

The Links Leader

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2025 Club Captains Boyd Scott and Karen Burke



Boyd and Karen are delighted to be your Captains for 2025 and extend their thanks for all the kind wishes on their election and messages of support received since coming into office.

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

The year ahead looks very exciting and, as you can see from the fixture diary, we have a very full calendar scheduled for the season. Our club has been selected by Golf Ireland to host the prestigious All Ireland Mid-Amateur championship over four days from 21st to 24th August 2025. This is indeed a great honour for our club and is testament to the huge improvements to our golf course achieved through the excellent work by Mark Doyle and his team.

Our popular Winter League takes place again this year commencing on the 18th/19th January with the finals on the weekend of the 8th/9th March providing an opportunity to play competitive golf through the winter months and meeting fellow members as part of a team.

After a very successful Junior Golf Programme in 2024 Mark O'Connor and his team will continue to build on the success into 2025. We wish them luck.

The new irrigation system covering our 30 golf holes will be completed in March which will ensure that our two courses will be presented in even better condition that we have come to expect. Our thanks go out to all members who have supported the funding of the irrigation programme through our ten-year membership option and our three-year levy plan.

We had to postpone our Captain's Drive In until the 1st February due to inclement weather and we do look forward to your support on the day.

So, everything is in place for another happy and successful year in Rosslare and we look forward to seeing you on the golf course and in the clubhouse in 2025.



Best wishes to Phil Callery and Carol O'Brien, our 2025 Club Presidents
We hope you have a wonderful year!



All the best for 2025

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

Club Officers

Captains:	Boyd Scott and Karen Burke
Presidents:	Phil Callery and Carol O'Brien
Vice Captains:	Colm Waldron and Valerie Doyle

Management Committee

Chairperson:	Paddy Lonergan
Secretary:	Vandra Deacon
Treasurer:	
Chair of Business Dev:	Niall McGuinness
Chair of Greens:	Brian Hall O'Mahony
Chair of Marketing:	Richard Kennedy
Chair of Membership:	Catherine Howard
Chair of House:	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.

FIXTURES 2025

GENTS' MAJORS		LADIES' MAJORS	
Sun 25 May	Captain Karen Burke's Prize	Sat 17 May	President Carol O'Brien's Prize
Fri 20-Sun 22 June	Captain Boyd Scott's Prize	Tues 10 June	Captain Boyd Scott's Prize
Sun 31 Aug	President Philip Callery's Prize	Sat 12 July	Captain Karen Burke's Prize
Sun 7 Sept	President Carol O'Brien's Prize	Tues 12 Aug	President Philip Callery's Prize
		Tues 16 Sept	Christmas Prizes

President Pat's Prize to the Gents

20 October 2024

Congratulations to Murt Joyce on winning the inaugural 2024 President's Prize to the Gents.

Thanks President Pat!



Leinster Mid-Am Medal

2024 Captain Paul Boggan presented Ian Lynch with his medal for winning the Leinster Mid-Am order of merit 2023.

Well done Ian on this magnificent achievement.

GREENKEEPER'S BLOG

Hello to you all,

The focus of our attention since the end of September has been the installation of our new RainBird irrigation system, and I am very happy to report that we are on schedule and the project has been running smoothly.

Aquaturf are an extremely professional outfit, and their work has been nothing short of the highest quality to date.

Our own staff have tied in with the contractors very well ensuring that the reinstatement work has been neat and tidy with very little disruption to golf.



We plan to renovate a small number of bunkers with ecobunker this year, continuing on the work of the last few years. These works will begin towards the end of January in order to have them complete and back in play for the start of the playing season.

The weather of late has been unseasonably mild and pleasant for golf, however this brings with it its own agronomic issues.

Disease pressure has been very high, but we have managed to keep our main surfaces relatively disease free and in decent playing condition.



The overseeding program this year was exceptionally successful and we came into the winter in a strong position with a healthy sward.

Along with the bunkers and the irrigation, our regular winter maintenance is ongoing.



Verti Draining, deep rough cutting, slitting fairways and cart path maintenance are all being carried out on a daily basis along with keeping the golf course set up for daily play.

With the softer conditions, I would ask all members to please continue to repair pitch marks on greens and always carry and use your divot bag.

Mats will be in play on fairways from January 1st, however divots in the rough still need to be filled.

The evidence of how effective the mats are was plain to see at the start of last season as the fairways were in excellent condition once they had been given a chance to recover.

