

The Links Leader

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2022 Captains Drive-In

19th March 2022



It was a beautiful Spring Saturday for our 2022 Captains Drive-In. It was great to see so many members, friends and families out supporting Captain Diarmaid, Lady Captain Dorcas and our Junior Captains Haig & Lucia. Check out all the photos from the day [here](#).



Introducing our new General Manager, Mr. Jerry Foley

I was delighted to take up my new role on March 14th as General Manager for Rosslare Golf Club. As one of Ireland's most illustrious clubs, I look forward to working closely with both the Management Committee and the sub-committees to improve our member and overall visitor experience.

As a Wexford native, I think I first stepped foot in Rosslare Golf Club almost 50 years ago, when as a junior golfer I needed to get some adult clubs shortened. Since then, I have played the 'Old Course' as well as the Burrow on many occasions and I have always loved playing here. Rosslare is a magnificent golf course, and it is great to see the improvements now being made on both courses. Furthermore, having met my new work colleagues over the past two weeks, I have no doubt that we have an excellent and motivated team who are fully committed to developing the club and all facets of the business. I look forward to working closely with them.



As well as improving the member experience, I am genuinely excited about letting the Golf World know, both at home and abroad, about the wonderful links golf we have at Rosslare. Interestingly, there are only 247 true links courses throughout the World and isn't it fascinating to know, that in Rosslare, we have almost 1% of them!

I am now completing my second week in the role and would sincerely like to thank everyone I have met for the very warm welcome I've received. I look forward to meeting many more members in the weeks and months ahead as well as helping the club to reach its full potential in the long term.

Jerry Foley
General Manager

They're checking it once, they're checking it twice...

You finish your round of golf, sign your card, enter it into the computer and then drop it into the box. Simple.

But what happens next?!

What happens next is that a team of volunteer members arrive later that evening and process all the scores from the day's play. This happens after each competition, no matter how late in the evening it runs and can sometimes be taken for granted. The ladies & gents card checkers operate under the stewardship of Paul Boggan & Frances Kavanagh and work hand in hand with their respective Competitions Committees.

On behalf of the members, we wanted to acknowledge their commitment and the fantastic job our volunteer card checkers do.

Thank you!



Winter League 2022 a huge success!

This year's Winter League sponsored by Aston Lark, was played over 7 consecutive weeks, and commenced on the weekend of 29th & 30th January. 14 Teams made up of 8 players, ladies and gents with mixed handicaps commenced with a singles competition and alternated between singles, fourballs and greensomes for the first 6 weeks. On week 7, the final, the teams split into 2 categories, The Shield for the top 6 and The Plate the remaining 8 teams. The final was 2 x 4 person teams to decide the winners.

'Team C', captained by Kevin Foran, led from week one and whilst the rest of the teams jockeyed for positions, in not always favorable conditions, 'Team C' kept up a very consistent level of scoring until they were crowned Winter League Winners 2022.



Winter League 2022 Champions – Team C

All the winners in both categories were presented with their prizes after food in the Clubhouse on Sunday evening 13th March. Thanks to all participants (120 including subs) and all who contributed to an enjoyable Winter League 2022. [You can see all the prize giving photos here.](#)



2nd Place Overall



3rd Place Overall



Plate Winners

PaddyTalks Golf Podcast visits Rosslare

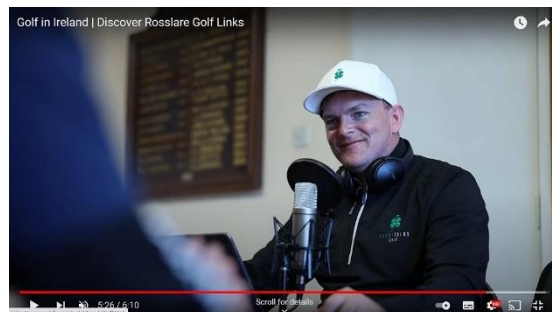
[PaddyTalksGolf](#) is one of the leading golf podcasts in the country and we were delighted to welcome Paddy and his trusty cameraman, Eoin, down to Rosslare this February to experience the links.

It was Paddy's first visit to Rosslare so thankfully the weather was kind



and in his own words he "had an incredible day golfing, enjoying the phenomenal hospitality of Rosslare Golf Club". Paddy has since been very vocal on his social media platforms about his love of the course and how he's looking forward to returning soon. There has been an outstanding reaction to the video the guys did which you can view on YouTube [here](#).

Stay tuned as the podcast is due to be uploaded any day now.



Golf Lessons for Ukraine

Well done Jamie O'Sullivan for creating this excellent fundraising initiative which took place on 24th March and has been embraced by PGA professionals all over the country.

