by our Vice Lady Captain- at the time - Mary Grogan - who was a most popular winner and she collected total winnings of €450.

Since then the 2nd Joker Competition draw has been held every week - 44 in total - and that pesky Joker has failed to appear since. There are now only 9 numbers remaining so he can't stay hidden for much longer. Jackpot stands at €4,700 which is an amazing amount especially as an entry is only €2.

Initial setup costs have all been paid for and we have paid out over €2,000 in monies to our course maintenance program.

We will shortly be announcing a further project involving an enhanced Signage Board for the 1st tee-box which should impress members and visitors alike .



Juvenile Update

We had a very successful meeting on Saturday 1st April with approximately 30 juvenile members of Stackstown and their parents. The aim of the meeting was to hear their views and understand the expectations for their membership of the club. Lady Captain Mary, Vice Captain Michael, our Golf Professional Michael, Girls Junior Convenor Mary Brennan and Boys Junior Convenor John Lavelle represented the club. We discussed the safeguarding of children in sport, etiquette & behaviour on the course including a brief explanation of the most important RULES OF GOLF!

We had the first Juvenile interclub match on 13th April in Newlands for the Jimmy Hackett Trophy with Seamus Fenton winning the best nett score 66 and Kevin O' Reilly had a 67 nett with a fine team performance just outside the prizes

The Stackstown under 15 boys in the Leinster interclub matchplay had a great win against Woodbrook 9- 1 on a home/away basis. Congratulations to James Oliver, Peter and Michael Egan, Erin Smith and boys junior captain Jack Lundy. The next match is against Dunlaoghaire on Sunday 7th May (home) 14th May (away).

Well done also to a Georgia Rae Corcoran who came 3rd in the 9 hole competition in The Island competing in the Girls Junior Alliance.



Juvenile captains Jack Lundy & Fiona O'Riordan and Padraig Harrington



Juvenile Taster Golf

We are running a taster day for complete beginners with the assistance of Jennifer Hickey CGI. We have recruited approximately 30 boys & girls age 8-11. This day will take place on Saturday 20th May in Stackstown for approximately 2 hours. After this event the children will be invited to sign up for the 'Get into Golf with Rory' Programme when they will receive 3 lessons from our Pro Michael Kavanagh and Anthony Hanlon. These lessons will happen over 3 Saturdays. It is hoped that they will then take up Juvenile membership and take part in our Thursday summer golf.

If anyone has any junior clubs that they would like to donate we would be very grateful. They could be then used for the Taster Golf programme.

Snooker update

The Inter Club Snooker league final took place on Friday 31st March in The Grange Golf Club. After six hard months Stackstown won another pennant beating Newlands 3-0. The team Manager Noel Brennan said he would like to thank the team for their continued support and for their hours of practice. The team is only as good as the panel and with that he would like to thank, Dave Redmond, Paul O'Donoghue, Peadar Hogan, Conor O'Riordan, Dan Morris, Dave Ryan, Mick McDermott, Terry Fox, Dara Carey, Derek Lawlor and Declan Schutte.

There will be casual snooker and coaching in Stackstown and each Wednesday along with 'fun snooker' for beginners. This is open to both male and female players and is very enjoyable.

There will also be an In House competition with handicapped competitions throughout the year. For further details please contact Noel on noelbrennan19@gmail.com or 086-8490097





Dress Code Reminder

Please observe the following when visiting or playing in your club

Attire on the course

- Golf shoes are compulsory
- Collared golf shirt with long or short sleeves
- Conventional golf attire only permitted
- Tailored shorts may be worn with appropriate sports socks
- Non golf attire such as trainers, tracksuits, denim jeans/jackets, football/rugby/county jerseys are not allowed on the course

In the Clubhouse

- Golf shoes are not permitted in the clubhouse other than the changing rooms
- Tailored denim jeans with no fade or tears are permitted in the clubhouse
- It is recommended that mobile phones should be switched to 'silent' when in the bar/restaurant area. Should you wish to take a call please use the foyer or the balcony area.

Future editions

Our editorial team welcomes your input. If you have a story to tell or wish to share some photographs please contact us.

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We hope you enjoyed it and look forward to your feedback.