

The Links Leader

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We, Captain Diarmaid and Lady Captain Dorcas are delighted to be your Captains for 2022.

May we take this opportunity of wishing you all a Happy New Year, good health and most importantly good golf.

We can look forward to The Winter League commencing on 29th January and the rescheduled Captains' Drive-in will take place on 19th March.



Our hope for this year is one of a final farewell to Covid with life returning to what it once was.

Club Captain Diarmaid Ó Raghnaigh Lady Captain Dorcas Maher

2022 Officers & Golf Club Committees

Club Captain: Diarmaid Ó Raghnaigh
President: Denis Noonan
Hon. Treasurer: Kevin Mitchell

Lady Captain: Dorcas Maher
Lady President: Rita Hayes
Hon. Secretary: Carol O'Brien

Junior Boys Capt.: Haig Conroy

Junior Girls Capt.: Lucia Donohoe

Gents Officers & Committee

Vice Captain: Richard Kennedy
Hon Secretary: Robin Gardner
Hon Treasurer: Colm Waldron
Competitions Chair: Boyd Scott
Handicap Chair: Michael Brosnan
Junior Convenor: Liam Lawlor
Teams Chair: Mark O'Connor
Ex-Officio: Des Murphy

Ladies Officers & Committee

Lady Vice Captain: Vandra Deacon
Hon Secretary: Susan Evans
Hon Treasurer: Karen Burke-Kennedy
Competitions Secretary: Valerie Doyle
Handicap Secretary: Kitty Roche
P.R.: Eilís Kavanagh
Teams/Ladies in Golf: Stephanie Glynn
Ex-Officio: Joan Bowe

Management Committee

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Chair of Bus Dev:	Geoff Coman	Chair of Marketing:	Tiernan Byrne

[Out on the Links](#) with our Superintendent Mark Doyle

Hopefully by now you will all have had the pleasure of meeting Mark Doyle when out playing on the course.

Mark and his team are currently working through their Winter Programme of works and we caught up with him 'Out on the Links' to get a bit more understanding behind these works. [Click here to view](#).

You can also read The Greenkeepers Blog in our Members Area [here](#).



Jamie O'Sullivan **The Pro Shop @ Rosslare Golf Links**

Over the Christmas period Jamie welcomed Anna, who has slotted in seamlessly, into the Pro Shop. If you've got some shop credit to spend or some extra Christmas cash, there are new Rosslare Links logo'd Ladies, Gents & Junior selections now available as well as some great bargains with 25% off Ladies Autumn Winter Collection.

And don't forget to follow our [Thursday Tips with Jaime](#)... we're looking at some specific Winter Golf tips.



COMPETITION TIME

As now is the time when we are all setting our golfing goals for the season, Jamie is giving one lucky member the chance to win a free 30min Trackman Lesson!



Just click on the link below and enter your details to be in with a chance of winning.

[ENTER HERE](#)

SAVE THE DATE

The full club fixture list will be available soon for all members but here are just a few dates you may wish to pop into your diary beginning with the **Winter League** which starts the weekend of the **29th & 30th January**. The teams will be posted in the clubhouse tomorrow and we would encourage the team Captains to make contact with your team members asap. You will also be able to check the teams and the up to date scoring in the [Members Area](#) which will be updated after each week's play.

The Captains' Drive-In is the first big club event of the year and is taking place on **Saturday 19th March**. We look forward to seeing Captain Diarmaid & Lady Captain Dorcas drive off the 1st Tee 😊.

The Pro-Am is back in the diary for the **3rd September** and we look forward to seeing the very best Irish PGA professionals take to the course.

Ladies Competitions

24th May - Lady President Prize
7th June – Captain's prize to the Ladies
9th July - Lady Captains Prize
25th July - 28th July - Ladies Open Week
9th August – President's prize to the Ladies
16th August - Solheim Cup, Lady Captain's Charity Day

Gents Competitions

9th Apr – Senior Scratch Cup
24th Apr – Junior Scratch Cup
14th May – Intermediate Scratch Cup
15th May – Invitational Fourball
17th & 18th June - Captains Prize
27th June – GOY Matchplay Qualifier
30th July – 7th Aug – Gents Open Week
28th Aug - President Prize

Also, for our Juniors there are some important dates to note:

11th July – Irish Junior Open Tour
21st Aug – Captains Prize to the Juniors

GolfShake visits Rosslare Links

We were delighted to host golf writer, Andrew Picken, from GolfShake UK back in December. Andy thoroughly enjoyed his round with good friend (and photographer) Kevin Markham. We look forward to reading all about it!



