

# The Links Leader

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## CAPTAIN ANNE'S PRIZE

## 13 JULY 2024



We had a wonderful, joy-filled day for Captain Anne's Prize, with 142 competitors, between Main Course and Burrow. The weather stayed kind, and with the course in top class condition, we were guaranteed some super golf. Huge congratulations to Pauline Cafferkey, whose 69 nett captured the coveted Captain's Prize for 2024, and to Susan Evans on her gross prize. Honours for the Burrow course went to Suzanne Kiely. In lieu of gifts, Captain Anne nominated Wexford Mental Health Association for donations and a fabulous €1600 was raised for this cause. Thanks, and well done to Captain Anne for a super day, wonderful prizes and a most enjoyable evening.



View more pictures [here](#)

## A festival of links golf

29 July – 11 August 2024

The annual two-week Festival of Links Golf is always hugely popular with our members, guests and visitors alike, and it's always a great opportunity to meet up with old friends. This year's Festival was no different with over 2,400 rounds of golf played by competitors striving to win one of the several great prizes on offer every day. The atmosphere around the clubhouse was brilliant and our evenings were enhanced by some musical entertainment on four nights which was enjoyed by all.

We decided to introduce some mixed team events in both weeks and the general consensus is that this worked well and will continue into next year's schedule.

We would like to thank all the competitors for adding to the enjoyment and 'buzz' around the club and especially would like to extend our gratitude to all our sponsors for their generous support for all our competitions throughout the Festival fortnight.

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## President Mr John Howard's Prize to the Ladies

13 August 2024

Congratulations to Pauline Ann Murray on her win in President John Howard's Prize to the Ladies, with a super score of 45 points on the back nine. Eileen Brosnan secured the Gross Prize, and Jennifer Maher won the Burrow Prize. Thanks to President John for the beautiful prizes, and lovely words at the presentation.



## Captain Paul wins President's Prize

25 August 2024



It's never been done before!

Who would have believed it? Our captain Paul won President John's prize with a great score of 41 points on a very blustery day on the Links. He puts the win down to brilliant putting and lots of practice. Well done, Paul.

## Double Trouble

Pearse Frawley and Sean Kinsella winners of back-to-back fourball competitions during Open Week with terrific scores of 45 & 47 points.

Very hard for anyone to beat that sort of scoring.

Well done lads on a brilliant performance.



## HOLE IN ONE CLUB



Ian Lynch, Albatross on par 5 7<sup>th</sup> hole



Paul McDonald 8th



Matt Pearson (Coollattin) 10th



Neil Howlin Burrow 9th

After an extremely busy summer of golf traffic on both courses, we are very pleased at how well the courses held up and came through the season relatively unscathed. I would like to thank all members and visitors alike for the very positive feedback we have received over the year on the condition of the courses.

While we didn't see a real prolonged period of summer weather, it did relieve the pressure on the greens team as far as watering was concerned. However, the damp, muggy mornings brought with them their own issues.

We did have a bout of a disease called Dollar Spot on some greens and approaches prior to overseeding. This is a blight like disease which appears in spots and affects the leaf of the plant. It can come in very quickly, but once it has been addressed, it is mostly visual on the leaf and does minimal lasting damage to the sward and has very little effect on playability.



Following our Autumn overseed on greens and approaches we have applied an organic granular fertiliser, which will help grow out any of the unsightly spots over the next couple of weeks.

We have completed our overseeding program over the first 3 weeks of September. Greens, approaches, fairways and tees on the Old Course along with greens, surrounds and tees on the Burrow. This will see us go into the winter with a good healthy coverage of grass and will bring us out stronger in the spring.

