

# The Links Leader

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## Club Captains Paul Boggan & Anne Roche Redmond

Myself and Anne are delighted to be your Captains for 2024, many thanks for all the kind wishes on our election and the messages of support we have received since coming into office.

We appreciated all of you coming out in your numbers to help us maintain our Club tradition of "The Captains Drive In". This was a special (and nervous) day for us, and our families and we really appreciated you being there on New Year's Day.

The Golf Committees and sub-committees are in situ and have been working hard through the winter to ensure everybody in our Club has an enjoyable year of golf.

The year ahead looks very exciting and as you will see from the fixture diary, we have a very full calendar scheduled for the season.

Despite the unusually poor weather in January our Winter League has gone ahead and has been very well supported.

The NEW Junior Golf Program has commenced with weekly coaching sessions since before Christmas and is very well attended by boys and girls.

Both courses are looking very green and in great shape for the time of year despite all the water. Along with the weather they continue to improve on a daily/weekly basis.

So, everything is in place for another happy and successful year in Rosslare Golf Club.

We look forward to seeing you on the course or in the clubhouse in 2024.



## Captains' Drive-In 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024

Vice-Captain Karen Burke Kennedy, Captains Paul Boggan and Anne Roche Redmond, Vice-Captain Boyd Scott

View more Captains' Drive-In pictures [here](#)

## All the best for 2024

We wish our Club Officers, Management Committee, sub-committees, staff and volunteers the best for the year ahead. Thank you!

### Club Officers

<b>Captains:</b>	Paul Boggan & Anne Roche Redmond
<b>Presidents:</b>	John Howard & Pat Byrne
<b>Vice Captains:</b>	Boyd Scott & Karen Burke Kennedy

### Management Committee

<b>Chairperson:</b>	Paddy Lonergan
<b>Secretary:</b>	Michael Brosnan
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Kevin Mitchell
<b>Business Dev:</b>	Nial McGuinness
<b>Chair of Greens:</b>	Brian Hall O'Mahony
<b>Marketing:</b>	Richard Kennedy
<b>Membership:</b>	Catherine Howard
<b>House:</b>	Liz Callery

### Office Staff

Our Office administration team of Claire Farrell, Carol Cleary and Emer Pollard are always on hand to assist members with any queries.

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## 2024 WINTER LEAGUE



Champions! Congratulations to Team 10J: Captain Jim Hore, Paud O'Brien, Máire Farrell, Fergus Carey, Billy Moore, Jim Hennessy, Mary Barron, Tom Connolly who emerged victorious in our Howden Winter League.

Thanks to our organisers and a huge thanks to our sponsors, Howden Insurance.

View more Winter League pictures [here](#)



## FIXTURES 2024

The **2024 Fixture List** is now online in the [Members' Area](#)

Log in with your GI number.

GENTS' MAJORS	LADIES' MAJORS
<b>Sun 26 May</b> Captain Anne Redmond's Prize	<b>Sat 18 May</b> President Mrs Pat Byrne's Prize
<b>Fri 21/Sat 22/Sun 23 June</b> Captain Paul Boggan's Prize	<b>Tues 11 June</b> Captain Paul Boggan's Prize
<b>Sun 25 Aug</b> President John Howard's Prize	<b>Sat 13 July</b> Captain Anne Redmond's Prize
<b>Sun 8 Sept</b> President Pat Byrne's Prize	<b>Tues 13 Aug</b> President John Howard's Prize
	<b>Tues 10 Sept</b> Christmas Prizes

## TEAMS

**Best of luck to our teams for 2024**

LADIES TEAMS & MANAGERS 2024	MENS TEAMS & MANAGERS 2024
<b>SENIOR CUP:</b> Joan Griffin, Mary O'Shaughnessy <b>JUNIOR CUP:</b> Doreen McGovern, Joan Bowe <b>REVIVE ACTIVE:</b> Carmel Quinlivan, Chris White <b>LEINSTER TROPHY:</b> Val Mernagh, Catherine Haugh <b>CHALLENGE CUP:</b> Kitty Roche, Eileen Brosnan <b>BOYNE TEAM</b> <b>2 MIXED TEAMS:</b> Eleanor O'Connor, John Howard <b>JUNIOR GIRLS</b>	<b>SENIOR CUP:</b> Denis Noonan, Mark O'Connor <b>BARTON SHIELD:</b> Denis Noonan, Mark O'Connor <b>JUNIOR CUP:</b> Tony O'Leary, Ian Lynch <b>JIMMY BRUEN:</b> Nick O'Connor, Robert Redmond <b>PIERCE PURCELL:</b> D O'Sullivan, John Butler <b>MIXED FOURSOMES:</b> John Howard, E O'Connor <b>MIXED FOURBALL:</b> J Howard, Eleanor O'Connor <b>LEINSTER TROPHY:</b> Eoin Kelly, J Monaghan <b>BARTON CUP:</b> Mark Mullen, Gary Collins <b>JB CARR:</b> John Kelleher, Vinny O'Reilly

Thanks to our teams and managers and best of luck for the Inter Club Competitions.

