

The Links Leader

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CÉAD MÍLE FÁILTE to all our members from Captains Joan and Des. It is wonderful to see people back out on our links again and we hope that with the vaccine rollout, we will all be back enjoying our golf safely again. We look forward to a full golf season and hopefully, in time, enjoying events in the bar and clubhouse where we can welcome the many new members to our club.

As we return to golf, please be mindful of your fellow golfers and observe the Health and Safety guidelines on the course. Your safety is in your hands.



Club Captain Des Murphy Lady Captain Joan Bowe

GOLF IS BACK!



After nearly four months away, it is great to see so many smiling faces out enjoying the Old Course and the Burrow Links. Long may the good weather last and soon we'll be able to welcome our members from across the county line and visitors too.

Dear Members, it is an honour to serve Rosslare Golf Club for 2021.

Usually here in Rosslare we have to battle the elements, this year it was COVID, but there is light at the end of the tunnel and it is great to be back on the fairways once again!

Our best wishes to Captain Des and Lady Captain Joan and all our members for a happy and safe golfing year ahead.

Lady President Marianne Brennan & President Brian Hall-O'Mahony

Defibrillators Relocated

To meet compliance with our Health & Safety Management System, the defibrillators have been re-positioned to the wall outside Jamie's Pro Shop and at the entrance to the Burrow pavilion. Both may be accessed with code **C1905**.



Back to Golf Protocols Video

If you've not already seen it, please click on the link below to view our excellent Back to Golf video featuring our two Junior Captains, Nina May Brady and Cillian Duggan. Thanks guys!

https://youtu.be/F1tlPV_aAw



Clubhouse Repainted

Delighted to say that our clubhouse is looking better than ever after receiving a face lift.



New Bunker & Run Off Area on 2nd Hole

As some will have seen this past week, Iain and his team have been busy on the courses making some subtle and some not-so-subtle improvements... this new bunker & run off combination is a super addition. Also, a special thanks to the Greens Committee and all the volunteers who are out early mornings & late evenings watering. Well done!!



Junior Golf at Rosslare Golf Links

The junior golf programme is based at the Burrow Pavilion and will re-start in early May.

Beginners – Mon evenings
Improvers – Wed evenings
Elite – Fri, 9 hole singles comps

Junior Committee

Paddy Lonergan, Michael Dempsey, Johnny Kelly,
Kitty Roche & Joan Bowe (any Junior queries text 087 9283090)

JUNIOR GOLF OPEN DAY

THURSDAY 15th JULY

SPONSOR: MR PAT BARRETT

JUNIOR CAPTAINS PRIZE

NINAMAY BRADY & CILLIAN DUGGAN

SUNDAY 22nd AUGUST

SPONSOR: CLUB CHOICE IRELAND

For further information on Junior Rules etc please see our [Junior webpage](#) or the 'Junior Section 2021' in this year's diary. We welcome all our junior golfers back and look forward to another busy junior golf season.

Rosslare Links Iron Range

There has been some great improvements at the range with new colour coded distance markers and signage installed. Also, Jamie has spruced up his teaching bay with some new branding and exciting new technology such as Trackman. Hopefully he'll be open for lessons very soon but in the meantime, you can check out his Thursday Tips on our YouTube channel [here](#).



Interclub Team Managers

Senior Cup & Barton Shield: Gary Collins & John Skerritt

Junior Cup: John Galvin & Donal O'Keeffe

Barton Cup: Boyd Scott & Pearse Frawley

Provincial Towns Cup: Keith Deacon & Tim Quinlivan

Pierce Purcell: Diarmaid Ó Raghnaigh & Michael Dempsey

Challenge Cup: Doreen Mc Govern & Catherine Haugh

Minor Cup: Kitty Roche

Intermediate Cup: Val Mernagh & Mary Barry

Junior Cup: Catherine Howard & Kathleen Cullimore

Senior Cup: Kathleen Cullimore & Catherine Howard

Irish Mixed Foursomes: Brian Hall O'Mahony & Marianne Brennan

This year's competitions are being run in a different format in order to meet all public health guidelines and we await further communication in this regard.

