

CLUB INFORMATION

PITCH MARKS

Our good receptive greens there are showing a big increase in the number of pitch marks. We ask all members to help us to repair at least one pitch mark per green even if you cannot find your own.

If we all do this, our greens will always be in better condition.

SLOW PLAY

Please remember, your position on the course is immediately behind the group in front of you **not** immediately in front of the group behind you.

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Congrats to Denise O'Shea, Tommy Geary and Anthony Dillon who all recently got married.

Congrats to Cian McNamara, Martin Poucher, Pat Murray & Dermot Morris who are included in the Munster Panel for 2005.

FIXTURES APRIL MAY 2005

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| Saturday | 2 | Mc Polin Cup - Limerick V Castletroy
Junior Golf (10.00 - 11.30)
ILGU Match (2.00 - 2.45) |
| Sunday | 3 | Ballyclough Cup (Sponsored by Bank of Ireland) |
| Tuesday | 5 | Ladies Australian Spoons |
| Thursday | 7 | Castletroy Ladies Practice (3.30 - 3.50) |
| Friday | 8 | JP McManus Pro Am Qualifier (See Board for Details) |
| Saturday | 9 | JP McManus Pro Am Qualifier (See Board for Details) |
| Sunday | 10 | JP McManus Pro Am Qualifier (See Board for Details) |
| Tuesday | 12 | Ladies April Medal |
| Thursday | 14 | Musgraves (10.30 to 12.30) |
| Friday | 15 | Davin Golf Society (2.00 to 3.30) |
| Saturday | 16 | Robert's Cup, Burke Shield, O'Malley Cup (Time TBC)
JP McManus Pro Am Qualifier - Presentation & Club Night |
| Sunday | 17 | Ladies Leagues (12.30 - 4.30) |
| Tuesday | 19 | Ladies Maurer Cup |
| Thursday | 21 | Vistakon Ireland (10.00 - 11.15) |
| Saturday | 23 | Junior Golf (10.00 - 11.30)
Spanish Point Ladies (2.00 - 2.30) |
| Sunday | 24 | April Medal (Sponsored by Fayrefield Food) |
| Monday | 25 | Ladies Holmes Cup (10.00 - 12.30 & 2.00 - 3.00) |
| Tuesday | 26 | Ladies McDonnagh Cup |
| Friday | 29 | Booking (2.30 - 3.30) |
| Saturday | 30 | Junior Golf (10.00 - 11.30) |

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| Sunday | 1 | Stokes Wallace Cup (Sponsored By TSB Bank) |
| Monday | 2 | Draw For Lyric Cup |
| Tuesday | 3 | Ladies Mether Cup |
| Thursday | 5 | Mungret St Nessans Golf Classic (2.00 - 4.30) |
| Friday | 6 | Mungret St Nessans Golf Classic (9.30 - 12.30 & 2.00 - 4.30) |



The Follow Thru'



Newsletter for the Members of Limerick Golf Club

April 2005

Fellow members of Limerick Golf Club

Welcome to the second edition of our club newsletter now officially known as 'The Follow Thru' and congratulations to Billy Barry on his new title suggestion being successful - a dozen golf balls on its way to you.

Since the last newsletter, all the various committees have been very busy and further in this edition are updates on our course, the clubhouse development programme, competitions, etc. I would like to particularly mention our course which is in great condition and by far and away ahead of other courses in the region, needless to say our course committee but especially our course staff under our head green keeper deserve special praise for their work to date.

Soon our various teams will be entering 'battle' and it has been agreed that from now on the official club colours for our male competitors is to be our navy club sweater, white club shirt and beige slacks while our ladies will continue to be the navy club sweater, white club shirt and navy slacks. I would also urge our supporters to wear the above club colours where possible as good support encourages our players and intimidates our opponents.

The main golfing season is now upon us and one of first 'major' events is the upcoming club qualifier over 8th, 9th & 10th of April for the J P McManus Invitational Pro-Am in Adare on July 4th & 5th. This is a singles competition and the teams of three will drawn on the Sunday evening once the last card has been returned. Please note that competitors cannot practice on the course prior to playing (i.e. if you are playing on Sunday, you cannot play on two days beforehand -Friday and Saturday). The presentation of prizes and the announcement of the winning team will take place on the following Saturday 16th April at 9pm by J P himself. Time sheets and details of the qualifier are available in the clubhouse.

In conjunction with the presentation, we are organising a members night to include music and food. It is well known that we have many talented musicians and singers within our membership and they have agreed to perform on the night with Jim O'Riordan as MC.

For all the Wednesdays nighters please take note that on May 4th, Noel will be back from his break and ready for action. Also keep an eye on the club notice board as our committee in charge of *Mixed Golf*, who having studied the findings of the recent questionnaire, will announce details of mixed golf for the summer.