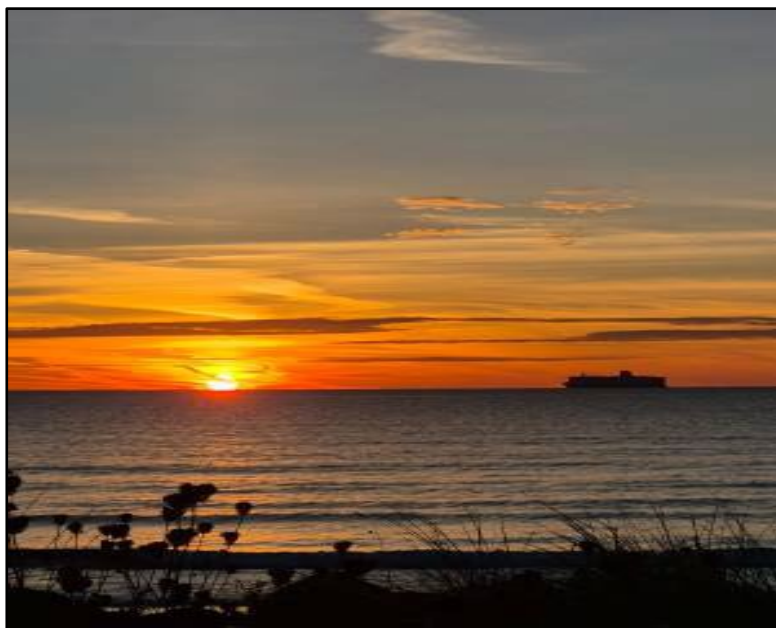


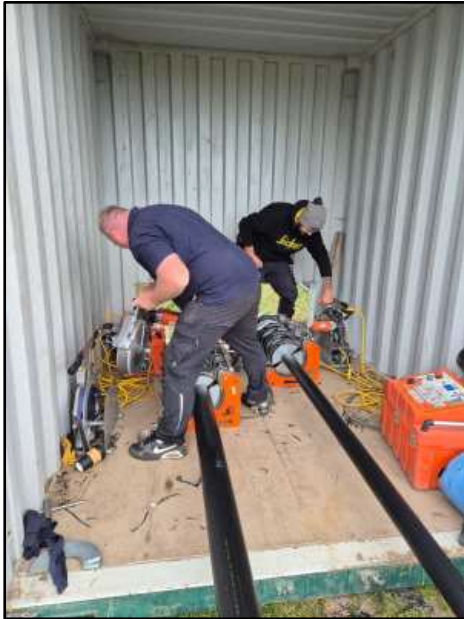
### **Irrigation**

Now, on to the really exciting stuff. After years of planning and work behind the scenes by numerous committees, the installation of a new, fully automated Rainbird Irrigation system is about to begin.

This will be music to the ears of the volunteers who have given up so much time over the last number of years to help maintain the Links.

Aquaturf are the main contractor on the job and have been on site for the past few weeks welding pipe and bringing in materials for the project.





The system designers Adrain Mortram Associates (AMA) are on site today (23<sup>rd</sup> September) to fully map out the system and use GPS to pinpoint the exact positions of every component of the system.

We will be breaking ground on the golf course on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September, with holes 16, 17 and 18 first. These holes will be closed for 2 weeks, and we will update weekly thereafter as we move through the course.

We will liaise with the relevant committees to decide on routings for competition and general play throughout the course of the project.

I would ask that all golfers follow any signage or instruction from any of the greenkeeping team or the contractors, as regards areas that are out of play for the duration of the project.

Please give right of way to any contractor traffic moving throughout the site.

We hope to be through the project as quickly and efficiently as possible and cause minimal disruption to golf. Thanks again for all the positive feedback, the team and I really appreciate it.

Please keep filling your divots, raking bunkers, fixing pitch marks and keeping buggy and trolley traffic a reasonable distance from greens and off tees.

**Mark Doyle**

**Links Superintendent**



## **ProShop News**

Dear members,

I can't believe that another busy golfing season is nearly over and that we are heading back into colder days and darker evenings.

I have never seen the club so busy with so many new members and visitors. The condition of both courses has been fantastic over the last few years and that positive news has spread far and wide.



Congratulations to everyone involved and for the hard work done in achieving this.

### **ProShop Staff News:**

Unfortunately for us Anna has moved on and I would like to wish her every success and happiness in her new life in Sligo. Anna is a lovely person, a very talented and hard-working lady who will go far in any work she pursues. Thank you for all your help and we will miss you. Anna's sister Wendy is going to fill her boots here in the proshop and is very eager, quick to learn and will be a fantastic addition to the team here.

Cillian who has worked with me for a few years is beginning his studies and training through the PGA training program to gain a degree. He will be starting in October and will study through distance learning, training weeks, online lectures, assignments and work experience. I would like to wish Cillian every success in his learning and studies. I know he will enjoy his experiences on his journey and make great friends along the way.

### **Rosslare Spanish Golf Trip 2024:**

We are now only two weeks from our annual Golf Trip. This year we are heading to sunny Spain, Costa del Sol, playing three games of golf and staying in a beautiful beachside hotel. We are a group of sixteen and I look forward to the great team comps, good food and great craic!!

### **Fashion Show:**

The Ladies Club have kindly asked me to contribute to the upcoming fashion show. We will be showing off some of our new Autumn Winter Collections for men and women. It should be great fun, and I look forward to seeing you there on October 1st at 7pm.

### **Golf Lessons:**

As we are approaching a time of the year when you might not be playing as much, it is a great time to work on parts of your game to improve them for 2025. I will be delighted to help in any way I can.

Please see the options and availability on my online booking link.

<https://jamieosullivan.proagenda.com/>



### Equipment Check:

After a long golfing season, it's a great time to check your clubs' grips or spikes for golf shoes. If you want us to check them out for you, please drop in, we have an array of grips and spikes. We can fit them easily and at short notice.

