

CLUB INFORMATION

Our New Years Resolutions

- That prize winners attend prize givings
- That we support our Club teams
- That we support our Club sponsors
- That we support those on the committee by giving a helping hand no matter how small
- That we support our course rangers in the battle against slow play
- That we adhere to the 3 'Rs' - repair pitch marks, rake bunkers & replace divots

New Membership

Historically, new members have been admitted into our Club in February each year. However, this is now being changed to June instead so that the selection process can assess more accurately how many vacancies can be filled following the non renewal of memberships/ members leaving and bereavements from within the same year. To deal with this transition a small number of full members and the normal number of junior members will be accepted this February with a further review next June and the annual review each June thereafter.

J P MCMANUS INVITATIONAL PRO-AM 2005-02-01

MONDAY 4TH & TUESDAY 5TH JULY
@ ADARE MANOR HOTEL & GOLF RESORT

SHOTGUN STARTS 8.00AM & 1.00PM

VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUIRED FOR BOTH DAYS TO STEWARD THE GOLF COURSE, ACT AS MARKERS AND KEEP SCOREBOARDS.

ALL THOSE WHO VOLUNTEER THEIR SERVICES WILL BE INVITED, ALONG WITH THEIR SPOUSE/PARTNER AS GUESTS OF J P MCMANUS TO A FUNCTION TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY 9TH JULY AT THE ABOVE VENUE.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A VOLUNTEER YOU CAN ADD YOUR NAME TO THE LISTS DISPLAYED ON THE CLUB NOTICE BOARDS OR CONTACT PETER ENGLISH, THE CLUB LIAISON OFFICIAL FOR THIS EVENT.

DIARY DATE

April 8th, 9th & 10th

Club qualifier open to all full and associate members for a place in the J.P. McManus Invitational Pro-Am 2005 at Adare Manor Hotel on July 4th & 5th. Further details on club notice board.

Nominations for monthly Merit Award should be submitted in writing to Communications Officer, John Donovan, prior to the 25th day of each preceding month (ie 25th March for April award).

Team Captains 2005

Senior Cup/Barton Shield – Juan Fitzgerald
Junior Cup – Dermot Gallagher
Jimmy Bruen Shield – Liam Dooley
Pierce Purcell Shield – Jimmy O'Shaughnessy
J B Carr – Seamus O'Sullivan
Mixed Foursomes – TBA
Junior Golf – Ger Gleeson
Youth Golf – Niall Corcoran



LIMERICK GOLF CLUB

NEWSLETTER

Spring 2005

Fellow members of Limerick Golf Club

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the first issue of our club newsletter. I would like to thank John Donovan, our 'editor' and his committee Frank O'Mahony, Brian Moroney and Grainne O'Donovan for taking on this task. It is intended to provide you with a newsletter every two months. Initially the first couple of editions will be posted out to all members, and thereafter will be available in the Clubhouse.

The objective of the newsletter will be to keep our members informed on various activities/events within our Club. Typical areas that will be covered will be the ongoing developments on the course, progress on the clubhouse development, competition news, teams updates, diary dates, etc. A number of our committees are already planning for the busy year ahead and they will contribute updates to be included in the newsletter. I would like to thank those members who have offered their services since the AGM in December and are now helping out several of our committees, this confirms to me the good team spirit that exists within our Club. Needless to say if more members are interested in helping out, I would be only too delighted to hear from them.

The main priority for any of our members is to play golf and enjoy the facilities at the Club. I would like there to be greater communication within our club and this newsletter is a key initiative towards achieving this.

Currently in the Club there are two key areas this year- the course and the clubhouse, car park & entrance. I am confident that our course is in the safe hands of Pat Walsh, course chairpman and his committee - Ivan Morris, Dermot Gallagher and Pat Nolan together with Philip Twomey, our greenkeeper and Ronan Branigan, our course advisor. The clubhouse development committee is under the chairmanship of Vincent Jennings along with Seamus O'Sullivan, Carmel Kirby, Brendan Smyth, Martin Leyden and Denis Toomey and will be progressing matters over the next few months.