Congrats Paul Murphy

It was great to see Paul home for Christmas taking some much-needed family time as well as doing a bit of work in the pro shop. He did however make time to win 1st Gross in the TaylorMade Winter Series at Portmarnock Links! Paul is heading back to the US next week with a number of tournaments already on the schedule. We'll all be following closely and cheering loudly!



Thank You Seán

As most of you know, our good friend and colleague, Seán Sinnott has retired from his role at the golf club. It's fair to say that the club won't be the same without him. 'Irreplaceable' & 'gentleman' are the two words which we are hearing most around the club when speaking about Seán's time at the club. The whole club would like to wish Seán the very best in his retirement and we hope he gets to play a bit more golf now 😊.

We asked Seán to pen a few words which we are delighted to include here.

From all the members of Rosslare Golf Club, Thank You!

I began working in the golf club on 6th January 1999. I worked in the office of the Burrow Course in a very small cabin at the time for 3 days per week. I worked on the course for 2 days and the odd busy night I would do a few hours in the bar in the clubhouse.

Later I went to 5 days a week at the Burrow and we had a lovely pavilion installed which was much more comfortable. At all times I found this work enjoyable with meeting so many people from all over and from every walk of life. I'll never forget my first Friday morning where I was greeted by Girlie Martin, Pat Hayes and 40 of the Friday Ladies!

The Burrow Course is such a great facility and visiting golfers always say how they wish they had such a gem in their club.

I have enjoyed every minute of my time working in the Burrow. Never a dull moment and everyone was so helpful. I must say that my fondest memory will always be being part of the Junior committee that won the All-Ireland Fred Daly Trophy in 2008 + 2009.

I have seen many people come and go throughout the club and I must say that they have all been great to work with. I wish the club every success in the future and Rosslare Golf Club will always be in my heart.

Seán



LADIES CLUB NEWS

New Christmas Jumper Day & Pop-Up Shops

The club was abuzz on 14 Dec with the Ladies Christmas jumper competition followed by pop-up shops in the clubhouse.

Thanks to Marie Therese Swan for her kind sponsorship and well done to winner Paula O'Leary and Burrow winner Niamh Howlin.



New Ladies Club Gear

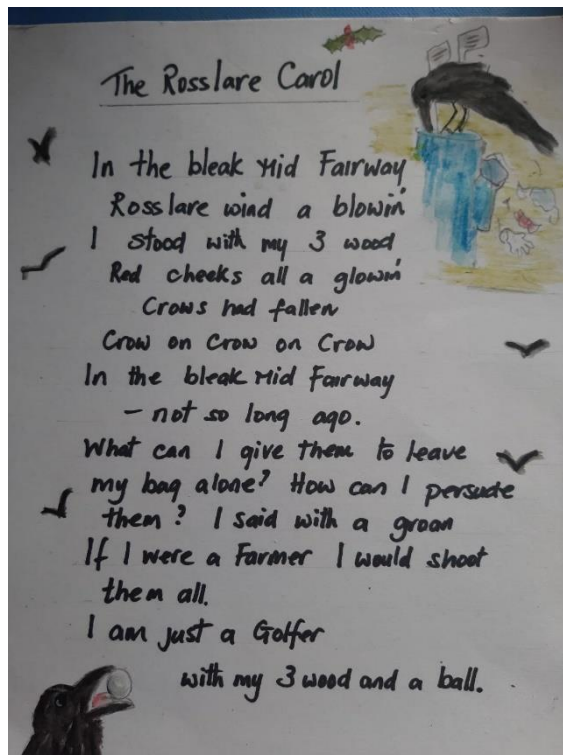
Lady Vice Captain Vandra Deacon, Lady President Rita Hayes and Lady Captain Dorcas Maher sporting our newly minted club sweater, half-zips and shirts!

All available now in the Pro Shop.



The Rosslare Carol

Finally, a hymn to our favourite winged thieves, penned by Stephanie Glynn



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