### New Seasonal Stock:

We have our Autumn winter collections in store for all your golfing needs. We have anything that you need that's warm and waterproof from wet gear to lined jumpers, base layers, boots, playing gloves, wool hats, snoods and anything else you might need!! Don't be afraid to have a browse the next time you are in.

Finally, I would like to thank the members, clubs and societies in Rosslare Golf Club for your continued support throughout the year. Without your consistent business, big or small, businesses could not survive.

Happy Golfing and hopefully continued good golfing weather!!

**Jamie**

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### Fantastic performance by our Senior Cup team!

A big shout out to our Senior Cup team on winning the Leinster Central Final with a brilliant display in overcoming Kilkenny and Millicent at Palmerstown House Estate Golf Club. Seen here with Captain elect Boyd Scott receiving the coveted pennant.

The team went on to reach the semi-final of the All-Ireland Senior Cup having beaten Greystones only to come up short in a very closely fought match against eventual winners Castletroy GC, at Carlow Golf Club.



A brilliant effort by all involved.



## Solheim Cup

20 August 2024

Great fun at the Solheim Cup as always!



Thanks to Ballyhuskard Sunrooms for their support and all proceeds went to Aoibheann's Pink Tie charity, supporting families of children with a cancer diagnosis.

Congratulations to the 'Captains' winning team: Captain Deirdre Colfer and Vice-Captain Mary Robinson (Wexford) and our own Captain Anne and Vice-Captain Karen.

More pictures [here](#)



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## Harbour to the right



You might have noticed a new addition on the roundabout at Ashfield Cross on the approach to Rosslare.

In fact, it is an exact miniature replica of the TUSKAR lighthouse situated 11 km off the coast of Wexford.

## Strand to the left



It also is the logo we use on all our club clothing, stationery and imagery.

A welcome and innovative idea from Wexford County Council.



## Gary wins the Midlands Scratch Cup in Carlow.

Congratulations to Gary Collins who beat his great friend Mark Mullen in a playoff, sinking a six-foot putt to take the title.

Rosslare members are mighty proud of both of you.



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## Kerlogue Cup

24 August 2024

Our rescheduled Kerlogue Cup, mixed greensomes, was a great success. Thanks to Paula and Philip Stafford for their generous sponsorship.



Congratulations to Siobhan Redmond and Kevin Foran on their fine win.

More pictures [here](#)

## Golf Ireland President's visit

Captains Anne and Paul were delighted to welcome and play golf with Rosemary Tully, President of Golf Ireland, on Wednesday of Open Week 2024.



## Captains Anne and Paul's Charity Day

6 July 2024



The inaugural joint Captains Charity Day was a huge success, congratulations to Pearse Frawley and Seán Kinsella on their win.

Many thanks to our sponsors:

Jamie O'Sullivan PGA Professional

Val and Paul Boggan Londis, Rosslare

Kelly's Hotel

Captain Anne and Paul's chosen Charity was the Wexford Rape Crisis Centre (Counselling Services) and an amazing €7820 was raised. Dr Moira Slevin accepted the donation on behalf of WRCC.

Well done all on this excellent initiative.



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## A sign of the times



We wonder if old age has finally caught up with the regular Wednesday Open multi-tee competition fourball, when we spotted Vice-Captain Boyd, Captain Paul, Liam McNamara and Jimmy Cullimore teeing it up from the red markers.

Is this a sign of the times?

We'd love to know how they got on!!

## It's time to step up

If you feel that you can help your club to fully fund the cost of an irrigation system for our thirty golf holes, by agreeing to acquire a ten-year membership, commencing January 2025, at a very attractive price of €10,000, please contact Niall McGuinness at [businessdevmc@rosslaregolf.com](mailto:businessdevmc@rosslaregolf.com) for more details.



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## Rosslare Golf Links Junior Section

### Golfs 6's

Rosslare's Junior 6's Team won the Golf Ireland Wexford County Title. It was played over 3 days in Courtown, Wexford and Rosslare. The Rosslare juniors lead from the first day and clinched the title in Rosslare, well done to the boys and girls, some fantastic golf played the future looks bright. Thanks to all the Junior Committee, parents, Jamie O'Sullivan, Captain Anne, Captain Paul and Vice-Captain Boyd for their help. We will be having a prize giving for the juniors in the next couple of weeks.



## Junior Captains' Prize

The Junior Captains' Prize took place in the Burrow course. A total of twenty-eight juniors played for Maia & Jamie's prizes. The winner of the boy's prize was Conor Horgan with a great score of 37 points and Faye Barry won the girl's prize with a score of 28 points, well done to all that participated.

The junior programme will continue for the winter months, if any juniors that are not already participating, please contact Mark on 085 8887959 to be added to the group.



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