Our 'editor', John advises that he would welcome contributions and suggestions from the members which can be included in future editions

I am pleased to announce that commencing in April until October, there will be a monthly merit award to a male and female member based on distinguished service to the Club or a unique golfing performance. The judging panel will be the Captain, Lady Captain, General Manager and the 'editor', the prize will be a Club sweater. The panel will require nominations for these awards from the members to include the name of the nominee and the reason for the nomination and to be sent to our 'editor' John no later than 25th monthly.

I am asking all members to think of an appropriate name for our newsletter and again suggestions to our 'editor' before March 1st and you could win a dozen golf balls.

Finally, in this age of technology, I would encourage members to utilise our Club website and email address where you can send us information on any of the above areas.

May I wish all our members enjoyable golf at our Club and elsewhere for the coming year.

Juan Fitzgerald
Captain

COURSE COMMITTEE REPORT JANUARY 2005

The purpose of this report is to inform the members of what is being planned for the course during the 2005 golf season. The following items have been identified as being in need of attention:

1. BUNKERS

Many of our bunkers are in poor condition. Approximately 60% have serious drainage problems. While re-design work is being carried out a limited disruption of play may occur during mid-week play.

2. 15th HOLE

It is planned to re-align the 15th hole by extending the fairway on the left side by 14 yards approximately and letting the rough grow out by 7 yards on the right side and a trimming back of the beech and palm trees on the right side especially near the green. There are no plans to cut any trees at this stage. This should help to improve the playability of this hole and also make it safer for players on the 13th green.

3. An ivy cutting programme has started on all our trees. Excessive ivy is the main cause of tree loss during winter storm periods.

4. GREENS

A sanding programme of the greens will commence as soon as weather conditions are suitable. This should help to improve putting speeds in the coming golf season.

5. CADDY CAR WASH

Plans are in place to install a compressed air cleaning system for caddy cars at the 18th green.

NEW IRRIGATION SYSTEM

Feedback from members indicates disappointment with the amount of damage caused to the course during the installation of the new irrigation system. However damaged ground has remarkable powers of recovery and when the conditions dry out and growth starts again, repair work will commence. The benefits of a reliable irrigation system are immense and far outweigh the initial disruption. Members will remember that during the dry spell of 2004 we almost lost our greens and tees and had to resort to the use of emergency water tankers. That period was a drain on our financial and manpower resources which could be better utilized on the course.

STORM DAMAGE

During the recent stormy weather we lost one mature tree at the grove on the left of the 9th green. Fortunately, this does not have any detrimental effect on the playing of the hole. The roof of the caddy car shed was also damaged.

Members are very welcome to discuss any ideas or issues with the course committee. Declan Brannigan our new course adviser will commence work in the near future.

Course Committee Members

Pat Walsh Chairman, Dermot Gallagher, Ivan Morris, Pat Nolan,
Philip Toomey Head Greenkeeper,
Pat Murray General Manager.

COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE

We would like to sincerely thank Mr. Tom Page Competition Secretary 2004 for his commitment to delivering 'Competition agenda's and results' and his Individual contributions & expertise throughout the Year.

Fellow Members,

The Competitions Committee would like your continued support during 2005 as we plan to 'try and improve' the Golfing Competition experience for all Members.

The Competitions Committee for the coming Year is as follows,

Team 1 Ger Cussen, Terrence Casey, Stephen Carroll, Peter English, Pat Dillon, Declan Barriscale. Team 2 Eddie Hopkins, John O'Brien, Tom Burke, Damian Gleeson, Colm Kennedy, Brian Carroll

These teams will assist you and the Men's Club in all aspects of Domestic Golf for the 2005 Season.

If you wish to join any of these teams please call me or leave a message with the Office and I will look forward to meeting with you.

The Teams will cover each alternative month during 2005, assisting me wherever possible in delivering the Weeks Competition results and upcoming Agenda's.