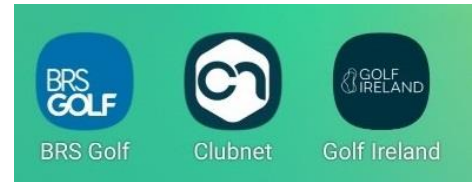
We look forward to successful 2021 for all Teams and no doubt Team Managers will be watching early season form!

Competitions and handicaps

There are three apps of interest. BRS, Clubnet and Golf Ireland.

You can set these up on your smart phone for easy access.

However, for ease of use you can do everything you need to do via the Clubnet app as it links all the systems in one phone app.



BRS

The BRS system will continue to be used for booking tee times and payments for competitions using the electronic purse. Remember you need to sign in with the pro shop staff before you go out to play. You can access BRS via the BRS app, via the Clubnet app, or via the website www.rosslaregolf.com

Clubnet

For competitions and handicaps we are using the Clubnet phone app. If you select the members menu in the Clubnet app menu you will be brought into the Masterscoreboard website www.masterscoreboard.ie. Many of you will be familiar with Masterscoreboard. As before you will also be able to see competition results and see your handicap accessible via the app.

In addition, you can electronically enter scores for competitions via your phone. When logged into the Clubnet app, you will need to navigate to Members and then Digital Scorecard. Make sure you get your passwords set up for both Clubnet and Masterscoreboard so that you are ready to go.



You can also use your pc to access Masterscoreboard via www.masterscoreboard.ie

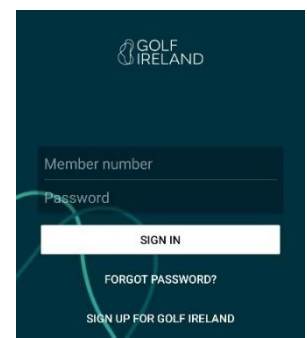
Previously we used a generic password 'pole' to enter this website. The first time you enter the new set up you may be asked for the old password and then to set up a new individual password.

Golf Ireland

The engine that controls your handicap index is the Golf Ireland Website. You can also see your handicap index via the Golf Ireland app. In addition you will have access to a history of your last 20 scores.

You can also enter a 'General Play Score' using the Golf Ireland app whether you are playing at Rosslare Golf Club or another affiliated golf course. With the present set up you cannot enter competition scores on line using the Golf Ireland app.

Like the other app there is website where you can access the Golf Ireland information also. www.golfireland.ie There is a log in area where you log in with your golf number and use the pin number on your old GUI/ILGU membership card as your initial password. You can change this password if you so wish. You will be able to see your playing history and your current handicap index as shown below. From your Competitions and Handicap Committees



Paul Murphy makes Regionals

Paul Murphys time as a college golfer in the USA is coming to a close as his final year starts to wrap up. However, he's finishing on a high having been nominated for the All-Conference Team (for a second year in a row) and has also qualified for the Regional Finals in Florida taking place on the 6 – 8th May.... and all while working hard on his Degree in Marketing.

Well done & best of luck in Florida Paul!



Ladies, we are back!

The waist may have taken a hit and the trousers may be tight, but that's all about to change – we are delighted to let you know we have a full schedule planned for the summer so fingers crossed lockdowns are now a thing of the past and we can get back to the serious business of driving our ball down the centre of the fairway, chipping to 3 feet and sinking the putt for a birdie (one can only dream!!).

We currently await Golf Ireland's ruling on getting back to competitions however we feel confident enough to alert you to some changes that have been made to the diary. Lady President Marianne's Day has been changed to Tuesday 20 July with the added bonus (and possibly a brown envelope or two!) of being a Stableford competition (you're welcome!).

We have provisionally rescheduled the 'Play in Pink' competition to Tuesday 6 July giving you ample time to dye the hair pink, put on your pink nail polish and find that pink boa last seen in the attic circa 1988.

No news on the clubhouse opening as yet but think of that extra €50 on your bar tab – will it be a cocktail, a chilled glass of wine or even a steak that gets the tastebuds going. We are looking at more outside seating when allowed so the summer is looking good.

Hate to bring it up but we must remain vigilant – social distance, wear a mask and in the words of Joe Duffy – '51551 Wash your hands!' I will leave you with my definition of golf as it pertains to me.

'Golf can be defined as an endless series of tragedies obscured by the occasional miracle'.

Dorcas Maher



Credit: Stephanie Glynn

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