## ROSSLARE SCRATCH CUP

The Rosslare Scratch Cup will take place on our Championship Links Course on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April '24. This prestigious competition will see a limited field of 69 of Ireland's best scratch golfers compete for this coveted prize played over 36 holes.

Last year's competition ended in an exciting three way play off between Quentin Carew, Paul Coghlan, both from Castleknock GC and Jake Whelan from Grange GC. Jake Whelan was eliminated after the first play-off hole and Quentin Carew went on to overcome his great friend and club colleague, Paul Coghlan, at the third play-off hole to claim the title.

**2023 Rosslare Scratch Cup Champion, Quentin Carew, with 2023 Captain Mr Richard Kennedy.**

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## GREENKEEPER'S BLOG

It has been quite a while since I have sent out a comprehensive update from the greenkeeping team, so I'll take this opportunity to keep you all in the loop as to how we filled our winter.

One of the great joys of working on a Links course is the fact that we are still able to crack on with project work throughout the wet weather of which we have had more than our fill this year.



The rain has been relentless since October, and many days were spent pumping water off fairways and out of low-lying areas to keep the course as playable as possible.

Our regular winter maintenance program consists of Verti draining Greens and green surrounds to a depth of 7 inches. The aim of this process is to reduce compaction in high traffic areas and to promote root development by allowing some much-needed oxygen into the soil profile. We carried out three verti-drains since November over both courses.

A similar practice of slitting on the fairways was also implemented.



The deep rough has been cut back and collected in all accessible areas of the courses and we utilised a local contractor to cut back and tidy up ditches and gorse throughout the site.

The greens team here at Rosslare are highly skilled in golf course construction techniques and take great pride in producing quality work throughout the winter months so that the course always starts the new season better than it finished the last.



Included in this year's list of projects were 5 bunker renovations.

- 2 greenside bunkers on 15

Before ....



..... After



- 2 fairway bunkers on 16

- And the reinstatement and redesign of a previously closed bunker between 5 and 11 fairways.

A new pathway was installed at the 8<sup>th</sup> tee on the Burrow which now separates both courses and makes it much more efficient from a pace of play and a health and safety perspective.



The pathway at 13<sup>th</sup> tee has been upgraded and a turning area installed, so **we ask that no buggies or trolleys are brought onto the tee boxes** as had been the norm in times past.

Blue tees on 9 and 12 have been stripped, levelled and re-turfed.

The large mound in front of the 10<sup>th</sup> tees on the Burrow Course has been lowered and reshaped so players on the back tee can see the fairway and the group in front and reducing the chance of a ball strike. (This area will be reseeded once the weather allows)

DAR Golf Construction were brought on site to assist us in the larger scale projects, of reshaping the entrance to the 16<sup>th</sup> fairway. This has shortened the carry off the tee and improved the hole aesthetically by hiding the buggy path from view.



DAR also constructed a new elevated blue tee on the 4<sup>th</sup> hole, replacing the old blue tee which was taken out of commission for health and safety reasons a couple of years ago.

Our own crew were responsible for the re-turfing and irrigation installation on these projects.

I am extremely proud of the work that the Greens team have carried out over the past few months in the most difficult of conditions. To get through this list of projects along with maintaining the courses to a very high standard is nothing short of a remarkable effort.

My thanks to Dermot McCallion, Sean Gorman, Eddie Furlong, John Browne, Denver Kinsella, Shane Gorman and our recent recruit John Skeritt for all their hard work and dedication to raising the standards here at Rosslare.

Thanks also to the Greens, Finance and Management Committees for their continued support and investment in the upgrade of the machinery fleet without which, we couldn't do what we do.



**The new John Deere Dakota Top Dresser**

*Click on the links to Mark's videos on how to:*

*[Repair pitch marks](#)*

*[Keep our bunkers in good condition for all our golfers.](#)*

I wish you all the best for the upcoming season, and hope the weather improves for an enjoyable year of golf.

Mark Doyle

Links Superintendent.