Many thanks for your support during the year and enjoy another great year of golf in 2025.

Mark Doyle

Links Superintendent





Hole in one club



Anthony Corish 2nd hole



Joe Moran Albatross on 18th



Mary O'Shaughnessy 8th hole



Mark Fitzpatrick: Albatross on par 5 12th

Winner of the 2024 Nancy Todd Singles Matchplay for an incredible third time, Mary topped off her year with a hole in one on prizegiving day, 19 October. Great timing Mary, and well done!

PRO SHOP NEWS

Dear Members,

I hope this message finds you safe and well after enjoying a lovely Christmas break.

I just want to take this opportunity to thank every one of you for your continued great support, business and friendship again over the year at Rosslare Golf Club.



I want to wish the new officers and committees all the best for the upcoming golfing season as they will continue the great work done by their predecessors.

It's a great time of the year to reflect on the past year, good and bad, but also a time to look forward and plan our year to make it the most fun, productive and best year yet!!

I should have my sixpack by March and hit it over three hundred yards every time by April!!!!

For anyone with specific golf goals like mine I will be glad to help you reach them, just get in touch and we can set up a plan to help you.

We in the Pro Shop are looking forward to another successful season and will be busy implementing new plans and practices for the year ahead to improve our array of stock, our teaching methods and our customer service. We are using the quieter months to upskill and improve our services.

We have some new exclusive brands for the 2025 season as Rosslare Golf Club celebrates 120 years!!

May I wish all my staff, the staff and members of Rosslare Golf Club a healthy and Happy New Year.

Happy Golfing,

Jamie



Volunteer appreciation evening

17 October 2024



Thanks so much to the many, many ladies who help keep our club running smoothly for all.

Your work is sincerely appreciated, thank you!

Our **2024 Volunteer of the Year, Teresa Cowman**, receiving a presentation from Captain Anne, in appreciation of her decades of volunteering in Rosslare Golf Club.

Thanks so much Teresa!



Billy Kelly Memorial Cup

27 October 2024



Father and son, Gerry and Haig Conroy, winners of the Billy Kelly Memorial Cup. Well done!

3 Ts Triumph!

5 October 2024

Congratulations to 2024 Captains Paul and Anne, Jo Kavanagh and John Burke winners of the 3Ts final in Mount Juliet.

Wonderful!



Home v Away Fourball Matchplay

26 October 2024



This year's Home v Away ended in a draw, so Home retained the trophy.

World Cup Hockey

October 2024

The Irish over-35 World Cup Masters hockey team competed in South Africa in October.

Well done to our own Ciara Howard, a key member of the squad.

Brilliant, Ciara!



It's (quite) unusual!

All three, Derek Evans, Johnny Stewart and Anthony Jones scored a 2 on the second hole.

We're loving the new room!

Great work by our Social and House Committees on the Snooker room renovations – it's fab!



2024 AGMs: The blazers are handed on, good luck for 2025!





Ladies Prizegiving

Congratulations to Agnes Grant Behan, 2024 Golfer of the Year, with Captain Anne Roche Redmond and sponsor Eleanor Wardlaw.

See more pictures [here](#)

Gents Prizegiving

Robert Moore receives his 2024 Golfer of the Year trophy from Captain Paul Boggan, with prize sponsor Bob Etchingam.

Well done, Robert!

See more pictures [here](#)



Christmas Party Time!



Great fun, food and prizes at our ladies Christmas party! Well done to prize-winners and thanks to House Committee for the wonderful festive decorations, and to the ladies for the post-dining entertainment – great sports!

Click on the link <https://www.facebook.com/share/r/198MPLqkcc/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

Christmas Jumper Day

10 December 2024

Brilliant fun at our Christmas Jumper Day, with super outfits, pop-up shops and the fabulous children's choir from Scoil Mhuire, Rosslare.

Well done to Eleanor Wardlaw on winning the 'Best Dressed' prize, and thanks to our discerning judges, Mark O'Connor and Captain Boyd Scott.



JUNIOR NEWS

Best wishes to our 2025 Junior Captains – have a great year!



Seán McLoughlin
Junior Boys' Captain 2025



Faye Barry
Junior Girls' Captain 2025



Our Junior Golf 6s who were crowned County Champions in the Wexford Golf 6s League. Huge thanks to our Junior Convenor, Mark O'Connor and his team of dedicated volunteers.

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