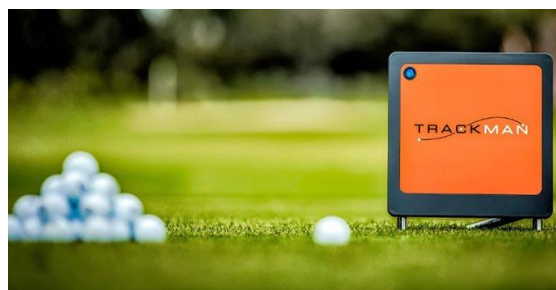
You can still donate to CONCERN by clicking [here](#).



Competition Winner!!

Congratulations to Derek Evans who was the lucky winner of our January Links Leader competition.

Derek has won a 30min Trackman Lesson with our PGA professional Jamie O'Sullivan



Out on the Links with our Superintendent Mark Doyle

Mark and his team are coming to the end of the Winter Programme and are now scaling up for the busy Spring period ahead. We caught up with Mark 'Out on the Links' to find out more about one particular process that is critical to the agronomical programme: [Click here to view](#).

"Along with our wetting agent program, we have really stepped up our preparation of the close mown playing surfaces for the season ahead. Greens and collars on both courses have been overseeded and topdressed this week in order to be in the best condition possible for our Senior Scratch Cup and Easter weekend.

Fairway works have started on the Burrow, with a spring rake scarify this week which will improve the consistency of ball lie and roll on the playing surface.

Outside of these works, we have introduced a new "natural area" sand scrape to the left of the 12th Fairway. (Old Course). This is not a bunker hazard, therefore the club can be grounded and the ball played as it lies. You can also read the latest Green's Committee Report in our Members Area [here](#)."



Faillte Ireland Belfast Society Night

On Tues 22nd March our GM, Jerry Foley, attended the above event on behalf of the club and was very encouraged by the feedback received.



Ladies Get into Golf

Ladies, make sure all your friends know about our 'Get into Golf' **Information Evening on the 31st March at 6:30pm** in the Clubhouse. Registration in advance with Stephanie on 086-8435845



JUNIOR NEWS

JUNIOR COMMITTEE

Paddy Lonergan
Joan Bowe
Michael Dempsey
Kitty Roche
Liam Lawlor
Rory Deane
Niamh Byrne

CHILDRENS OFFICER

Liam Lawlor



JUNIOR GIRLS CONVENOR

Joan Bowe

JUNIOR BOYS CONVENOR

Liam Lawlor

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Michael Dempsey

LIAISON OFFICER

Paddy Lonergan

JUNIOR GIRLS CAPTAIN: Lucia Donohoe

JUNIOR BOYS CAPTAIN: Haig Conroy

The Junior Golf season at Rosslare Golf Club is in full swing starting a little earlier than usual this year. All are welcome to join - club members and non - members.

See details on club notice boards, website, in club diary or text 087- 9283090 for more details.

The Golf Academy at Rosslare Golf Club is a very active section with a full programme of events and a very committed team of volunteers. Special thanks to club professional, Jamie O'Sullivan for all his time and support. Weekly coaching sessions will also begin shortly on Sat & Sun. Stay tuned!!

Our programme this year is as follows:

(1) EVERY SUNDAY @ 3PM

GOLF ACADEMY
BIRDIES AND EAGLES
BEGINNERS AND IMPROVERS
BURROW COURSE

- warm -up
- fun games
- putting
- pitching
- swinging
- play 3holes

(2) EVERY SATURDAY @ 4PM

IMPROVERS
'GO GIRLS GOLF '
BURROW COURSE

- Driving range
- practice area
- scrambles
- play 3/6/9 holes
- singles
- fourballs

(3) EVERY FRIDAY @ 5PM

BURROW COURSE
9 HOLE SINGLES COMP

- All welcome
- Just turn up

!! SAVE THE DATE !!

(1) JUNIOR OPEN ROSSLARE
Thursday 14th July

(2) JUNIOR CAPTAINS DAY
Sunday 21st August

NEW JUNIOR 2022 STOCK IN THE PRO SHOP

- See photos above of junior captains modelling the new stock 😊

We wish all our juniors a very enjoyable golf season, lots of practice, good weather, lots of fun and friendship along the way, play well and enjoy!!

Upcoming Notable Golf Fixtures:

Sun 27th March – 3 T's Charity Gents, Singles

Sat 9th April – Senior Scratch Cup, 0 – 3hcp

Sun 10th April – Player of the Year, Singles

Sun 17th April – Gents Medal (Gaynor/Hogan Cup)

Sun 24th April – Junior Scratch Cup, 4 – 9hcp

Tues 26th April – Ladies Medal/3T's Charity/GOY



SPLIT THE POT

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNER, DRAWN ON ST.
PATRICK'S WEEKEND!

*** **JIM HORE wins €182** ***

****Funds for UKRAINE €260 Thank You****

THE NEXT DRAW IS ON
EASTER WEEKEND!

€2 If you are not in – you cant win!! €2

Enter as often as you like! 😊

All proceeds towards repurposing of Snooker Room

PLEASE FOLLOW YOUR CLUB ON OUR SOCIAL CHANNELS