**Rosslare on the UP!**

**Well done Mark and team on this rating (UP 4) from Irish Golfer Magazine**



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There's a lot to enjoy on this links in Ire- land's south-east corner and views of the sea have become more prominent to add to the experience. A nice upward bump and this is also what you'll feel when you start playing the excellent stretch from three to seven. (UP 4)

A photograph showing a wide, scenic view of a golf course. The foreground is a lush green fairway, leading into rolling hills and bunkers. In the far distance, a body of water (the sea) is visible under a clear sky.



## HOLE IN ONE CLUB!



**Aimee Winters 14<sup>th</sup>**



**Joe Moran 6<sup>th</sup> Burrow**



**Derek Shaw 9<sup>th</sup> Burrow**

**PLUS ...**

Derek Campion Hole  
in One on 14<sup>th</sup> in the  
Winter Series 2023



**WELL DONE ALL!!**



**Karen O'Keeffe 8<sup>th</sup>**



**Seán Sinnott 14<sup>th</sup>**



**NO TURKEYS HERE!**

Joan Bowe's EAGLE 2 on Par 4 12<sup>th</sup>



## PROSHOP NEWS

I would like to begin by wishing everyone a happy and enjoyable year ahead on the Links.

You will find it in amazing condition thanks to Mark and all his staff. We recently held a PGA Winter Series Event here where over fifty PGA Professionals from all over Ireland competed. The feedback from each and everyone of them was fantastic on their welcome to Rosslare and the brilliant course conditions. The joint winners were Ryan Gribben and Damien McGrane both shooting forty points on a mild but beautiful Rosslare day.



### Exciting New Pro Shop Merchandise:

We are busy preparing for the season in the Proshop with new stock arriving in for the Spring and Summer. We have shaken things up a bit this year introducing a few new fashion brands such as Pure Golf for Ladies and Penguin for the Men among some of our regular high-quality brands. We also have started stocking Ecco Golf shoes which are the best and most comfortable shoe made in Golf. They are full Biom Leather manufactured by Ecco, and some also have Gore-Tex waterproof technology.

The new hardware for the season is exciting with the Callaway AI Smoke, TaylorMade Q10, Ping G430 and GLE3 ranges in stock. We have the new Vokey, Ping, Cleveland and TaylorMade wedges for sale.

The best way to choose clubs is through a custom fitting session where I use Trackman technology and my various Custom Fitting Tools to find the correct club or clubs for your physical and golfing specifications. This is not a technical ordeal for the customer, all you must do is hit shots and I will then use my kit and knowledge to find you the desired correct equipment needed.

### Upcoming Fitting Days:

We are hosting an **Odyssey Putter Fitting Day** on the main Putting Green on Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup> from 10-1pm. Please book a slot through the link below or call down that morning to try the beautiful new A1 Range.

On Monday April 15<sup>th</sup> **Ping** are coming to Rosslare Driving Range for another Fitting Day from 2-6pm. You will be able to try the new G430 and Gle3 ranges. This is by appointment only so please use the below link to book.

### Golf Lesson & Custom Fitting Bookings:

We have introduced a [new online booking app](#) for Golf Lessons and Custom Fitting. The link attached will take you to my diary where any area in **Green** is available for booking. The app will ask you to register as a user and you will then choose what lesson type you wish to avail of. You can manage your booking if you need to move or cancel, and you will also receive email confirmations and reminders. Please do not hesitate to ask us to help you in setting up your profile or in making bookings.

<https://jamieosullivan.proagenda.com>

### Rosslare Golf Club Annual Golf Trip:

I am delighted to announce the destination of our 2024 Annual Golf Trip with Cassidy Golf Travel. We are heading to Sunny Spain, Torremolinos from October 4<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>. We are staying in the beachside beautiful Sol Principe Hotel and playing three rounds of Golf at Lauro, Baviera and Parador. The trip is all inclusive and consists of all your air travel, all baggage, all transfers, and all golf with buggies. This will be our fifth Annual Golf Club Trip and is one of the highlights of my year. The great fun and friendships that this trip has yielded makes it a week never to miss.

The Hotel is situated right on the beach less than ten minutes from the airport. It is a short walk along a beautiful beach promenade to several towns.

As places are limited, I would ask you to **reserve your booking through Cassidy Golf**. Email [golf@cassidytravel.ie](mailto:golf@cassidytravel.ie) or phone 01-8725000. All contact details and other information is on the poster attached to your BRS message. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this.