Enclosed you will have received details from our caterer Damien Duggan on the opening hours for food for rest of the year as well as a sample lunch menu and details from our professionals shop on available bargains, where there is price reductions for those who purchase various items with Club logos. I would encourage members to support Damien, Lee & Denise where possible.

Please don't forget to submit your nomination to our editor for a member you feel is deserving of our monthly merit award for either distinguished service or a golfing achievement. Finally, we have placed a suggestions box in the clubhouse and would welcome any suggestions (preferably signed so that they can be replied to).

Juan Fitzgerald
Captain

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.

COURSE COMMITTEE REPORT APRIL 2005

The six week dry spell was of great benefit to the course as it enabled remedial work to be carried out to irrigation damaged areas. Re-sodding around greens is going very well, re-seeding and levelling is being carried out in areas running parallel with fairways. Unfortunately the area right of 10th fairway is still too wet to enable any work to commence.

17th Hole

The approach to the 17th green is prone to flooding. Philip and his staff have done an extensive job of drainage so that should solve the problem. Hollow coring of greens is due to take place in early April, over-seeding of greens will also take place at this time. This will cause some disruption to putting surfaces but it is an essential part of our greens maintenance programme.

4th Hole

The bunker on the left of the 4th green has been filled in and re-sodding will take place shortly. The course committee would like to thank the members for their co-operation in moving off the fairways during the month of March. Some fairways were cutting up badly with divot marks and restricting play has been of great benefit.

The air blowdown system for caddy car cleaning at the 18th green is now up and running. The new notice board at the 1st tee has been installed and it looks very impressive. Hopefully it will help to remove the confusion that occurs at times regarding course in play and conditions of play etc.

Pitch Marks on Greens

There is a very active playing membership in Ballyclough and as a result course and greens are subjected to very heavy usage. The course committee requests that all members make a special effort during the coming season to repair pitchmarks on greens. Course staff can only do so much and it is in the interest of every member to play his/her part in helping to preserve the course and make the game of golf more enjoyable for everyone.

PARENT COMMITTEE

The Clubhouse Committee have completed the series of discussion panel meetings.

A very wide and imaginative range of suggestions and observations will now need to be collated and assembled into what is hoped will be an acceptable package of options.

The panels will be invited to hear and confirm that the broad thrust of the meetings are reflected within these options both in terms of the building proposals and the payment solutions.

An information meeting for all members of the club will be held to present the suggested options following printing and allied details. It is the desire of the board that this should be in early May.

The board and the clubhouse committee would like to thank most sincerely the panel members for willingly accepting the call to duty, enabling the committee to attempt to accurately reflect the thoughts and wishes of the club at large.

Vincent Jennings

Editor Notes

" THE FOLLOW THRU "

I would like to congratulate Billy Barry on his success with his one of many suggestions for the new name for our Newsletter. Billy along with many other members put thought and effort into coming up with a new name for our newsletter.

I would like to thank all those members who supplied me with some very good options, it's great to see so many members taking an interest.

Please also remember to make your nominations for the monthly Merit Award (in writing) to me John Donovan before the end of April.

If any member has old photos or newspaper cuttings that have a Limerick Golf Club theme weather it is a picture of the original club house or of long forgotten members please let me have a loan of same as I would like to start a historic feature in the newsletter. If you do not want to let these photos out of your sight we can scan them in the office and you can take them away with you. All help accepted.

The 2005 club outing will be held in Roscrea Golf Club on Thursday, May 5th, 11.30 tee-off. Watch the ladies' locker room notice board for further details.

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RAISED EUR900, WHICH HAS GONE TO SRI LANKA AND WHICH WILL BE SPENT OUT THERE. MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED THIS VERY WORTHY CAUSE.

Dates for medal competitions:
April 12th and May 24th.

The McDonagh, Mether, Roxboro and Lloyd cups will commence in April and May.

The Lady Vice Captain's prize (Mrs. Carmel Kirby) will be played for on Tuesday May 10th.

The Helen Ryan Intermediate Scratch Cup (open competition) will be played for on Saturday May 21st.

The Mary Ryan trophy for past lady captains will be played for on Wed May 25th.

Attention all Male Members

Did you know you can access your handicap by

- Logging to www.gui.ie and click on golfnet. Type in your eight digit card number and type your password. For first time users of the website you must use golfnet as your password. You will then be requested to supply your own password.
- Text your card number to 086 3832600
- To receive your lowest handicap from last year, text L, card number to the same number. (eg. L12345678)

If you need any further information on this, contact Pat Murray.

Our junior team were beaten by Co Tipperary (Dundrum) in Rathbane on Sunday March 20th. Under the management of Paula Comber, our team of Anne Morris, Cliodhna Mulcahy, Aisling Noone, Anne Murphy and Cassie Cotter put up a gallant fight against a very strong Dundrum side. Thanks to Paula, subs Christine Conway and Brigid O'Riordan Smith and all our supporters on the day.

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.