Focus Areas of Concern are;

- 1 Non Attendance in both Tee times booked and Presentations without prior notification, this non attendance can cause embarrassment and undue hassle to fellow member and Sponsors alike.
- 2 Illegible Cards are also being reviewed, please try filling in the Cards as best you can to allow ease of viewing and clarity of results.
- 3 2005 'Golfer of the Year' will have a Parking Slot allocated for the following Year.
- 4 2005 'Masters' winner will be a Play off of all 'Major Winners' during the Year, held on October 22nd. 2005.
- 5 Introduction of new Display boards in the clubhouse and on the 1st tee will be erected shortly
- 6 We plan to have your Score cards auto filled with Competition of the day along with current date as you 'sign in'.

These are just some of the additions to 2005 Season.

May I take this opportunity in wishing you the very best in your competitive golf for the coming Year.

Yours Sincerely

Ger Gallagher

Competition Secretary. 2005.

LADIES GOLF

Weather-wise, 2005 has broken a record of 16 months of continuous Tuesday Competitions!!!! Hopefully, the weather will improve and we can play our winter and spring competitions.

The draw for the Winter League is posted on the notice board in the Ladies locker room.

The Spring League entry sheet is also posted on the notice board and will be held over 2 weeks in February and the first week of March.

The above competitions are an opportunity to start the golfing season early and we would encourage as many ladies as possible to play, as the Leagues will be starting shortly. All League matches are scheduled for weekend dates.

Team Managers for 2005

Senior	Hilda Mulvihill
Intermediate	Maureen McMahon
Junior	Paula Comber
Minor	Elizabeth McDonogh

The fixtures list is now available and all important competitions are listed, along with the names and telephone numbers of the Ladies Committee.

Congratulations to Christine Conway on her election to the Board of Management and also to Ann Malone on joining the Ladies Committee.

The Tsunami Coffee and Rules morning raised over €900. Mr Jack Lynch chaired a 'Rules of Golf' session and answered questions from the floor. This is a yearly event and is appreciated by all the ladies. Thank you and well done to all involved. In the next issue I will have the final figure and details of how the money was spent. Again, thanks to all and especially the ladies who brought raffle prizes.

I wish all the Ladies an enjoyable golfing year and any ideas or suggestions that could be of benefit to the Club will be most welcome. Looking forward to meeting and playing with you all in the months ahead.

Yours in Golf
Lena Sexton
Lady Captain

CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

The Board of Management has approved the following course of action:

Ten Panels of members, each comprising of ten members, drawn at random from the adult membership list shall be invited to a series of meetings to consult, discuss and suggest options for the refurbishment, renovation of our clubhouse facility. These discussions, which will also include hearing the member's views on how such options should be financed will commence in February and continue through early March.

The selection of the 100 members has already taken place, in the presence of the Clubhouse Chairman, Vincent Jennings, the General Manager Pat Murray and the proposer of the E.G.M. motion Noel Sexton. Following their notification of selection, and the invitation to these meetings, the Committee will post the names of the panel members on the clubhouse notice board.

These members, having been selected to assist the club shall, it is sincerely hoped, participate fully in ensuring that the member's views are reflected in determining the options for the clubhouse.

It is the intention of the clubhouse committee that all members shall be kept informed on the progress of our deliberations and regular reports shall follow.

Vincent Jennings

JUNIOR GOLF

Limerick Golf Club has a proud tradition of promoting the development of Junior golfers through its Junior Academy. As a result many fine golfers have emerged through the junior ranks achieving success at the highest level in both club and individual competitions. Indeed, all juniors appreciate greatly the generous time allowed for Junior Golf and are grateful for the positive support from the adult membership of Limerick Golf Club all through the years.

A new charter for Junior Golf is in the process of being drafted. A copy of the draft will be posted on the notice boards. If you have any ideas or recommendations in relation to same, they would be greatly appreciated.

I wish to thank those who contribute to the promotion of Junior Golf through generous sponsorship. All contributions are greatly appreciated.

Finally we wish the Captain, Juan Fitzgerald, and his team a successful year and happy golfing to all.

Gerard Gleeson
On behalf of the Junior Golf Committee