### Proshop Xcaddie Accounts coming live shortly:

I have been busy upgrading our Proshop XPOS systems this winter. This system not only conducts sales and stock control but also Proshop customer credit accounts. This is where your twos club, Wednesday Opens winnings and your Proshop vouchers are held. The new feature called Xcaddie will allow you, the customer, to see a live version of your credits and debits in the Proshop. You will also be able to see any stock available in the Proshop, as well as offers and promotions that we may be running.

We are now gathering emails for your accounts so that we can go live over the coming month with this feature. If you wish to avail of this exciting new feature, please ensure to give us your email address the next time you are in the shop.

I, Anna, and Cillian very much look forward to welcoming you all back for hopefully another great golfing season at Rosslare Golf Club. Please never hesitate to pop into us to discuss if we can help you with any of your golfing needs.

Happy Golfing,

Jamie & Staff.





### ROSSLARE ON TOUR

Vice Captain Boyd Scott caught up with our former Rosslare Assistant Pro, Jamie Dreelan in sunny Dubai.

Jamie is a key member of the Coaching Team at Tommy Fleetwood Academy in Dubai.

### MOTHERS' DAY AT ROSSLARE

Vice-Captain Karen Burke Kennedy and her Mum, Betty Burke, enjoying Mothers' Day lunch at our Links Restaurant.



### SRIXON TRUCK – NEW YEAR, NEW GEAR!



The Srixon Truck arrived on Monday 26 Feb, offering bespoke club creation for the discerning golfer.

Srixon/Cleveland/XXIO European Product Manager, Joe Miller kindly gave us a little tour. Watch it [here](#)

### NEW MEMBERS' WELCOME

Our new members enjoyed a cuppa and a chat at their welcome morning, with lots of useful info from club officers and our Links Superintendent, Mark Doyle.



### LOCKER ROOMS LOOKING GOOD!

Fabulous job on our new locker rooms, great work everyone!

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WEXFORD YOUTH TRAD HUB





## Empowering Women Through Golf The 2024 "Getting into Golf" Program

We are thrilled to announce the launch of our 2024 "Getting into Golf" (GIG) program specifically designed for women. This year, we have been overwhelmed by the response, with more than 40 ladies already applying to be part of this exciting initiative. Spearheaded by our esteemed golf professional, Jamie O'Sullivan, the program aims to introduce women to the sport of golf and equip them with the fundamental skills needed to take on the challenge of playing on our renowned Burrow Course.

The GIG program will comprise 8 weeks of lessons scheduled to take place on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings throughout April and May. Jamie O'Sullivan will serve as the primary instructor, guiding participants through the basics of golf and providing them with the necessary tools to navigate the Burrow Course with confidence. Additionally, our existing female members will play a vital role in welcoming and mentoring the new players, helping them understand the rules and etiquette of the game while fostering a sense of camaraderie within the golfing community.

This initiative aligns with the broader efforts of Golf Ireland to promote female participation in golf clubs across the country. By partnering with Golf Ireland, Rosslare Golf Club is proud to contribute to this national campaign and provide women with a nurturing environment in which to explore and enjoy the sport of golf.

The cost of the 8-week program is set at €75, covering the expert lessons delivered by our pro, Jamie. Moreover, participants will have the opportunity to avail of a discounted offer to play our 12-hole Burrow Course upon completion of the program, paving the way for a continued journey in golf beyond the initial training period.

Those who have already messaged in their interest in joining the GIG program are invited to attend our first meeting on **March 26th at 6pm** in the Rosslare Golf Links Clubhouse. Pre-registered applicants will be formally enrolled in the program during this session, marking the official commencement of their exciting golfing adventure.

In conclusion, the 2024 GIG program represents a significant milestone in our commitment to promoting inclusivity and empowerment among women in the world of golf. We look forward to welcoming our enthusiastic participants and witnessing the growth and success that this program is, again poised to bring to our community.

Let's tee off together and embark on this enriching journey into the world of golf!



## JUNIOR NEWS



Best wishes to our 2024 Junior Captains Jamie Doyle and Maia Deane.

Have a great year!



## Junior Coaching

Our Junior Coaching programme continues every Sunday at 11.30am, for boys and girls (aged 6-17), with coaching from Club PGA Professional, Jamie O'Sullivan, supported by our Junior Golf Committee. Sessions are free and fun!

Our Junior Golfers will also take part in InterClub Competition.

Newcomers are very welcome, so if your nieces, nephews, children or grandchildren are interested, please contact our Junior Convenor Mark O'Connor (085) 8887959 or Clare Barry (087) 2898960

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